GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

MINUTES

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

<u>Present</u>

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

<u>Council Officers Present</u>

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey
Director Customer and Corporate Affairs, Kellie Vise
Director Sustainability, Assets and Leisure, Niall McDonagh
Director Community Wellbeing, Jane Price
Director Planning and Place, Rosa Zouzoulas
Chief Financial Officer, John Vastianos
Chief People Officer, Jewil Fulton
Manager Legal, Risk and Governance, Diana Vaynrib
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere
Councillor Business Officer, Cheyenne Thygesen-Sutton

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City of GLEN EIRA

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 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 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 Wednesday 2 September 2026 at 7.30pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one submission for Public Participation.

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

There was one Written Public Question to Council.

Anne Wills **Elsternwick**	**Question 1:** I am a single mother of two looking to purchase a near 100-year-old property in Glen Eira. With battery EVs now accounting for 23.4% of new car sales, EV charging access is becoming an essential service rather than a future consideration. Council's Climate Emergency Response Strategy 2025-2029 identifies reducing emissions, transitioning to renewable energy and supporting electrification as key priorities. The adopted 2026-27 Action Plan also commits to continued delivery of EV charging infrastructure and exploring private EV charging over Council land. Given these commitments, what timeframe will Council adopt to support residents without off-street parking through in-kerb EV chargers outside their homes, like the City of Port Phillip's kerbside-charging permit scheme? The policy framework and implementation model already exist nearby. Council should not allow unnecessary red tape to delay practical action that aligns with its own climate and electrification objectives. Prospective homebuyers are increasingly considering neighbouring municipalities that already offer these solutions. **Answer:** We recognise that access to EV charging is an increasingly important issue for residents, particularly those who do not have access to off-street parking. While we have not yet adopted a specific timeframe for the implementation of a kerbside EV charging permit scheme similar to that operating in some neighbouring municipalities, officers are actively investigating opportunities, regulatory requirements, safety considerations and potential delivery models. Any future approach would need to balance resident needs, public safety, accessibility, asset management and equitable use of the public realm. We remain committed to supporting the transition to low-emission transport and will continue to assess emerging opportunities that align with our climate objectives and community needs.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS

Moved: Cr Zhang **Seconded: Cr Young**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 4 August 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

7.1 PETITION: SPEED HUMPS FOR HAWSON AVENUE, GLEN HUNTLY

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

That Council:

1. receives and notes the petition; and
2. refers the petition to the relevant officer for investigation with a detailed response to be provided to the submitter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

- Cr Young – Local Government Working Group on Gambling (LGWGOG).
- Cr Rimbaldo – Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF).
- Cr Zhang – Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) board meeting.
- Cr Daniel – Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA).

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

9.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Nil

9.2 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

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

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 21 July 2026 Assembly;
2. 28 July 2026 Assembly; and
3. 4 August 2026 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

10.1 ANTISEMITISM STRATEGY 2026-2028

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

That Council:

1. Endorses the *Antisemitism Strategy 2026-2028* (Attachment 1).
2. Endorses the *Antisemitism Strategy 2026-28 Action Plan* (Attachment 2).
3. Notes the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement undertaken to inform both documents (Attachment 3).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Extension of Speaking Time

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Young vacated the Chamber at 8:29pm.

It is recorded that Cr Daniel vacated the meeting electronically at 8:29pm.

It is recorded that Cr Daniel re-entered the meeting electronically at 8:31pm.

It is recorded that Cr Young re-entered the Chamber at 8:34pm.

10.2 CAULFIELD RECREATION CENTRE OPERATIONAL REVIEW

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

That Council:

1. adopts the findings of the Caulfield Recreation Centre Operational Review; and
2. adopts the recommendations outlined in the Operational Review to inform future service planning, operational decision making and budget considerations for Caulfield Recreation Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED LAND FOR TEMPORARY OPEN SPACE

Moved: Cr Parasol **Seconded: Cr Young**

That Council:

1. Resolves to not proceed with the properties identified as part of the temporary use of private land for open space initiative; and
2. Continues to monitor the potential for other suitable sites on an opportunistic basis rather than undertake annual municipality-wide desktop reviews.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26/001: OFFICER RESPONSE - INDIAN MYNA BIRD MANAGEMENT

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

That Council:

1. adopt the findings of the report Notice of Motion: Indian Myna Management – Officer Response.
2. Support the approach to prioritise:
   a) habitat improvement and indigenous planting
   b) biodiversity monitoring and evidence gathering
   c) community education regarding pest species and actions residents can take on private land
   d) partnership-based biodiversity initiatives with research institutions, community organisations and other landholders.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE BIANNUAL REPORT

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

That Council adopts the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report for the period March 2026 to August 2026 (Attachment 1 to this report) in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Esakoff vacated the meeting electronically at 9:02pm.

It is recorded that Cr Esakoff re-entered the meeting electronically at 9:05pm.

10.6 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES (21 AUGUST 2026)

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

That Council adopts the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 21 August 2026 as shown in Attachment 1 of this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.7 ADOPTION OF 2025–26 FINANCIAL REPORT (IN PRINCIPLE)

Moved: Cr Zmood **Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council:

1. Adopts the draft 2025–26 Financial Statements and Performance Statement in principle, as presented in Attachment 1, subject to there being no significant changes arising from the completion of the Victorian Auditor-General's audit; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to make any minor amendments required as a result of the completion of the Victorian Auditor-General's audit process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Zhang vacated the Chamber at 9:24pm.

It is recorded that Cr Zhang entered the Chamber at 9:27pm.

10.8 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2026

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

That Council adopts the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 July 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Extension

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

That the meeting be extended to conclude at 11pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.9 POLICY REVIEW: AFTER-HOURS NOISE COMPLAINTS POLICY; AND

POLICY REVIEW: METHOD FOR ISSUING PARKING INFRINGEMENT NOTICES POLICY

Moved: Cr Young **Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised After-Hours Noise Complaint Response Policy (***Attachment 2***).
2. Revokes the Method of Issuing Parking Infringement Notices Policy (***Attachment 3***).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.10 COUNCILLOR CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY

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

That Council adopts the updated Councillor Child Safeguarding Policy as set out in Attachment 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.11 TENDER 2026.202 ROAD RESURFACING, FOOTPATH RENEWAL, DRAINAGE AND ASSOCIATED CIVIL WORKS

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

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

1. appoints Tenderer 9 as the contractor under Tender number 2026.202 for an amount accordance with 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 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; and
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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.12 EXTENSION OF CN 2021.112 PROVISION OF LANDFILL SERVICES

Moved: Cr Daniel **Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council:

1. approves the second extension of Provision of Landfill Services administered by Department of Environment Energy and Climate Action (DEECA), DEECA reference No. 2020-23, Council reference No. 2021.112 for the period from 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2029 and;
2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute all associated agreements, deeds, schedules and documents necessary to give effect to the extension.

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

Suspend Standing Orders

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

That Council suspend standing orders at 9.54pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor congratulated Cr Young and invited all Councillors to wish her well as she takes parental leave.

Resume Standing Orders

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

That Council resumes standing orders at 10.02pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Procedural motion to move into Confidential Items:

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

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 Employment Matter

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

- because it is personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (section 3(1)(f)); and
- relates to a personnel matter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following the above procedural motion, community members vacated the gallery and the live streaming was disabled ahead of the confidential item.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.09pm.

Confirmed this 6 October 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Chairperson……………………………………………………