



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 4 MAY 2021

MINUTES

**Meeting was held in the Council Chambers,
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield
at 7:30pm**

Present

The Mayor, Councillor Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Tony Athanasopoulos
Councillor Anne-Marie Cade
Councillor Jim Magee
Councillor Sam Parasol
Councillor Li Zhang
Councillor Simone Zmood
Councillor David Zyngier

INDEX

1.	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	3
2.	APOLOGIES.....	3
3.	REMINDER TO DECLARE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA	3
4.	OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED).....	5
	4.1 Advertise Draft Budget, Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan	5
	4.2 Hardship Rates Relief Support Package	7
5.	CLOSURE OF MEETING.....	7



1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Mayor read the acknowledgement.

Glen Eira City Council respectfully acknowledges that the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin nation are the traditional owners of the land now known as Glen Eira. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to an responsibility for this land.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Moved: Cr Magee

Seconded: Cr Parasol

That the apology from Cr Neil Pilling be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **REMINDER TO DECLARE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillors were reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda, or any item that was considered at this meeting, in accordance with Section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Rule 60(3) of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules. Councillors were then invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

- Cr Esakoff - Item Number 4.1 – Part B – Advertise Draft Budget, Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan

Procedural Motion**Moved: Cr Magee****Seconded: Cr Zmood**

That Council:

1. considers the meeting to be adjourned for 10 minutes from the commencement of any technical problem which prevents Council from livestreaming the meeting; and
2. adjourns the meeting to be reconvened on Wednesday 5 May at 7.30pm via livestreaming on Council's website, in the event livestreaming cannot be resumed within 30 minutes from the commencement of the technical problem which prevents livestreaming on Council's website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

4.1 ADVERTISE DRAFT BUDGET, FINANCIAL PLAN AND REVENUE AND RATING PLAN

Moved: Cr Esakoff**Seconded: Cr Magee****PART A**

That Council:

1. commences the statutory process pursuant to s91, s93, s94 and s96(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and s223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, to seek public consultation on the draft 2021-22 Budget (excluding any references to Hopetoun Gardens), the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long-Term Financial Plan and the 2021-22 to 2024-25 Revenue and Rating Plan by:
 - (a) giving public notice, as required by s223(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989* in the Age newspaper;
 - (b) placing the draft 2021-22 Budget (Attachment 1 to the report), the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long-Term Financial Plan (Attachment 2 to the report) and the Revenue and Rating Plan (Attachment 3 to the report) on Council's website;
 - (c) providing submitters with an opportunity to speak to their submission on the draft 2021-22 Budget under s223(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989* at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 15 June 2021; and
 - (d) providing submitters with an opportunity to speak to their submission on the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long-Term Financial Plan and the 2021-22 to 2024-25 Revenue and Rating Plan at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 15 June 2021.
- (e) receives a further report at the 29 June 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Esakoff declared a Material Conflict of Interest in Item 4.1 Part B – Advertise Draft Budget, Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan given she has an interest in a property in the vicinity of Hopetoun Gardens. Cr Esakoff vacated the Chamber at 8pm prior to consideration of this item.

It is further recorded that the Deputy Mayor Cr Magee took the Chair for consideration of Item 4.1 Part B.

Moved: Cr Magee

Seconded: Cr Zmood

PART B

That Council:

1. commences the statutory process pursuant to s91, s93, s94 and s96(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and s223 of the *Local Government 1989*, to seek public consultation on all references to Hopetoun Gardens in the draft 2021-22 Budget by:
 - (a) giving public notice, as required by s223(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989* in the Age newspaper;
 - (b) placing the draft 2021-22 Budget (Attachment 1 to the report), on Council's website;
 - (c) providing submitters with an opportunity to speak to their submission on the draft 2021-22 Budget under s223(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989* at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 15 June 2021; and
 - (d) receives a further report at the 29 June 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Esakoff vacated the Chamber prior to Item 4.1 Part B and was not present when this item was considered.

It is recorded that Cr Esakoff entered the Chamber at 8:02pm and resumed as Chair of the meeting.

4.2 HARSHIP RATES RELIEF SUPPORT PACKAGE

Moved: Cr Esakoff**Seconded: Cr Zmood**

That Council endorses a 'Hardship Rates Relief Support Package' of \$150 for the 2021-22 budget year to all property owners or tenants (residential, commercial and industrial) who are suffering financial hardship, providing one or more of the following criteria are met:

1. Is experiencing involuntary unemployment and is in receipt of the relevant government benefits such as Job Seeker or equivalent unemployment benefits;
2. Is required to take leave without pay or employment hours have been significantly decreased due to workplace restrictions as a result of COVID-19;
3. Has been hospitalised as a result of COVID-19;
4. Whose business (including sole traders) has been impacted by COVID-19;
5. Is affected materially by other regular income streams impacted by COVID-19.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Confirmed this 19 day of May 2021

Chairperson.....