



MINUTES

**MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON**

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2025

at 7:00 PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC CENTRE, 293 SPRINGVALE ROAD, GLEN WAVERLEY**

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Monash Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we meet, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Councillors: S James (Mayor), E Lee (Deputy Mayor), P Klisaris, G Lake, B Little, C Little, N Luo, S McCluskey, R Paterson.

Officers: S Wickes, V Blackman, J Doake, I Kelly, P Panagakos, T Oulton,, A Sapolu, C Aslanidis, G Budhiraja.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: A de Silva, J Fergeus.

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Luo

Seconded: Cr Lee

MOTION

That the minutes of the following meeting be taken as read and confirmed:

- **Meeting of Council held on 28 October 2025.**

CARRIED

5 RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS, JOINT LETTERS AND MEMORIALS

Moved: Cr McCluskey Seconded: Cr Luo

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That Council receives the following Petition and forwards it to the relevant officer for action

- **Dispute of Building Notice- Acoustic Barrier Adjacent to Woolworths Distribution Centre (522-550 Wellington Road Mulgrave)**

CARRIED

Memorial

Cr McCluskey paid tribute to Ben Austin, a young cricketer, who passed away after being struck by a cricket ball. He extended his condolences to his family and friends.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor advised that one (1) public question had been received.

Question 1: Tsz Kiu Erica Chaow from Clayton

Good evening, everyone! I am Erica, a resident in Clayton, a Graduate in Master of Environment and Sustainability in Monash University and a member of Plant Based Treaty, a movement that gathers the voices of people to demand a more resilient food system from governments of all levels around the world.

Animal agriculture has been causing the degradation of ecosystems and is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions that drives climate change. We need a stronger food system with the joint force from governments, businesses and everyone of us. More than 255,000 individuals, 3000 businesses and 58 cities have already endorsed the Plant Based Treaty, including Darebin, Paris and Los Angeles. Thank you Councillor Anjalee de Silva for endorsing the Treaty and I applaud the Council for mitigating climate change with the Zero Net Carbon Action Plan.

However, one key factor of climate change is missing. Will Monash join Darebin and the thousands of cities, businesses and individuals and endorse The Plant Based Treaty? The endorsement will show that Monash takes sustainability and behavioural change seriously. I am sure that we Monash residents will be happy to see the City championing for a sustainable future for all.

The Mayor read the following response:

Thank you for your question, Erica.

We fully support our community to make their own choices in a way that works for them, through initiatives such as our upcoming workshops “Garden to Table Eating” and “No Waste Cook club”. Priority one in our recently adopted Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029, is dedicated to Healthy eating and active living, with priority four dedicated to tackling climate change and its impact on health, illustrating our strong, embedded commitment to sustainability and healthy lifestyles. There are no plans to endorse the Plant Based Treaty at this time.

At 7.12pm Public Question Time concluded.

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 City Development

7.1.1 TOWN PLANNING SCHEDULE

Moved: Cr Luo

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council notes the report containing the Town Planning Schedules.

CARRIED

7.1.2 TPA/46100 - 45 BAIRD STREET MULGRAVE - EXTENSION OF TIME

Moved: Cr Paterson

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council resolves to issue an Extension of time to Planning Permit No. TPA/46100 for the construction of two (2) double storey dwellings on a lot at 45 Baird Street MULGRAVE, VIC 3170 pursuant to the provisions of Section 69(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

- 1. That in accordance with Section 69(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the time for the commencement of the development be extended for a further one (1) year. The development must be commenced by 9 February 2026 and completed by 9 February 2028.**

CARRIED

7.1.3 TPA/47591 - 2 LYNETTE COURT, MULGRAVE - EXTENSION OF TIME

Moved: Cr Luo

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council resolves to issue an Extension of time to Planning Permit No. TPA/47591 for the construction of three double storey dwellings at 2 Lynette Court, Mulgrave pursuant to the provisions of Section 69 (2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

1. That in accordance with Section 69(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the time for the commencement of the development be extended by a further one (1) year. The development must commence by 9 October 2026 and be completed by 9 October 2028.

CARRIED

7.1.4 TPA/45302 - 3A CARINISH ROAD OAKLEIGH SOUTH - EXTENSION OF TIME

Moved: Cr Paterson

Seconded: Cr Luo

MOTION

That Council resolves to issue an Extension of time to Planning Permit No. TPA/45302 for the construction of a building and the construction and carrying out of works and the use of the land for a brothel in accordance with the endorsed plans at 3A Carinish Road, Oakleigh South pursuant to the provisions of Section 69 (2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

1. That in accordance with Section 69(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the time for the completion of the development and commencement of use be extended by a further one (1) year. The development must be completed and the use commenced by 11 January 2026.

CARRIED

7.1.5 HAMILTON PLACE CAR PARK REDESIGN

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Paterson

MOTION

That Council endorses the draft functional concept design for the Hamilton Place Car Park for the purposes of community consultation as set out in this report and the relevant Attachments.

CARRIED

7.1.6 FOOD SAFETY REGULATION REFORM

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

1. Notes the Victorian Government's proposed reforms to food safety regulation and the establishment of Safe Food Victoria as a single regulator.
2. Notes that the consultation was held from 11 September to 17 October 2025, and there was not sufficient time to present a report to Council for consideration during the consultation period.
3. Notes the officer submission provided in response to the proposed reforms as set out in Attachment One.

CARRIED

7.1.7 CHANGES TO THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ACT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER)

Moved: Cr Paterson

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

1. Notes that the Minister for Planning tabled Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025 (the Bill) in the Victorian Parliament on the 28 October 2025.
2. Through the Mayor, writes to the Minister for Planning, Shadow Minister for Planning and all Local State Members of Parliament to:
 - a) express significant concern with the absence of engagement and input from local government into the development of the Bill.
 - b) highlight that the lack of engagement with local councils fails to make use of the substantial expertise and practical knowledge available through the sector that could contribute positively to planning reform.
 - c) seek a commitment to engage in a collaborative manner with local councils on the Bill and existing and future planning reform programs.
 - d) request that the Bill be delayed allowing for consultation and engagement with local councils and other stakeholders and requesting that the Bill be referred to a public inquiry before progressing further.
 - e) request changes to the Bill as set out in this report and the Municipal Association of Victoria's "*Local Government Position: Planning Amendment Bill 2025*".

3. Endorses and adopts the Municipal Association of Victorias, position paper, “*Local Government Position: Planning Amendment Bill 2025*”, and the advocacy campaign, “*Building Victoria’s housing future, the right way*” as the basis for Councils initial position and own advocacy on this issue.

CARRIED

7.2 Community Services

7.2.1 2025082 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF POOL CHEMICALS

Moved: Cr Luo

Seconded: Cr Paterson

MOTION

That Council

1. Awards the tenders from Omega Chemicals and Waler Australia Pty Ltd for appointment to a panel for the Supply of Pool Chemicals, Contract No. 2025082 for a schedule of rates based contract with an estimated contract value of \$1,091,000 for the initial term and an estimated total contract value of \$2,764,000 inclusive of all available extension options.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or her delegate to execute the contract agreement.
3. Notes that the contract will commence on 1 January 2026, with an initial term of three years and the contract has two extension options of two years each and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve extension options subject to satisfactory performance and
4. Notes that the estimated schedule of rates contract values stated above are based on anticipated spend, inflation and growth (please refer to Financial section for more information).

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

CARRIED

7.2.2 2025/26 MONASH EQUALITY & RESPECT GRANT RECIPIENT

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Lee

MOTION

That Council

1. Notes the successful application submitted by Free from Family Violence (FVREE) to be funded through the Monash Equality and Respect Grant program to a total of \$48,024.51
2. Allocates the residual budget of \$3,975.49 to the 2025/26 Quick Response Grant budget to enable Council to continue assisting the community throughout the funding year

CARRIED

7.3 Corporate Services

7.3.1 COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON ORGANISATIONS/ADVISORY COMMITTEES 2026

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

1. Appoints the Council representatives to the various organisations and committees for 2026.
2. Notes changes to the following committees:
 - a) The Monash Junior Advisory Group (JAG) becomes a program of the Children and Young People Engagement program and be removed from Council's list of formal advisory committees, and that the Mayor of the day acts as the Council representative to the JAG, with the Deputy Mayor as proxy for this group.
 - b) The Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA) has a Councillor representative appointed, with no committee meetings.
 - c) VLGA's Local Government Working Group on Gambling (LGWGOG) has a councillor representative appointed to attend committee meetings.
 - d) The Local Government Mayoral Taskforce supporting people seeking Asylum is open to all councillors to attend and has no formal representation.

CARRIED

7.3.2 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2026

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council adopts the 2026 meeting schedule as in Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED

7.3.3 INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCILLORS RECORDS

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council notes the records of Informal Meetings of Councillors as attached to this report.

CARRIED

Meeting Note:

- Cr McCluskey left the meeting at 7.28PM and did not take part in voting on the remaining items.

7.3.4 2025128 PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

1. Awards the tenders from the following tenderers to form a panel of suppliers for the Provision of Legal Services, Contract No. 2025128 for a schedule of rates-based contract with an estimated contract value of up to \$3,300,000 for the initial term and an estimated total contract value of \$5,500,000 inclusive of all available extension options.
 - a) FAL Lawyers
 - b) Hall & Wilcox
 - c) Holding Redlich

- d) **HWL Ebsworth Lawyers**
 - e) **Maddocks**
 - f) **McInnes Wilson Lawyers**
 - g) **Moray & Agnew**
 - h) **Planology**
 - i) **Russell Kennedy Lawyers**
 - j) **SHM Lawyers**
 - k) **Sparke Helmore Lawyers**
 - l) **Wisewould Mahoney**
2. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate to execute the contract agreement subject to a satisfactory financial assessment or acceptable additional controls.**
 3. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve extension options subject to satisfactory performance.**
 4. **Notes that the anticipated contract commencement date is 1 December 2025 (pending contract negotiations), with an initial term of three (3) years, with two (2) separate extension options of one (1) year each.**
 5. **Notes that the estimated schedule of rates contract values stated above are based on historical and anticipated future spend, including an allowance for inflation and growth.**

***Please note that all dollar figures are GST exclusive unless stated otherwise.**

CARRIED

7.4 City Services

7.4.1 2025145 - PAINTING AND GRAFFITI REMOVAL SERVICES

Moved: Cr Paterson Seconded: Cr C Little

MOTION

That Council

1. **Awards the tenders from Aesthetic Property Services, GBCC Pty Ltd trading as Grange Banks Commercial Coatings, and Lauro Lima Painting for Contract No. 2025145 – Painting and Graffiti Removal Services (General Painting), for a schedule of rates-based panel contract with an estimated annual contract value of \$700,000 and a total estimated contract value of \$4,200,000 inclusive of all available extension options.**

2. Awards the tender from Kleenit Pty Ltd for Contract No. 2025145 – Painting and Graffiti Removal Services (Graffiti Removal and Inspections), for a schedule of rates-based contract with an estimated annual contract value of up to \$116,000 and a total estimated contract value of \$696,000 inclusive of all available extension options.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or her delegate to execute the contract agreement.
4. Notes that the anticipated contract commencement date is 15 January 2026, with an initial term of Two (2) years, with Two (2) separate extension options of Two (2) years each and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve extension options subject to satisfactory performance.
5. Notes that the tendered annual lump sums and schedule of rates are also subject to an annual CPI indexation process as per the contract and that the estimated annual contract values will also be indexed accordingly.

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CARRIED

7.5 Chief Executive Officer

Nil.

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

9 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

10 CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10.1 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT MATTER

Moved: Cr James

Seconded: Cr Luo

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Defer this item to be heard in the confidential meeting.

CARRIED

11 PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Nil.

12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

13 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

13.0 MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr C Little

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That Council, having reviewed and considered the certificates in relation to the matter listed for confidential business, and being satisfied that it is appropriate and necessary to consider these matters in confidential business, resolve 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 certificates.

CARRIED

The Council moved into confidential business at 7.32PM.

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL

The Council returned to open Council at 7.42PM.

14 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.42PM.



MAYOR:

DATED: 16 December 2025