GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2026

MINUTES

**Meeting was held in the Council Chambers,
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield
at 5:00 PM**

Presiding Officer

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey

Councillors Present

Councillor Simone Zmood
Councillor Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Jane Karslake
Councillor Sam Parasol
Councillor Luca Ragni
Councillor Kay Rimbaldo
Councillor Li Zhang

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chief Executive Officer read the acknowledgement.

Glen Eira City Council acknowledges the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pays respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and uphold Traditional Owner's continuing relationship to the land and waterways. Council extends its respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2. APOLOGIES

Apology

Moved: Cr Parasol **Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That the apology from Cr Daniel and Cr Young 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 85 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules. Councillors were then invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Zmood **Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council:

1. where meetings are held in-person, can continue the meeting if the livestream of the meeting fails as stated in the governance rules;
2. considers the meeting to be adjourned for 10 minutes from the commencement of any technical problem where a Councillor is participating virtually; and
3. where a Councillor is participating virtually and the meeting cannot be resumed within 30 minutes from the commencement of the technical problem, the meeting is to be reconvened on Thursday 19 November 2026 at 7:30pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Suspend Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Zhang **Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council suspend standing orders to invite the outgoing Mayor, Cr Zmood to say a few words at 5:06pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Zmood delivered a brief address as the outgoing Mayor of Glen Eira City Council.

Resume Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Parasol **Seconded: Cr Zmood**

That Council resumes standing orders at 5.13pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

4.1 TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Moved: Cr Zmood **Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That Council:

1. determines that the Mayor be elected to serve a one-year term; and
2. establishes an office of the deputy Mayor to align with the length of the mayoral term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council elects a Mayor for Glen Eira City Council for a term of one year commencing 17 November 2026.

Cr Zmood nominated Cr Zhang for the role of Mayor.

As there was only one nomination, the Mayor for the 2026/2027 term as determined by Council is:

MAYOR, CR LI ZHANG

Mayor, Cr Zhang, temporarily vacated the Chamber to don the Mayoral Regalia before returning as the chair to say a few words of thanks and preside over the remainder of the Special Council Meeting.

4.3 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council elects a Deputy Mayor for Glen Eira City Council for a term of one year commencing 17 November 2026.

Cr Esakoff nominated Cr Parasol for the role of Deputy Mayor.

As there was only one nomination, the Deputy Mayor for the 2026/2027 term as determined by Council is:

CR SAM PARASOL

Suspend Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Zmood **Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That Council suspend standing orders to invite the Deputy Mayor and other Councillors to say a few words, should they wish to at 5.30pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Parasol, was invited to express their thanks, followed by an opportunity for all Councillors to extend their congratulations.

Resume Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Zmood **Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council resumes standing orders at 5.49pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Ragni vacated the meeting online at 5:50pm.

4.4 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEES AND REFERENCE GROUP, AND ADOPTION OF THE GLEN EIRA COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

Moved: Cr Parasol **Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

1. That Council appoint Councillors to the Council Advisory Committees, External Committees, other Committees and the Reference Group as listed in the table under the 'Issues and Discussions' section of this report for the 2026/27 Council year; and
2. adopts the Glen Eira Community Safety Reference Group Terms of Reference at Attachment 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Confirmed this 1 December 2026

Chairperson……