



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025

MINUTES

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

Present

The Mayor, Councillor Simone Zmood
Councillor Arabella Daniel
Councillor Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Jane Karlake
Councillor Sam Parasol
Councillor Luca Ragni
Councillor Kay Rimbaldo
Councillor Kimberley Young
Councillor Li Zhang

Council Officers Present

Chief Executive Officer, Rebecca McKenzie
Director Customer and Corporate Affairs, Kellie Vise
Director Sustainability, Assets and Leisure, Niall McDonough
Director Community Wellbeing, Jane Price
Director Planning and Place, Rosa Zouzoulas
Chief Financial Officer, John Vastianos
Acting Manager Risk and Governance, Joanne McKay
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere
Councillor Business Officer, Kylie Webster
Customer Experience Coordinator, Madelaine Grant

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor read the acknowledgement.

Glen Eira City Council Acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We Acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to land and waterways. Council extends its respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. REMINDER TO DISCLOSE 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.

Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Zhang

That Council:

1. where meetings are held in-person, can continue the meeting if the livestream of the meeting fails;
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 22 May 2025 at 7.30pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS

Moved: Cr Rimbaldo

Seconded: Cr Karslake

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 April 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**7.1 PETITION: RETURN COLIN ST RESERVE TO AN OFF-LEASH PARK**

Moved: Cr Daniel

Seconded: Cr Zhang

That Council:

1. receives and notes this petition; and
2. refers this petition to the relevant Council officers for investigation with a detailed response provided to the submitter of this petition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Cr Zhang – Municipal Association of Victoria, State Council Meeting.

Cr Rimbaldo – Metropolitan Transport Forum

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY**9.1 Advisory Committee**

Nil

9.2 Records of Assembly**9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES**

Moved: Cr Ragni

Seconded: Cr Daniel

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 15 April 2025 Assembly;
2. 22 April 2025 Assembly; and
3. 29 April 2025 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

**10.1 OUR PLACE, OUR PLAN COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PANEL
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Ragni

That Council notes the recommendations of the 2025 Community Priorities Panel (**Attachment 1**) and uses them to inform its long-term strategic planning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that the Council meeting was adjourned due to technical issues at 8.10pm

It is recorded that the Council meeting has resumed at 8.12pm

10.2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION: CAT CURFEW OPTIONS

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

The Council resolves to undertake community consultation seeking feedback on the options presented in this report from 2 June until 29 June, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Moved: Cr Zhang**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Report from the Director Community Wellbeing, outlining community grants and awards approved for the period February to April 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 CLASSIFIED TREE REGISTER REPORT

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council:

1. authorises a notice to be published in the Victorian Government Gazette of the decision to include 5 further trees on the Classified Tree Register as listed below:
 - a) Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*) located at Tecoma, 32 Booran Rd, Caulfield East – 372/CTR/2022;
 - b) Canary Island Date Palms x 2 (*Phoenix canariensis*) located at Tecoma, 32 Booran Rd, Caulfield East – 372/CTR/2022;
 - c) Bhutan Cypress (*Cupressus torulosa*) located at Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, Bentleigh – 542/CTR/2024; and
 - d) Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) located at 34 Gilsland Rd, Murrumbeena – 583/CTR/2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 QUARTERLY SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT (JANUARY - MARCH 2025)

Moved: Cr Karslake**Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council notes the *Quarterly Service Performance Report (Attachment 1)* for the period ending 31 March 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT (30 APRIL 2025)

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

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 30 April 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.7 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS - VEC REPORT

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council notes the Victorian Electoral Commission Election Report dated 14 April 2025 on the Glen Eira City Council 2024 local government election (attachment 1 to this report).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.8 TENDER 2025.45 PROVISION OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

Moved: Cr Ragni**Seconded: Cr Parasol*****PART A : Appointment of Contractor***

That Council having reviewed and considered the confidential Tender Evaluation report (*Attachment 1 to this report*):

1. appoints **HLB Mann Judd Pty Ltd, as the contractor under Tender number 2025.45** for an anticipated amount of **\$777,563** inclusive of GST based on the Schedule of Rates submitted;
2. prepares the contract in accordance with the Conditions of Contract included in the tender;
3. authorises the CEO to execute the contract on Council's behalf;
4. notes the Attachment to the report remain confidential in accordance with section 3(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020* or until Council resolves otherwise;
5. authorises Council officers to disclose any confidential information in relation to this item, but only to the extent necessary to give effect to the resolution; and
6. authorises Council officers to disclose the successful tenderer name in the meeting minutes for this item.

PART B : Remuneration for Tender Evaluation Panel External Members

That Council pays the independent members of Council's Audit and Risk Committee for services during the tendering recruitment process which included: reviewing tender specifications and responses, conducting interviews with the preferred supplier. The amount to be paid is:

1. Craig Geddes (independent chairperson), the sum of \$2,195 (excl. GST), being the equivalent of one Audit and Risk Committee meeting's remuneration.
2. Menchi Schneier (independent member), the sum of \$1,877 (excl. GST), being the equivalent of one Audit and Risk Committee meeting's remuneration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.9 TENDER 2025.84 BENTLEIGH RESERVE SPORTING FACILITY UPGRADES

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council having reviewed and considered the confidential Tender Evaluation report (attachment 1 to this report):

1. appoints **Global Turf Projects Pty Ltd, as the contractor under Tender number 2025.84** for an amount of **\$603,889.82** exclusive of GST based on the Lump Sum submitted;
2. allocates a 10% contingency amount of \$60,388.98 (exclusive of GST) to this contract;
3. prepares the contract in accordance with the Conditions of Contract included in the Tender;
4. authorises the CEO to execute the contract on Council's behalf;
5. notes the attachment to the report remain confidential in accordance with section 3(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020* or until Council resolves otherwise;
6. authorises Council officers to disclose any confidential information in relation to this item, but only to the extent necessary to give effect to the resolution; and
7. authorises Council officers to disclose the successful tenderer name in the meeting minutes for this item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10.10 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR SIGNATORIES
(2024-25 FINANCIAL REPORT)**

Moved: Cr Esakoff**Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council appoints:

1. Mayor (Cr Simone Zmood) and Deputy Mayor (Cr Luca Ragni) to sign the 2024-25 Financial Statements and Performance Statement; and
2. Cr Kay Rimbaldo and Cr Sam Parasol as alternative signatories for the 2024-25 Financial Statements and Performance Statement, if the Mayor or Deputy Mayor are unavailable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10.11 APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS -
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987**

Moved: Cr Esakoff**Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and section 313 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, resolves that:

1. the member of Council staff referred to in the attached Instrument of appointment and authorisation ('Instrument') be authorised as set out in the Instrument; and
2. the Instrument be sealed; and
3. the Instrument comes into force immediately after the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it, or the officer named in the instrument ceases to be an employee of Glen Eira City Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. ORDINARY BUSINESS**12.1 Requests for reports from a member of Council staff**

Nil

12.2 Right of reply

Nil

12.3 Notice of Motion / Notice of Rescission

Nil

12.4 Councillor questions

Nil

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Confirmed this 10 June 2025

Chairperson.....