



MINUTES

MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD ON

TUESDAY 27 MAY 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: P Klisaris (Mayor), B Little (Deputy Mayor), A de Silva, J Fergeus, S James, G Lake, E Lee, C Little, N Luo, S McCluskey.

Officers: A Diamond, V Blackman, J Doake, I Kelly, P Panagakos, T Scicluna, S Wickes, A Sapolu, S Candeland, G Budhiraja.

APOLOGIES

Councillor: R Paterson.

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Luo declared a Material Conflict of Interest for:

- Item 8.1 Notice of Motion- Reimbursement of Expenses- Cr Luo

Cr Lake declared a Material Conflict of Interest for:

- Item 7.1.3 Rezoning of former Talbot Quarry- Submission to Monister for Planning

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Klisaris

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

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

- **Meeting of Council held on 29 April 2025**

CARRIED



5 RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS, JOINT LETTERS AND MEMORIALS

Nil.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor advised that Council did not receive any public questions for tonight's Council Meeting.

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 City Development

7.1.1 TOWN PLANNING SCHEDULE

Moved: Cr Luo

Seconded: Cr McCluskey

MOTION

That Council notes the report containing the Town Planning Schedules.

CARRIED

7.1.2 EXTENSION OF TIME TO PLANNING PERMIT TPA/41807 1 IVANHOE STREET GLEN WAVERLEY

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr C Little

MOTION

That Council resolves to issue an Extension of time to Planning Permit No. TPA/41807 for the development of five (5) double storey dwellings with basement car parking and building and works on land subject to a Special Building Overlay (SBO1) at 1 Ivanhoe Street Glen Waverley, 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 be extended by a further one (1) year. The development must be completed by 6 May 2026.

CARRIED

Meeting Note:

- Cr Lake declared a Material Conflict of Interest in item 7.1.3 as a result of having received hospitality from a person who is associated with the proponent.
- Cr Lake left the meeting at 7.21pm prior to the discussion of this item.

7.1.3 REZONING OF FORMER TALBOT QUARRY - SUBMISSION TO MINISTER FOR PLANNING

Moved: Cr Fergeus

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

1. Notes that the Minister for Planning released the draft Monash Planning Scheme Amendment C178 package for proposed rezoning and residential development of the former Talbot Quarry for community consultation on 30 April 2025 with a submission closing date of 4 June 2025 and the information can be found at:
<https://engage.vic.gov.au/draft-monash-planning-scheme-amendment-c178mona-talbot-village>
2. Objects to draft Amendment C178 as the drafting and content of the proposed amendment material:
 - a) Fails to provide the degree of rigor and certainty for the management of contamination and geo-technical issues of the site as set out in the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 41 report of 10 September 2024.
 - b) Contains contradictory and inconsistent information and does not adequately explain or assess the proposed Amendment and its likely impacts
 - c) Drafted in a manner that does not accord with the Planning Practice Note 23: Applying the Incorporated Plan and Development Plan Overlays
 - d) Does not provide the clarity and certainty necessary for planning controls applying to a large master planned site and delivery of the development in the manner set out in the Development Plan, including the delivery of affordable housing.
 - e) Proposes to exempt the development from the Monash Public Open Space contribution
 - f) Proposes to transfer substantial ongoing responsibility for monitoring and compliance enforcement with Statement of Environment Audit requirements for the land and future dwellings to Council through a requirement for Council to enter into Section 173 Agreement.

- g) Proposes to make the Minister for Planning Responsible Authority for approval of the development plan but not for approving planning permits under that development plan.**
 - h) Does not facilitate streamlined and integrated decision making and should make the Minister for Planning the Responsible Authority for all stages of the development approvals on the site as well as ongoing monitoring and compliance of the contamination issues along with the EPA.**
- 3. Objects to the proposed Talbot Village Development Plan submitted concurrently with draft Amendment C178 as it:**
 - a) Fails to provide the degree of rigor and certainty for the management of contamination and geo-technical issues of the site as set out in the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 41 report of 10 September 2024.**
 - b) Does not provide the clarity and measurable standards necessary for preparing and assessing planning permit applications that would be submitted under the proposed C178 Development Plan Overlay.**
 - c) Contains unnecessary material that does not relate to the Development Plan Overlay and does not assist in the preparation or assessment of planning permit applications that would be submitted under the proposed C178 Development Plan Overlay.**
- 4. Endorses the submission at Attachment 1 as Councils response and objection to the proposed Amendment C178 to rezone land at 1221-1249 Centre Road, Oakleigh South.**
- 5. Requests that given the serious shortcomings of the proposed amendment C178 that the Minister refuse to amend the Monash Planning Scheme as proposed in draft C178 and refuse to approve the draft Talbot Village Development Plan.**
- 6. Requests that in the event the Minister wishes to consider the matter further, the proposal and all submissions received, are referred to the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee for review (SAC) and the SAC hearing is conducted in the same manner as a planning scheme amendment Panel Hearing undertaken by a municipal Council.**
- 7. Notes that prior to releasing draft Amendment C178 for comment the Minister referred the proposal to the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee for advice as to whether there is sufficient information on the geotechnical and environmental risks stemming from the land's former uses as a quarry and landfill for the proposal to proceed to public exhibition as a draft amendment.**
- 8. Notes that the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee, referred to in Recommendation 7, provided its report to the Minister in September 2024 and included specific recommendations for the inclusion of contamination and geo-technical mitigations**

and ongoing management requirements into the next stage of the planning scheme amendment request.

9. Notes that the draft Amendment C178 material is not a formal planning scheme amendment and consequently is not subject to the statutory amendment process.
10. Notes that the Minister for Planning is seeking Councils views pursuant to section 20(4) of the Planning & Environment Act 1987 on the draft Amendment C178 package and proposed rezoning as part of considerations under section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.
11. Notes that following this consultation process the Minister may approve the amendment or may refer the amendment to the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee for advice and recommendations to assist in assessment of the draft Amendment C178 and rezoning request.
12. Notes that the changes to the Monash Planning Scheme contained in the amendment request propose:
 - a) Application of the Residential Growth Zone and Mixed Use Zone and associated schedules
 - b) Application of the Development Plan Overlay to the entire site and associated schedule
 - c) Consequential changes to policy elements of the Monash Planning Scheme to align with the development proposed.
 - d) Removal of covenant from Lot 1 TP803687U
 - e) An exemption for the site from making a Public Open Space contribution
 - f) Making the Minister for Planning the Responsible Authority for approving or amending the Development Plan for the site.
 - g) A provision requiring Council to enter a Section 173 with future owners and body corporates that creates responsibility for the ongoing monitoring, maintenance, compliance with and enforcement of the environmental, soil contamination and gas emission mitigation measures and infrastructure in accordance with the Statement of Environment Audits, environmental technical reports until such time as those requirements are no longer required.
13. Notes that the time frame for ongoing management of contamination and gas emissions mitigation monitoring on the site referred to in Recommendation 12 g) is in the order of 36 years.
14. Notes that the proposed application of the Development Plan Overlay, described in Recommendation 12 b), includes a requirement for the preparation and approval of a detailed Development Plan and that as part of this consultation the Minister is

concurrently seeking comment on the proposed Development Plan for the site and may or may not approve the Development Plan following this consultation.

CARRIED

Meeting Note:

- Cr Lake returned to the meeting at 7.28pm and did not participate in voting on this item.

7.1.4 GLEN WAVERLEY CIVIC PRECINCT PROJECT- PROJECT UPDATE

Moved: Cr Luo

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

1. Notes that work has progressed on the Glen Waverley Civic Precinct Project (Project), since Council's consideration and resolution at its 26 September 2023 meeting and that the building design has significantly evolved and changed with the form, detail and layout of the building having advanced significantly from the schematic design.
2. Notes that there are five Milestones to be completed during the life of this Project (as shown in Table 1 in this report) and that Milestones 1, 2 and 3A have been completed.
3. Notes that whilst there have been cost savings relating to construction costs, additional facade detailing, a fully operational wall in the civic hall and the early works package which had not been factored in at the time of the schematic design and this has eroded these savings. There is however an approximate \$8million saving in the total project cost based on the latest cost plan (inclusive of the early works package) when compared with the schematic design estimated costs. The total project cost remains at more than \$110million.
4. Resolves and adopts the Milestone 3A Summary Report at Attachment 1, inclusive of the recommended design outcome for community consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy and Framework to seek community views on the project with a report on the feedback received to be presented to a future Council meeting for consideration.
5. Notes that with Milestones 1-3A completed, Council will, following the community consultation, consider moving to the next steps of the Project which are:
 - a) progressing Milestone 3B, preparing and lodging an application for a planning permit for works within the Heritage Overlay (HO71);
 - b) progressing Milestone 4, contract documentation and a tender for construction; and
 - c) in due course consideration of a report to award a tender for construction to commence.

6. Notes that Council is still awaiting notification from the Suburban Rail Loop Authority regarding the acquisition of Council's carparks at Montclair Avenue, and whilst this is expected to occur before the end of 2025 the exact timing of the acquisition including when Council may ultimately be paid are not yet known.
7. Notes that the current indicative timeframe that is being worked to is a tender release date of Q3 2026 and construction commencing in 2027 (this may change and is still being reviewed). Matters that will affect this timing include the outcome with Zinfra on the new substation, confirmation on acquisition and the estimated date Council will receive funds from the SRLA for the acquisition of Council's car parks at Montclair Avenue, as well as decanting from the library (decision on timing likely to be post receiving tenders).

CARRIED

7.2 Community Services

Meeting Note:

- The Mayor, Cr Klisaris moved a motion alternate to the officer's recommendation.
- Cr James raised a point of order in accordance with Governance Rule 30 (a)(i) conduct or a practice which is contrary to these Rules.
- The chairperson ruled that the alternate motion was allowable.

7.2.1 2025/26 MONASH COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Cr Klisaris

Seconded: Cr McCluskey

MOTION

That Council approves the in-principle allocation of the 2025/26 Monash Community Grants Program budget (\$2,591,894), subject to the adoption of Council's 2025/26 budget, in the following way:

- a) **Allocates a total of \$2,463,988.26 in financial and in-kind grant allocations to local community groups and organisations in line with the Monash Community Grants Program Policy & Guidelines.**
- b) **Allocates an additional \$15,000 to increase the Quick Response Grant budget for 2025/26 from \$60,000 to \$75,000 to enable Council to continue assisting the community throughout the funding year.**
- c) **Allocates the residual funds \$52000 to a grant program to support initiatives which contribute to the presentation of violence, and requests officers to prepare associated guidelines for Council's consideration.**

CARRIED

7.3 Corporate Services

7.3.1 2025106 - SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTRE (SOC) TRANSFORMATION

Moved: Cr James

Seconded: Cr Luo

MOTION

That Council

1. Approves access to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Contract ICT Professional & Leasing Services (ES8111-2021) for the provision of a Security Operations Centre (SOC) Transformation, under Council Contract No. 2025106 with Onel Consulting Pty Ltd for a fixed lump sum of \$1,836,990 for a five-year contract term with an additional estimated \$85,250 for professional service and \$96,112 (5%) contingency.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or her delegate to execute the contract agreement and
3. Notes that the contract term of five years commencing in June 2025 and expiring in June 2030, with no extension options with a total estimated contract value of \$2,018,352.

CARRIED

7.3.2 INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCILLORS RECORDS

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Luo

MOTION

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

CARRIED

7.3.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION REPORT 2024

Moved: Cr Klisaris

Seconded: Cr Fergeus

MOTION

That Council notes the Victorian Electoral Commissioner's Election Report for Monash City Council resulting from the 2024 Local Government Election.

CARRIED

7.3.4 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET

Moved: Cr Klisaris

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

1. Adopts the Annual Budget 2025/26, as presented, for the purpose of adoption of the annual budget for 2025/26 at its meeting 27 May 2025.
2. Adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges, as detailed in the Annual Budget 2025/26, to be effective from 1 July 2025 (except as otherwise indicated).
3. Applies differential rating using Capital Improved Value (CIV) as the basis of valuation to all rateable land to raise rates by 3.00 per cent in 2025/26.
4. Applies the final confirmation to the valuation data provided by the Valuer General and signed by the Minister in order to comply with Minister's rate cap determination.
5. Recognises that ratepayers receiving pensions should be given assistance to remain in their homes, maintains the Council funded \$50 rate rebate to assist eligible pensioners with their Council rates.
6. Applies a service charge under Section 162 of the Act, Recycling and Waste Charge of \$65 per rateable property; and provide a \$65 rebate under Section 171 of the Local Government Act 1989 for eligible pensioners towards the Recycling and Waste Charge.
7. Endorses that the Rates will be separately levied in respect of each portion of rateable land for which Council has as separation valuation (unless Council has determined a charge in lieu of rate in accordance with the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963).
8. Provides a concession of 60% of the relevant rate for qualifying properties in accordance with the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963 (CRLA).
9. In accordance with Section 167 of the Local Government Act 1989, declares the rates and charges must be paid:
 - a) in a lump sum on or before 16 February 2026 or
 - b) by 4 instalments on or before:

- 30 September 2025
- 01 December 2025
- 02 March 2026
- 01 June 2026 or

c) by 10 instalments on or before:

- 01 September 2025
- 01 October 2025
- 03 November 2025
- 01 December 2025
- 02 January 2026
- 02 February 2026
- 02 March 2026
- 01 April 2026
- 01 May 2026
- 01 June 2026

10. Will apply interest to overdue rates and charges payments in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Act 1989, noting that the rate of the interest is payable on the rates and charges which have not been paid by the dates declared, is fixed in accordance with Section 2 of the Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983.
11. Allows for overdue non-instalment payers, an additional 21 days from the 16 February to pay any overdue rates, before the application of the interest referred to in part 10 of this resolution and
12. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any administration changes as required to the Annual Budget 2025/26 and make final documents available for public inspection.

CARRIED

7.4 City Services

7.4.1 2023048- MOUNT WAVERLEY RESERVE PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT - DESIGN- CONTRACT VARIATION

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Klisaris

MOTION

That Council

1. Approves the contract variation of \$54,288.03 to Contract 2023048 Mount Waverley Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment - Design with Architecture Matters Pty Ltd.
2. Provides a further contingency amount of \$20,000 to cover any further variations to this contract that may be required through the construction phase of the Mt Waverley Reserve Sports Hub projects including Pavilion and Car Park projects (subject to Council approval to fund construction of the car park).
3. Notes that this request for additional contingency is compliant with Council's Contract Variation Delegation Rules as approved by Council on 31 October 2023.
4. Funding for this variation and additional contingency to the Contract totaling \$74,288.03 is available from the overall Mount Waverley Reserve Sports Hub project budget of \$11.037M.

Please Note: All values in this report are GST inclusive unless stated otherwise.

CARRIED

7.4.2 2025079- RECYCLING AND WASTE CENTRE HOOK BIN TRANSPORT CONTRACT

Moved: Cr McCluskey

Seconded: Cr Luo

MOTION

That Council

1. Awards the tender, subject to agreement of conditions of contract and a completed financial check, from Veolia Environmental Services Pty Ltd for Recycling and Waste Centre Hook Bin Transport, Contract No. 2025079 for a schedule of rates-based contract with an estimated contract value of \$951,480 for the initial term and an estimated total contract value of \$1,980,601 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 July 2025, with an initial term of two years and the contract has two extension options of one year each and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve extension options subject to satisfactory performance.
4. Notes that the estimated schedule of rates contract values stated above are based on anticipated spend, inflation and growth.

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

CARRIED

7.4.3 2025090- COLEMAN PDE ROAD REHABILITATION BETWEEN BLACKBURN RD & MYRTLE ST, GLEN WAVERLEY

Moved: Cr Klisaris

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

1. Awards the tender from TDM Earthworks Pty Ltd for Coleman Pde Road Rehabilitation between Blackburn Rd & Myrtle St, Glen Waverley, Contract No. 2025090 for a fixed Lump Sum of \$3,043,947.03 with an extra \$715,000 for Contingencies, \$77,000 for Service Authority Fees and Services and \$12,375 for Provisional Items.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract agreement.
3. Notes that the contract is anticipated to commence on 1 July 2025 and the expected completion date is 23 February 2026 and
4. Notes that the anticipated project expenditure including the fixed Lump Sum, Project Management/Delivery Fees, Design Costs, Service Authority Fees and Charges, and Provisional Items is \$3,364,322.03 with an additional sum of \$715,000 for Contingencies

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

CARRIED

7.5 Chief Executive Officer

RESULTS OF 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

Moved: Cr James

Seconded: Cr Luo

MOTION

That Council notes the findings of the 2025 Monash Community Satisfaction Survey and that specific areas have been identified for further attention or improvement.

CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

Meeting Note:

- Cr Luo declared a Material Conflict of Interest in item 8.1 on the basis that the item relates directly to a reimbursement that Cr Luo had requested under the Reimbursements Policy.
- Cr Luo left the meeting at 7.49pm prior to the discussion of this item.

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION- REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES- CR LUO

Moved: Cr Klisaris

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council approves a reimbursement to Councillor Nicky Luo of \$3,500 for her enrolment in a Diploma of Governance.

CARRIED

Meeting Note:

- Cr Luo returned to the meeting at 7.49pm and did not participate in voting on this item.

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - UPDATE TO FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT POSTU ADMINISTRATIVU DE VEMASSE AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONASH

Moved: Cr Fergeus

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

- 1. Notes that Postu Administrativu (formally known as the Sub-district) De Vemassee has formally appointed a new Administrator, Elda Maria Viegas Sousa Freitas;**
- 2. Authorises the Mayor to execute a new 'Friendship Agreement – between the Postu Administrativu De Vemassee and the Council of the City of Monash to include Elda Maria Viegas Sousa Freitas as an Administrator of Postu Administrativu;**
- 3. Notes that Monash Friends of Vemassee representatives will be attending the 'Friendship Conference 2025' in Dili Timor-Leste, 10-11 July 2025.**

CARRIED

9 URGENT BUSINESS

RESCHEDULING JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Cr Klisaris

Seconded: Cr James

MOTION

That Council admits an Urgent Business item that relates to the date of the June Council meeting, to avoid a clash with Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

CARRIED

9.1 RESCHEDULING JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Cr Klisaris

Seconded: Cr Luo

MOTION

That Council reschedules the June Council Meeting on Tuesday 24 June 2025 to Monday 23 June 2025

CARRIED

10 CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10.1 REPORT OF S223 COMMITTEE- PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE– GLENDALE STREET, GLEN WAVERLEY

Moved: Cr James

Seconded: Cr McCluskey

MOTION

That Council

1. **Receives this report from the Committee established by Council pursuant to Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Committee) to hear any submissions to the proposal to discontinue Glendale Street, Glen Waverley.**
2. **Notes that the Committee met at 6:30 pm on Tuesday 13 May 2025 in the Council Chambers to hear any submissions received in respect of discontinuing Glendale Street, Glen Waverley and that there were no submissions received.**
3. **Accepts the S.223 Committee's recommendation as follows:**
"The Committee resolved to recommend to Council that Council proceed with the discontinuance of the Road."
4. **Given the Committee's recommendation referred to in item 3 above, agrees to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to publish a Notice of Road Discontinuance in the Victoria Government Gazette pursuant to Clause 3(a) of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989.**

CARRIED

11 PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Nil.

12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cr B Little provided comments on:

- Securing financial assistance from the honorable Matt Fregon MP for an electronic Scoreboard at Jordan Reserve.

13 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

13.0 MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Klisaris

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)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 for the reasons specified in the certificates.

CARRIED

The Council moved into Confidential business at 7.53pm.

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL

The Council returned to open Council at 8.04pm.

14 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

MAYOR: .



DATED: 23 June 2025