



CITY OF
MONASH

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
COUNCIL
HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2021**

at 7.00 pm

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PRESENT

Councillors B Little (Mayor), S McCluskey (Deputy Mayor), J Fergeus, S James, P Klisaris, G Lake, N Luo, A de Silva, R Paterson, T Samardzija, T Zographos

APOLOGIES

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2021 AND ADDITIONAL MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2021

Moved Cr McCluskey,

Seconded Cr Luo

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 28 September 2021, and the Additional Meeting held on 19 October 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS, JOINT LETTERS & MEMORIALS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved Cr Little,

Seconded Cr James

That the Council accepts the tabling of the petition against the smoking bans in Eaton Mall, Oakleigh.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor advised that 1 question had been received.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

1. CITY DEVELOPMENT

1.1 Town Planning Schedules

Moved Cr Paterson,

Seconded Cr McCluskey

That the report containing the Town Planning Schedules be noted.

The Director City Development took on notice a question from Cr Zographos as to whether the application for the site at 1358 Dandenong Road, Hughesdale would be submitted to Council for its consideration.

CARRIED

1.2 11 Chancellor Drive, Wheelers Hill - Removal of Two (2) Trees in a Vegetation Protection Overlay

Moved Cr Little,

Seconded Cr Paterson

- A. That Council resolves to issue a Planning Permit (TPA/52757) for the removal of one (1) tree (*Grevillea robusta* - Silky Oak tree) in a Vegetation Protection Overlay at 11 Chancellor Drive, Wheelers Hill subject to the following conditions:**

Amended Plan

- 1. Before removal of the subject tree/s, an amended plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When the plans are endorsed they will then form part of the Permit. The plans must be generally in accordance with the decision plans received by Council on 20 August 2021 but modified to show:**

- a) Retention of Tree 13 – Rose She-oak tree located at the rear of the existing dwelling.**
- b) One (1) replacement canopy tree, which must be advanced specimen, to be planted in a suitable location on the property. The tree must grow to a mature height of at least 8 metres. The common and botanical name of the tree, its height at planting and maturity must be shown.**

When approved, the plan will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit.

Layout not to be Altered

- 2. The tree removal as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority**

Replacement Tree / Completion

- 3. The replacement tree must be planted, in a healthy state, within 6 months of the removal of the subject tree/s or completion of the new building.**

Permit to Expire

- 4. This permit will expire in accordance with section 68 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, if the tree is not removed before two (2) years from the date of issue.**

In accordance with section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the responsible authority may extend the period referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or within six (6) months afterwards.

Council and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal are unable to approve requests outside of the relevant time frame.

NOTES:

- A. Tree planting should be kept clear of the drainage easement.**
- B. That Council write to the Owner advising that Tree 13 are to be retained, and that:**
 - 1. A professional arborist should be engaged to remove deadwood and undertake routine crown maintenance pruning works of the tree. All pruning must be in accordance with the Australian Standard - AS4373 Pruning of Amenity Trees.**

CARRIED

1.3 583 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley - Construction of Seventy-Seven (77) Two to Three Storey Dwellings in Two Stages

Moved Cr Fergeus,

Seconded Cr de Silva

That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Refuse to Grant a Planning Permit (TPA/52516) for the construction of seventy-seven (77) two to three storey dwellings, front fencing exceeding 1.2 metres in height in two stages and creation and alteration of vehicle access to a road in a Road Zone Category 1 at 583 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley on the following grounds:

- 1. The proposal is inconsistent with the objectives of Clause 21.04 Residential Development, Clause 22.01 Residential Development and Character Policy and Clause 55 of the Monash Planning Scheme in regard to built form and spacing, sense of address, landscaping, internal amenity, design detail and design of car parking.*
- 2. The proposed built form is out of character and results in an overdevelopment within the context of the neighbourhood.*
- 3. The proposal does not provide for adequate landscaping opportunities to contribute to the Garden City Character.*
- 4. The proposal will present a dominance of garages within the internal streetscape resulting in poor sense of address and inadequate landscaping along the internal road.*
- 5. The proposal will result in poor internal amenity for future residents.*
- 6. The proposal does not provide a balance of housing types and layouts to meet the housing diversity objective.*
- 7. The proposal heavily rely on tandem car parking will not result in the efficient movement of vehicles.*

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8. *The proposed tandem garages do not meet design requirements in Clause 52.06 of the Monash Planning Scheme.*

CARRIED

1.4 Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Moved Cr Paterson,

Seconded Cr Fergeus

That Council:

- 1. Notes the submissions received as part of the community consultation on the Draft Domestic Animal Management and the officer comments associated with each submission.*
- 2. Receives the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25 as presented in Attachment One to this report, and*
- 3. Adopts the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25.*
- 4. Notes that a copy of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 be provided to the Secretary to the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions as required under S68A(3)(b) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994.*

CARRIED

1.5 Draft Eastern Metro Land Use Framework Plan

Moved Cr Paterson,

Seconded Cr Samardzija

That Council:

- 1. Notes the draft Eastern Metro Land Use Framework Plan.*
- 2. Notes that the draft Eastern Metro Land Use Framework Plan promotes significant change in existing urban areas and around the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) station precincts.*
- 3. Endorses the draft officer submission as detailed in the report and attachment.*

CARRIED

1.6 Public Toilet Strategy

Moved Cr Paterson,

Seconded Cr Zographos

That Council:

- 1. Notes the summary of community feedback and proposed responses to submissions outlined in Attachment 1: Draft Public Toilet Strategy Community Consultation Report.*
- 2. Adopts the draft Public Toilet Strategy inclusive of the changes made in response to the community consultation.*

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3. *Notes the indicative Implementation Plan acknowledging its delivery is subject to consideration as part of Council's annual budget process.*
 4. *Noted that there is the opportunity to open up, and plan for a refresh/refurbishment of existing facilities as identified in the implantation plan in the public toilet strategy, noting the need to negotiate a change to the terms of the existing licences/leases with the licence/lease holder.*
 5. *Allocates the following budget amounts within the current years budget to facilitate the opening up, or investigation/design of existing facilities:*
 - a) *\$22,500 (for a 6-month period) to facilitate the opening of the Category 1 facilities as identified in implantation plan from the 21/22 financial year and accommodate an ongoing \$45,000 p.a for security and cleaning costs and minor maintenance costs;*
 - b) *\$25,000 to facilitate the feasibility required for refresh of these facilities;*
 - c) *\$30,000 to facilitate the feasibility required to refresh/refurbishment for the Category 3 facilities and those facilities identified in point 6.4.*
 6. *Notes that Council will receive an update, following completion of discussions for the Category 1 locations, a report at its February 2022 Council meeting regarding the Category 2 facilities and a report at its April 2022 meeting on the Category 3 facilities as well as those identified in point 6.4. These reports will identify the scope of works, associated costs and officer recommendations with regard to each category of facility*

In making his contribution on this item, Cr Zographos was granted an additional 1 minute to speak, by the Council, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded Cr Fergeus.

CARRIED

1.7 COVIDsafe Outdoor Activation Fund

Moved Cr Klisaris,

Seconded Cr Luo

That Council:

1. *Notes that the State Government has announced the COVIDsafe Outdoor Activation Fund (CSOAF) which builds on Round 1 and Round 2 of the Local Councils Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package.*
2. *Notes that CSOAF will provide funding to Councils (except for the City of Melbourne) for works, services and promotion of outdoor activation, comprising:*
 - a) *Part A - \$300,000 - for works, services and promotion of outdoor activation, to immediately extend the life of existing outdoor eating and entertainment facilities and provide new facilities for other businesses to also operate outdoors.*

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- b) Part B - \$275,000 - to establish semi-permanent and permanent outdoor precincts that support a broad range of industries and will be of lasting benefit to local communities.*
- 3. Notes that in addition to outdoor eating and entertainment, the funding is expected to support a broader range of industries that have been severely impacted by COVID restrictions (such as gyms, dance studios, personal/beauty services, and non-essential retail).*
- 4. Notes that Council is required to enter into a funding agreement in the form of the Victorian Common Funding Agreement with the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions Officers and that CSOAF funding will be released upon the execution of that agreement noting that funds will be required to be expended by 30 June 2022.*
- 5. Notes that for Council to be eligible to receive CSOAF funding it is required to prepare and submit the following:*

Part A – Immediate Outdoor Activation

A Rapid Implementation Plan within one month of the issuing of the guidelines which outlines how the funds will be spent to support the objectives of the program.

Part B – Semi-permanent and Permanent Outdoor Precinct Establishment

A Detailed Outdoor Precinct Establishment Plan within two months of the issuing of the guidelines which outlines how the funds will be spent to support the objectives of the program, including the longer term economic, social and environmental benefits.

- 6. Directs officers to prepare and implement a Rapid Implementation Plan that satisfies the CSOAF funding requirements in the same terms enhanced outdoor dining was delivered in response to the Local Councils Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package that will amongst other matters include:*
- a) The opportunity of additional enhanced trading areas inclusive of the installation, rental and removal of barriers, ramps (where needed) and road safety assessment;*
- b) Requirements that the same locational arrangements where any enhanced dining area must be immediately outside the subject premises, unless the consent of Council is obtained along with the express consent of any neighbouring business that may be affected.*
- c) That the enhanced trading areas remain in place until no later than 30 June 2022, unless otherwise resolved upon by Council.*

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7. *Directs officers to prepare a Detailed Outdoor Precinct Establishment Plan that satisfies the CSOAF funding requirements for Council's consideration at its November meeting.*
 8. *Notes that amongst other conditions, Councils are not permitted to impose new fees and charges on business.*
 9. *Resolves:*
 - a) *given point 8 above and so as to maintain consistency between traders across the Municipality, waive fees that were to be charged to traders for the ongoing hire cost of the barriers in existing enhanced outdoor trading areas, understanding that the ability to charge for this may not be allowed given the new funding agreement that is to be entered into.*
 - b) *that any monies from the CSOAF grant that remain unspent as at 30 June, 2022, be used to offset barrier hire charges associated with pre existing enhanced outdoor dining areas, as the grant recognises that the grant allows for the immediate extension to the life of existing outdoor eating and entertainment facilities and provide new facilities for other businesses to also operate outdoors.*

CARRIED

1.8 Footpath Enhancements for Outdoor Dining in Oakleigh

Moved Cr James,

Seconded Cr Fergeus

That Council:

1. *Notes the report and its findings regarding options to maximise the width of footpaths to facilitate permanent outdoor dining in the areas identified in the attached plan (Attachment 1, Appendix A).*
2. *Notes and agrees that Option 1 with brick infill kerb outstands offers a mid-range cost outcome that fits with the existing character of Chester and Portman Streets and is the most suitable option in the current circumstances.*
3. *Notes that implementing wider footpaths to facilitate permanent outdoor dining areas results in the permanent loss of approximately 55 kerbside car parking spaces.*
4. *Notes that officers recommend that if Council were to proceed with these works that it is preferable to commence with one location in the first instance where the outcomes can be fully realised before considering other locations. That the most opportune location to undertake these works initially are at Portman street west between Eaton Mall and Station Street. Other locations can be considered in future years as part of Council's annual budget process.*

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5. *Refers consideration of option 1 with brick infill kerb outstands focussed on the west section of Portman Street to the 22/23 budget process, inclusive of the need to undertake detailed design work and consultation which will explore the opportunity to maintain some loading bay presence in this location or propose alternative locations should they be necessary understanding that there may be a loss of additional car spaces to accommodate this.*
 6. *Notes that the recommended option if implemented in the western section of Portman Street would remove 14 car spaces and 4 loading zones (where an additional 6 vehicles can park when the loading zones are not in operation).*
 7. *Notes that whilst it may be appropriate to implement option 1 in certain locations across the Activity Centre, it does rely on other locations remaining unchanged so as to provide for parking and loading and unloading. Further notes that should Council wish to increase these types of enhancements across the Activity Centre that detailed design plans for entire streets and the Activity Centre would need to be prepared.*
 8. *Directs officers to utilise the remaining funds of \$55,000 from the 2021/22 budget and allocate a further \$20,000 (total \$75,000) from the 2021/22 budget to commence and proceed with further planning and detailed design work focussed on the west section of Portman Street so that full costs of the works can be considered in the 22/23 budget process.*

CARRIED

1.9 Talbot Quarry - Talbot Village Masterplan Referral

Moved Cr Fergeus,

Seconded Cr Samardzija

That Council:

1. *Notes the referral from Department of Environment Land Water and Planning's Development Facilitation Team.*
2. *Directs the Director City Development to write to DELWP in response to their letter generally stating:*
 - a. *That it is Council's view that the proposal does not meet the tests of the Development Facilitation Program;*
 - b. *That the land within the site at 1221-1224 Centre Road remain as private land;*
 - c. *That the proposed use of a Development Plan Overlay is inappropriate, particularly along the residential interface areas of the site; and*
 - d. *There are a number of concerns with the proposed masterplan as outlined in this report.*
3. *Grant the Director City Development the flexibility to form the letter proposed to best suit and implement what is sought by this resolution and may add or remove some aspects of this recommendation.*

CARRIED

1.10 Parliamentary Inquiry into Apartment Design Standards

Moved Cr Little,

Seconded Cr McCluskey

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Inquiry into Apartment Design Standards.*
- 2. Endorses the draft officer submission as detailed in the report.*

CARRIED

1.11 Suburban Rail Loop Project

Moved Cr James,

Seconded Cr Little

That Council:

- 1. Notes the introduction of the Suburban Rail Loop Bill 2021 (Bill) which has now passed through both houses of parliament and accordingly, the SRLA has formally been established as a statutory body and amongst other matters grants the SRLA the power to enter on to and to acquire land and provides for the Minister the ability to declare an area of land to be a Suburban Rail Loop planning area.*
- 2. Notes that officers and Council's lawyers are currently reviewing the Bill and that a further report to Council discussing in more detail the effect of the Bill will be provided in due course.*
- 3. Notes the progress made by the SRLA with the completion of the studies for Stage One of the SRL project that form the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) and the dates for community consultation on the outcome of the studies and receipt of submissions.*
- 4. Notes that the exhibited documents of the EES will be on display from 5 November 2021 until 16 December 2021.*
- 5. Direct officers to commence a community consultation process on 5 November 2021 until 30 November 2021 to gather feedback on the outcome of the EES studies referred to in item 3 above.*
- 6. Notes that it will receive a further report at the December Council meeting on the outcome of the community consultation process together with a summary of the responses from the community and details of what Council through its lawyers and appointed experts will present to the EES hearings informed by officer assessment and any relevant applicable community views.*
- 7. Allocates \$500,000 from its 2021-22 budget to cover associated EES expenses including external consultancy, legal and design as part of stage one SRL EES process, ongoing discussions with SRLA regarding outcomes at the three locations and commencement of the Strategic planning for the three station locations that will continue beyond the 21/22 financial year.*
- 8. Notes that officers have completed investigations into alternative sites for car parking in the Glen Waverley Activity Centre and that Council's existing multi-level car park at 1-5 Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley has been identified as the most appropriate location for provision of some of the additional car spaces.*

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9. *Resolves that Council's existing multi-level car park at 1-5 Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley is the preferred location for the provision of some of the additional car spaces required to be provided noting as has been previously resolved by Council that the balance of the required car spaces is to be resolved with the SRLA as it is considered that there is a shared responsibility to accommodate those required car spaces.*
 10. *Notes that officers have commenced preparation and will release a tender for consultancy services to design an upgrade and extension to the preferred site noted in item 8 with Council to consider the awarding of any tender at a future Council meeting.*
 11. *Notes that Officers have met with South East Volunteers regarding the property at 5 Myrtle Street, Glen Waverley and met with SRLA on the site and that the S223 Committee will be reconvened to further consider the lease matter with the Committee's recommendation being presented to a future Council meeting.*

CARRIED

2. COMMUNITY SERVICES

2.1 Draft Gender Equity Framework

Moved Cr Paterson,

Seconded Cr de Silva

That Council endorses the draft 'Gender Equity Framework' for the purposes of public exhibition and community feedback for a period of four weeks during October/November 2021.

CARRIED

2.2 Monash Community Grants Program Policy & Terms of Reference

Moved Cr Paterson,

Seconded Cr Little

That Council:

1. *Endorses the 2022/23 Monash Community Grants Program Policy, noting the service improvements; and*
2. *Endorses the Terms of Reference for the 2022/23 Monash Community Grants Assessment Panel.*

CARRIED

2.3 2021/22 Monash Quick Response Grants Program Recipients

Moved Cr James,

Seconded Cr McCluskey

That Council notes the successful applications that have been funded through the two streams of the Quick Response Grant program during the period 11 August to 22 September 2021 to a total of \$11,657.15

CARRIED

2.4 Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025

Moved Cr Fergeus,

Seconded Cr de Silva

That Council endorse the 'Monash Health & Wellbeing Plan 2021 – 2025' and its companion document 'Monash Health & Wellbeing Plan 2021 – 2025 Our Community: A Snapshot 2021'

CARRIED

3. CORPORATE SERVICES

3.1 Adoption of Community Vision, Council Plan, Asset and Financial Plan

Moved Cr James,

Seconded Cr McCluskey

That Council adopts the Community Vision, Council Plan, Asset Plan and Financial Plan.

CARRIED

3.2 Tender for Banking and Financial Services

Moved Cr Paterson,

Seconded Cr McCluskey

That Council:

- 1. Approves access to the Victoria Government State Purchase Banking and Financial Services Contract tendered by the Department of Treasury and Finance for provision of Banking Services, under Council Contract No. 2022055 for a schedule of rates based contract with an estimated annual contract value of \$238,000 and an estimated total contract value of \$2,200,000 inclusive of all available extension options.;*
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or her delegate to execute the contract agreement; and*
- 3. Notes that the contract has a five year initial term and the contract also has two separate extension options of two years each and authorises the Chief Executive*

Officer to approve these extension options subject to the Victorian Government Department of Treasury and Finance extension approval and satisfactory performance for the City of Monash.

*(*all dollar figures are GST Inclusive unless stated otherwise).*

CARRIED

4. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Integrated Water Management (IWM) Forums & Catchment Scale IWM Plans

Moved Cr Paterson,

Seconded Cr Samardzija

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the Yarra Catchment Integrated Water Management (IWM) Plan and the Dandenong Creek IWM Plan, as outlined in the Summary Plans in Attachments 1 and 2 respectively.*
- 2. Supports embedding relevant targets from the Catchment Scale IWM Plans into Council's future plans and actions, as appropriate.*
- 3. Notes that endorsing this Plan does not commit any future funding and any budget requirements will be subject to approval through the normal budget processes.*
- 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to write to DELWP noting Recommendations 1, 2 and 3.*

CARRIED

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

5.1 Councillors Meeting Records

Moved Cr Samardzija,

Seconded Cr James

That Council notes the record of Committee Meetings and Informal Councillors' Meetings.

CARRIED

5.2 2022 Council Meeting Schedule

Moved Cr Zographos,

Seconded Cr Luo

That the schedule for the Meetings of Council be adopted for 2022, as follows, with the meetings to commence at 7.00 pm and to be held in the Civic Centre, Glen Waverley:

25 January

22 February

29 March

26 April

31 May

28 June

26 July

30 August

27 September

25 October

29 November

13 December

CARRIED

5.3 Review of Councillor Discretionary Fund Policy & Procedures

Moved Cr Little,

Seconded Cr McCluskey

That the Council Discretionary Fund Policy & Procedures be amended as detailed in the Officers' Report dated 26 October 2021.

CARRIED

5.4 Tender for Reactive Pit & Pipe Cleaning Service and Routine Gross Pollutant Trap Cleaning Service

Moved Cr Zographos,

Seconded Cr Fergus

That Council:

- 1. Awards the tender from CSA Specialised Services Pty Ltd & Eldarin Services Metro for Part 1 Reactive Pit & Pipe Cleaning Services Contract No. 2021142 for a schedule of rates based contract with an estimated annual contract value of \$744,000 and*

an estimated total contract value of \$4,693,000 inclusive of all available extension options (assuming 2% annual CPI);

- 2. Notes that the contract Part 1 has an initial term of two years with two separate extension options of two years each and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve extension options subject to satisfactory performance;*
- 3. Awards the tender from GMA Waste Water Services Pty Ltd for Part 2 Routine Gross Pollutant Trap Cleaning Service, Contract No. 2021142 for an annual fixed Lump Sum of \$90,975 with an additional \$5,000 for annual Contingencies, with a total estimated contract value of \$395,000 inclusive of all available extension options (assuming 2% annual CPI);*
- 4. Notes that the contract Part 2 has an initial term of two years with two separate extension options of one year each and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve extension options subject to satisfactory performance; and*
- 5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or her delegate to execute the contract agreement.*

*(*Please note that all dollar figures are GST Inclusive unless stated otherwise).*

CARRIED

5.5 Double Vaccination and Visitors to Council Facilities

Moved Cr Fergeus,

Seconded Cr de Silva

That:

- (1) Council delegates to the CEO the power to implement restrictions on entry to Council facilities in compliance with Chief Health Officer Directions;*
- (2) Where the CEO, after conducting a risk assessment, proposes to implement restrictions on entry to Council facilities which are in excess of the Chief Health Officer Directions, such a proposal is to be reported to Council for a decision; and*
- (3) If the Chief Health Officer Directions do not specifically cover the Civic Centre and the Oakleigh Service Centre, Council delegates to the CEO the power to implement restrictions on entry consistent with Chief Health Officer Directions for comparable facilities, such as leisure centres and public libraries.*

CARRIED

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

6.1 Wood Heaters

Moved Cr Fergeus,

Seconded Cr Paterson

That Council:

- i) Acknowledges Council continues to hear concerns from Monash residents regarding the impact of wood heaters on health, amenity and the environment;*
- ii) Notes the evidence which demonstrates that long term exposure to pollution from wood heaters causes increased risk of heart and respiratory disease, and reduced life expectancy¹;*
- iii) Notes estimates published in the Medical Journal of Australia of a total cost to the community of \$10,930 per wood heater per year in health and other costs²;*
- iv) Notes that wood heaters are responsible for generating more fine particulate matter, generally regarded as the most hazardous air pollutant, than power stations and road vehicles combined³;*
- v) Advocates to the State Government and the EPA in support of measures which will reduce the impact of wood heaters on health, the amenity and the environment and informs the Monash community of this work.*

AMENDMENT

Cr Samardzija moved an amendment to remove parts ii), iii) and iv) of the motion and to renumber part v) of the motion, accordingly.

As this was acceptable to the mover and seconder of the motion and it was acceptable to the Council, the motion was amended and became the substantive motion.

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and declared carried.

CARRIED

6.2 Fees and Charges Relief for Sports Clubs Under Licence

Moved Cr McCluskey,

Seconded Cr Samardzija

That Council:

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1. *Notes the significant interruption to community sport in Monash since the onset of the global Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020 and the associated public health response and orders of the Victorian Chief Health Officer (CHO).*
 2. *Notes the adverse effects on the ability of the administration of sports clubs operating in Monash community facilities under seasonal licence arrangements to remain viable and financially stable due to the interruption to business as usual due to the Covid-19 pandemic.*
 3. *Congratulates sports clubs on their continued efforts in providing active recreation opportunities for Monash community members in such challenging circumstances.*
 4. *Recognises the positive impact on our community of active recreation and the general improved health and wellbeing it promotes and provides, and the financial strain placed on clubs due to the Covid-19 pandemic.*
 5. *Notes that due to the cancelled 2021 winter season, sporting clubs have been credited any fees and charges associated with this period.*
 6. *Resolves to waive the future fees and charges for all sports clubs operating under licence from 1 October 2021 until 30 June 2022 inclusive and refund any fees already paid during this period.*

RIGHT OF REPLY

Cr McCluskey exercised his Right of Reply as the moved of the motion.

CARRIED

DIVISION

A Division was called.

For: Crs Little, McCluskey, James, Klisaris, Lake, Luo, Paterson, Samardzija, Zographos

Against: Crs Fergeus, de Silva

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

9. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Moved Cr McCluskey,

Seconded Cr James

That Council, having reviewed and considered the certificate in relation to the matter listed for confidential business, and being satisfied that it is appropriate and necessary to consider this matter at a closed meeting, resolves to close the meeting to the public in accordance with section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 for the reasons specified in the certificate.

CARRIED

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL

The Council returned to Open Council at 8.35 pm.

10. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Nil.

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

11.1 Cr Fergeus reported to Council, as the liaison Councillor appointed by Council to the Monash Friends of Vemassee (MFV), on the work of the MFV and its recent Annual General Meeting. He noted the on-going hard work of the Committee and members in meeting their fund raising targets to support the teachers, students and the school in Vemassee. He noted that a report on Vemassee would likely be submitted to the November meeting of the Council.

11.2 The Mayor advised that this was to be his last meeting as Mayor and took the opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the Council during his term in office. He thanked the Chief Executive Officer and the staff, for their work, the Councillors for their support and the Monash community.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.38 pm


MAYOR:

DATED TUESDAY THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021