



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026

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 Rimbardo
Councillor Kimberley Young
Councillor Li Zhang

Council Officers Present

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey
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, Cheyenne Thygesen-Sutton
Councillor Business Officer, Mary Lennon
Manager, Life Stages, Harley Moraitis

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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 85 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules. Councillors were then invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One submission for Public Participation were received.

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

One Written Public Questions to Council was received.

<p>Catherine McNaughton Glen Huntly</p>	<p>Question 1</p> <p>Thanks for notifying Caulfield Recreation Centre members of works in Maple Street Caulfield South. What percentage tree canopy cover will be added over footpaths outside Council's CRC and synagogue, where there are no nature strip trees? What measures are included to promote active travel and manage water to lower the neighbourhoods flood risk & to improve water quality to Elster Creek & Bay? I hope trees, water and active travel are regularly designed into council works to deliver plans for climate, street trees, tree canopy, integrated water and active travel. And thanks for the great Music Under the Stars concert – great choice of performances and a lovely way to catch up with local friends.</p>
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	<p>Answer:</p> <p>Thank you for your question and for your positive feedback on <i>Music Under the Stars</i> – it’s great to hear the event was enjoyed as a way for the community to come together.</p> <p>In relation to the Maple Street, Caulfield South road reconstruction, Council’s intent is to deliver a safer, greener and more climate-resilient street that aligns with our adopted Urban Forest, Climate Emergency, Integrated Water and Integrated Transport strategies.</p> <p>A key principle of the project is the retention and protection of existing street trees, which provide established canopy, shade and environmental benefits. There is limited locations that additional trees can be planted, therefore our focus on further canopy growth has been on the nature strip opposite the Caulfield Recreation Centre where there is ample space for larger canopy trees.</p> <p>In terms of active travel, the Maple Street reconstruction forms part of Council’s road renewal program and prioritises improved footpath condition and accessibility, safer street layouts, and a street environment that supports walking and local everyday movement.</p> <p>With respect to water management, the project includes upgraded drainage and road infrastructure designed to better manage stormwater and reduce water pooling during heavy rainfall.</p> <p>More broadly, Council is committed to embedding tree retention and planting, water-sensitive design and active travel outcomes into capital works wherever practicable. The Maple Street project is one example of how these objectives are being delivered through Council’s infrastructure renewal programs.</p>
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6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS

Moved: Cr Parasol

Seconded: Cr Daniel

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 3 February 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil

8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Cr Rimbaldo – Metropolitan Transport Forum

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

9.1 Advisory Committees

9.1.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**Moved: Cr Esakoff****Seconded: Cr Young**

That:

1. the minutes of the Elsternwick Club Advisory Committee – 13 August 2025 be received and noted; and
2. the following administrative changes be made to the Elsternwick Club Advisory Committee minutes – 6 November 2025 which was received and noted at the 16 December 2025 Ordinary Council meeting:
 - a) the absentees Sophie Paterson, and Tim Ryder are removed from the attendees list; and
 - b) officers remove the wording “The previous meeting was held on Monday 13 August 2025. The minutes were noted at the 2 September 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.”

And replace it with “The previous meeting was held on Monday 13 August 2025. *A summary of the minutes from the previous meeting will be presented at a future Ordinary Council Meeting.*”
3. the following administrative changes be made to the Diverse, Welcoming and Accessible Places Advisory Committee Minutes – 15 December 2025 which was received and noted at the 3 February 2026 Ordinary Council meeting:
 - a) the absentee Cr Luca Ragni be removed from the attendees list; and
 - b) officers add the month and year each action item was completed to the Action Summary table in the black column on page 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Records of Assembly

9.2.1 RECORD OF ASSEMBLIES**Moved: Cr Karlake****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 27 January 2026 Assembly;
2. 3 February 2026 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

10.1 APPLICATION FOR RATE CAP VARIATION – 2026–27

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

That Council:

1. Endorses an application to the Essential Services Commission for a rate cap variation of 2.25 per cent for the 2026–27 financial year.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the application by 31 March 2026, including all supporting documentation demonstrating compliance with ESC requirements, financial justification, and outcomes of community engagement.
3. Notes that the application will include a comprehensive analysis of financial scenarios, service impacts, and alignment with Council's strategic objectives.

For the Motion: Crs Esakoff, Zhang, Zmood, Karlake, Daniel, Rimbaldo, Young and Ragni (8)

Against the Motion: Cr Parasol (1)

CARRIED**Extension of Speaking Time****Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Zhang**

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That Cr Young be granted a six minute extension of speaking time.

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

That Cr Karlake be granted a one minute extension of speaking time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 ELSTER CREEK LITTER ACTION PLAN

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Karlake**

That Council adopts the Elster Creek Litter Action Plan (as set out in **Attachment 1** of this report).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA MAY 2026 STATE COUNCIL MOTIONS

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

That Council adopts the following motions for submission to the 29 May 2026 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting:

Motion 1: Housing delivery and local strategic planning

That State Council notes that:

- Victorian councils approve the overwhelming majority of planning applications in a timely manner and are not the primary barrier to housing supply.
- Reductions in housing delivery on major sites are largely driven by market conditions, including construction costs, labour shortages, state charges and broader economic uncertainty.
- Recent state planning reforms risk adding further cost and complexity without addressing these underlying barriers to housing deliver.
- At the same time, the Victorian Government has moved to remove or weaken local strategic planning powers in key activity centres and other areas, introducing significant planning changes without adequate consultation with local government.
- This has reduced local control and limited the effective use of council expertise in aligning housing growth with transport access, infrastructure, capacity, open space and community needs.

And calls on the Victorian Government to:

- Refocus housing reform efforts on addressing the real barriers to delivery, including cost pressure, workforce shortages and market viability.
- Work collaboratively with councils, developers, industry and financiers to support the translation of planning approvals into deliverable housing.
- Support council-led strategic planning, structure plans and local housing strategies when making state planning decisions, planning scheme amendments and statewide reforms.

Motion 2: Strengthening council-led antisemitism initiatives

That State Council notes that:

- Antisemitic incidents in Victoria have increased significantly, with Glen Eira and other councils experiencing increased community concern and demand for action.
- Councils are uniquely placed to coordinate local responses, but require state support to scale up prevention, education, and rapid response efforts.
- A state partnership and dedicated funding would empower councils to innovate, share best practice, and deliver measurable outcomes for vulnerable Victorians.
- The Australian Government has committed to establishing a Royal Commission into antisemitism, underscoring the national urgency and need for coordinated action across all levels of government.

And calls on the Victorian Government to:

- Establish a dedicated funding stream and partnership framework to support local governments in preventing and responding to antisemitism.
- Resource councils to deliver practical, evidence-based initiatives — such as upstander training in schools, community engagement, and social cohesion taskforces.
- Facilitate collaboration between councils, state agencies, and community organisations to share best practice, respond to incidents, and build safer, more inclusive communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) 2026 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

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

That Council endorses the following three motions for submission to the 2026 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly:

Motion 1 - Boost federal support for local climate action and community resilience

That ALGA calls on the Australian Government to significantly increase direct funding and co-investment for local governments to respond to the climate emergency and protect their communities from the impacts of climate change, including more frequent and severe heatwaves, floods, bushfires and other extreme weather events. This includes:

- Expanding grants for climate resilience infrastructure, disaster preparedness, and adaptation programs.
- Broadening government rebates to help councils and communities retrofit properties and fast-track electrification.
- Providing resources and financial support through partnering with local governments to deliver initiatives that achieve emissions targets and protect communities from climate impacts.

Motion 2: Strengthen federal partnerships to address homelessness

That ALGA calls on the Australian Government to establish a dedicated funding stream and national partnership framework that enables local governments to strengthen community-led responses to homelessness. This should support councils to enhance local connectedness, activate community facilities, and resource community organisations through grants and partnership programs.

The framework should provide new investment, not a reallocation of existing funding, to expand prevention and early-intervention efforts, improve data sharing, and strengthen mental health and wraparound supports delivered by grassroots and frontline organisations. Federal support will help councils amplify their role in enabling coordinated, community-driven responses for people who are vulnerable or at risk.

Motion 3: Australian Government Framework to Combat Antisemitism and Promote Social Cohesion.

The National General Assembly acknowledges:

1. The importance of all levels of government working collaboratively and constructively to combat antisemitism and all forms of racism, hatred and bigotry as well as to promote social cohesion in Australia.
2. Calls on the Australian Government to initiate and fund a national framework and civic education program to enhance the role of local government in facilitating social cohesion in local communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 QUARTERLY REPORTING OF COMMUNITY GRANTS

Moved: Cr Parasol**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 September to October 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 SPECIAL GRANTS PROGRAM - SOCIAL COHESION COMMUNITY GRANTS

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

That Council:

1. Endorses the implementation of a one-off Social Cohesion Community Grants round, to be assessed using Council's existing community grants assessment framework and administered in accordance with Council's grants policy, guidelines, governance and probity requirements.
2. Notes that, subject to Council endorsement, the competitive grants round will be implemented and funding allocated within the 2025-26 financial year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.7 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Young**

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 January 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.8 TENDER 2026.4 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR MINOR CAPITAL BUILDING RENEWAL WORKS

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Young**

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

1. appoints the following Tenderers as panel contractors under Tender number 2026.4 for an amount in accordance with the Schedule of Rates submitted:

Tenderer 3 - AFAD Management Pty Ltd
Tenderer 4 - La Candide Pty Ltd, trading as Alert Electrical
Tenderer 5 - AWS Services VIC Pty Ltd
Tenderer 6 - Blended Services Group Pty Ltd
Tenderer 7 - Blue Wall Coatings Pty Ltd
Tenderer 8 - Boongalla Group Pty Ltd
Tenderer 11 - Campeyn Group Pty Ltd
Tenderer 12 - Commlec Services Pty Ltd
Tenderer 13 - Dynamic Spaces Australia Pty Ltd
Tenderer 14 - Elec-Trix Contractors Pty Ltd
Tenderer 15 - Eletech Solutions Pty Ltd
Tenderer 16 - Envirolinx Pty Ltd
Tenderer 17 - Eternal Flooring Pty Ltd
Tenderer 18 - Executive Security Services (Electronics) Pty Ltd
Tenderer 19 - GMD Plumbing Pty Ltd
Tenderer 20 - High Access Cabling Pty Ltd, as the trustee for HAC Trust
Tenderer 21 - Kennedys Group Services Pty Ltd
Tenderer 23 - MPE Group Interiors Pty Ltd
Tenderer 25 - Papaki Industries Pty Ltd
Tenderer 26 - Pinewood Authorized Newsagency Pty Ltd, as the trustee for Pinewood Newsagency Unit Trust
Tenderer 27 - Platinum Electricians Pty Ltd
Tenderer 30 - Media Group Pty Ltd, trading as Swan PM
Tenderer 31 - A&C's Total Building Maintenance Pty Ltd, as the trustee for the A&C Patterson Family Trust
Tenderer 32 - Thermotec Refrigeration Pty Ltd
Tenderer 33 - Total CMS Pty Ltd as the trustee for Total Solutions Trust
Tenderer 34 - Ultimys Pty Ltd
Tenderer 36 - Unique Building Services Pty Ltd
Tenderer 37 - Wallgates Pty Ltd
Tenderer 38 - Wolf Construction Australia Pty Ltd

2. prepares the contracts for the panel contractors listed above in accordance with the Conditions of Contract included in the tender;
3. authorises the CEO to execute the contracts 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; 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.
6. authorises Council officers to disclose the successful tenderer name in the meeting minutes for this item

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.9 TENDER 2026.41 TREE SUPPLY, PLANTING AND ESTABLISHMENT MAINTENANCE

Moved: Cr Zhang**Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

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

1. appoints **Melbourne Treeworks Pty Ltd** as the contractor under Tender number 2026.41 for an amount in 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 contracts 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; 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.
6. authorises Council officers to disclose the successful tenderer name in the meeting minutes for this item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.10 NAMING RIGHTS POLICY - REVISION

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

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised Naming Rights Policy as shown in Attachment 1 of this report.

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

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 Tender 2025.131 Parking Services Contract

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

- because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that -
 - (i) relates to trade secrets; or
 - (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage (section 3(1)(g)); and
- Report contains confidential financial procurement information.

13.2 Aged Care Reforms (Confidential)

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
- contains commercial in confidence sensitive information

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The live-stream was disabled and the gallery was cleared of all community members ahead of Item 13 – Confidential Items.

Following Item 13 – Confidential Items, the meeting was declared closed.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Confirmed this 17 March 2026 Ordinary Council meeting.

Chairperson.....