



**GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY 30 JUNE 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 Karslake  
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  
Manager Legal, Risk and Governance, Diana Vaynrib  
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere  
Councillor Business Officer, Alexandra Fry  
Councillor Business Officer, Kylie Webster

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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****Apology**

**Moved: Cr Karlake**

**Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That the apology from Cr Parasol be received and noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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 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 Ragni**

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 Tuesday 1 July 2025 at 7.30pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two submissions were received for Public Participation this evening.

**5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL**

Two Written Public Question to Council were received for this evening.

<b>Neil Freeman Caulfield</b>	<b>Question 1:</b> How much money does council expend each year in repairing the damage caused by Melia Azedarach (White Cedar) trees?  <b>Answer:</b> Council does not record figures on how much money is spent on the maintenance of specific tree species within the municipality. Council does invest around \$4.2 million per year in the management, replacement, and protection of trees, and around \$1.9 million on our footpath maintenance and renewals.
<b>Neil Freeman Caulfield</b>	<b>Question 2:</b> There is a Hazardous tree as defined by the City of Glen Eira Street Tree Removal Policy 2007, located in the nature strip outside of 33 Newstead Street. When will council remove it?  <b>Answer:</b> The tree in question has been recently assessed by Councils Arboricultural officers and has been graded as fair overall condition and therefore is not classified as a hazardous tree under the Street Tree Removal Policy. Therefore there is no intention to remove the tree at this point in time.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS**

**Moved: Cr Rimbaldo**

**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 June 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**

Nil

**8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS**

**8.1** Delegate Report - Cr Rimbaldo - Audit and Risk Committee

**8.2** Delegate Report – Cr Zhang - Municipal Association of Victoria, Board Meeting

**9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY**

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**9.1 Advisory Committees**

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**9.1.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES****Moved: Cr Daniel****Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting as shown below be received and noted.

1. Elsternwick Club Advisory Committee Minutes – 26 May 2025

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.2 Records of Assembly**

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**9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES****Moved: Cr Esakoff****Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 27 May 2025 Assembly;
2. 3 June 2025 Assembly;
3. 10 June 2025 Pre-meeting; and
4. 11 June 2025 Assembly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)**

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**10.1 BUDGET 2025–2026 AND REVENUE AND RATING PLAN 2025–2029**

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**Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council:

1. pursuant to Sections 93, 94 and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, resolves to adopt the draft:
  - a) Budget 2025–2026 (as set out in Attachment 1 of this report), including the proposed schedules of user fees and charges detailed in Appendices E and F of Attachment 1; and
  - b) Revenue and Rating Plan 2025–2029 (as presented in Attachment 2 of this report).
2. acknowledges the significant contribution of the Glen Eira community through the 'Our Place, Our Plan' engagement program and the work of the deliberative Community Priorities Panel in shaping the draft Budget 2025–2026 and the Revenue and Rating Plan 2025–2029.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Karslake****Seconded: Cr Zmood**

That Cr Karslake be granted a two minute extension of speaking time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Cr Esakoff be granted a two minute extension of speaking time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.2 DECLARATION OF RATES & CHARGES 2025–2026**

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**Moved: Cr Karslake****Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council formally declares the Rates and Charges for the 2025–2026 rating year as follows:

**1. Amount Intended to be Raised**

That an amount of approximately \$146,453,098 (before rebate) is declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates, cultural and recreational lands and annual service charges as follows:

- General Rate  
\$117,804,762
- Cultural and Recreational Lands  
\$282,466
- Annual Service Charge (Waste)  
\$28,365,870

**Total**  
**\$146,453,098**

**2. General Rate**

**2.1** That a General Rate be applied at a uniform rate of 2.77815 cents in each dollar of Net Annual value be declared in respect of the 2025–2026 financial year.

**2.2** That in accordance with Section 4(1) of the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*, the amounts payable in respect of the 2025–2026 financial year for each rateable land to which that Act applies be as follows:

- For land owned or occupied by the Melbourne Racing Club, a rate of 76 per cent of the General Rate in the dollar which would otherwise be payable in respect of the land.
- For land owned or occupied by the Yarra Yarra Golf Club, a

rate of  
50 percent of the General Rate in the dollar which would otherwise be payable in respect of the land.

- For land owned or occupied by a sporting organisation operating with liquor and / or gaming licence, a rate of 60 per cent of the General Rate in the dollar which would otherwise be payable in respect of the land.
- For land owned or occupied by a sporting organisation operating without liquor or gaming licence, a rate of 50 per cent of the General Rate in the dollar which would otherwise be payable in respect of the land.

### 3. Annual Service Charges

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 162 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, an Annual Service Charge relating to Waste Management be declared for in respect of the 2025–2026 financial year for each rateable property as follows:

• 240 Litre bin	\$690
• 120 Litre bin	\$345
• Flats Sharing 240 Litre bin	\$345
• Family 240 Litre bin	\$345
• 240 Litre Medical	\$345
• Litter Management Charge	\$92
• Additional Recycling	\$75
• Additional Green Waste	\$45

### 4. Rebates

**4.1** That Council grants to each ratepayer who is an ‘eligible recipient’ within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* a combined rebate up to a maximum of \$270 (being an amount contributed by State Government & Council) in respect of the 2025–2026 financial year of that land.

**4.2** The rebate (Council’s contribution) referred to in paragraph 4.1 be granted:

- (a) under section 169(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (b) to assist the proper development of the municipal district.

**4.3** It finally be recorded that, in Council’s opinion, the rebate referred to in paragraph 4.1 will assist the proper development of the municipal district by partially relieving a specified class of ratepayer of the burden of rate payments; and

**4.4** The rebate described in paragraph 1 is not intended to affect any right conferred on any person under section 171(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**5.** Rates are payable in four instalments due by 30 September 2025, 30 November 2025, 28 February 2026, and 31 May 2026.

**6.** Council charges interest on outstanding or overdue rates and charges from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

**7.** The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to levy and recover the general rates, annual service charges and any other amounts described in the



report in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989 and 2020* and *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It is recorded that Cr Zhang vacated the Chamber at 8:30pm.*

*It is recorded that Cr Zhang entered the Chamber at 8:35pm.*

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**10.3 OUR PLACE, OUR PLAN ENGAGEMENT REPORT ON FIRST ROUND OF DRAFT PLANS**

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**Moved: Cr Esakoff**

**Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That Council notes the Our Place, Our Plan phase 4(a) exhibition community engagement report (**Attachment 1**).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.4 STRATEGIC PROPERTY PLAN**

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**Moved: Cr Karlake**

**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council:

1. Resolves to adopt the *Strategic Property Plan* (as set out in **Attachment 1** of this report).
2. Acknowledges the significant contribution of the Glen Eira community through the '*Our Place, Our Plan*' engagement program and the work of the deliberative Community Priorities Panel in shaping the 2025 – 2030 *Strategic Property Plan*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

That Council defer Item 10.5 - Investigation into potential use of privately owned land for temporary open space, on tonight's agenda, to the 12 August 2025 Council meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.5 INVESTIGATION INTO POTENTIAL USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED LAND FOR TEMPORARY OPEN SPACE**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Approves officers to undertake further detailed investigations into the merits of developing temporary open space on vacant privately owned sites; and
2. Requests officers prepare a report on the findings and recommendations of this investigation for a future Ordinary Council Meeting

**DEFERRED**

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**10.6 GLEN EIRA BIODIVERSITY PLAN 2025-2029**

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**Moved: Cr Daniel****Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council:

1. resolves to adopt the Glen Eira Biodiversity Plan (as set out in **Attachment 1** of this report); and
2. notes the significant contribution of the Glen Eira community through the two phases of community engagement in shaping the Glen Eira Biodiversity Plan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.7      SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE VICTORIAN PLANNING PROVISIONS - THE  
NEED FOR BETTER COLLABORATION AND TRANSPARENCY FROM THE  
VICTORIAN STATE GOVERNMENT**

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

1. That Council note the amount of advocacy carried out to date;
2. Note that officers will continue to advocate strongly and urgently for the best planning outcomes for Glen Eira when liaising with the State Government and its agencies about proposed changes to Planning Policy and legislation affecting Glen Eira;
3. That Council includes planning reform as part of Council's Annual advocacy priorities; and
4. Note that officers will continue to keep the community informed and updated about changes to planning policy and the progression of the Activity Centres Program.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Cr Esakoff be granted a two minute extension of speaking time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Cr Karslake be granted a three minute extension of speaking time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It is recorded that Cr Young vacated the Council meeting at 9:26pm.*

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**10.8 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2025**

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**Moved: Cr Zhang****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 May 2025.

*It is recorded that Cr Young was not present at the time of the vote*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It is recorded that Cr Young rejoined the Council meeting at 9:29pm.*

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**10.9 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**Moved: Cr Rimbaldo****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council adopts the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 30 May 2025 as shown in Attachment 1 of this report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10.10 CONTRACT 2025.129 SUPPLY OF RETAIL ENERGY - NATURAL GAS**

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**Moved: Cr Rimbaldo****Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council:

1. appoints **Tenderer A** for the supply of natural gas for **Small Market Gas** sites and **Tenderer B** for **Large Market Gas** sites as per the terms and conditions of the Procurement Australia Contract No. PA 2806/0650– Retail Energy;
2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract/s on Council's behalf;
3. notes the attachments to the report remain confidential in accordance with section 3(1)(g) and section 66(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020* or until Council resolves otherwise;
4. 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
5. authorises Council officers to disclose the successful tenderers name in the meeting minutes for this item.

**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****12.3.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: CAPITAL IMPROVED VALUE - RATES AND CHARGES**

**Moved: Cr Karlake**

**Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council officers:

- 1) Prepare a report that considers the relative advantages and disadvantages of Glen Eira City Council transitioning from a NAV (Net Annual Value) model of determining rates and charges to a CIV (Capital Improved Value) model of determining rates and charges. The report should include information on the number of other Councils that use a CIV model, and whether the change may provide opportunities for Glen Eira to encourage landowners to develop currently vacant land; and
- 2) Table the report at an Ordinary Council Meeting before the end of 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12.4 Councillor questions**

Nil

**13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That pursuant to Section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, the Council resolves that so much of this meeting be closed to members of the public, as is required for Council to consider the following matters that are confidential in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Act:

**13.1 Strategic Property Plan**

This agenda item is confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020:

- because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)); and
- Consideration of Council owned service and infrastructure that is sensitive and has reputational and commercial implications if released

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Confirmed this 22 July 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

**Chairperson.....**