



MINUTES

**MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON**

TUESDAY 28 JULY 2026

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), A de Silva, J Fergeus, P Klisaris, G Lake, B Little, N Luo, S McCluskey, R Paterson.

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

APOLOGIES

Councillor: C Little.

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr McCluskey Seconded: Cr Lee

MOTION

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

- **Meeting of Council held on 30 June 2026.**

CARRIED

5 RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS, JOINT LETTERS AND MEMORIALS

Moved: Cr James

Seconded: Cr Fergeus

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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

- Fee Structure Review- Brine Street Early Learning Centre (ELC)

CARRIED

Memorial

Cr Fergeus paid tribute to Allan Clausen, former President of Monash Friends of Vemassee, who recently passed away, and acknowledged the significant contribution made by Mr Clausen and his family to the initiative over many years.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor advised that two (2) questions had been received.

Question 1: Dean Hurlston from Hughesdale

- a. Why has the Financial Operational Model Report containing the benefit-cost analysis, 10-year operational model and ROI analysis been withheld in full while Council is being asked to endorse an \$83.708 million project scope?
- b. Will Council publish a redacted copy and the underlying assumptions before community consultation begins, including the attendance, membership, pricing, staffing, energy, maintenance, depreciation, debt and option-comparison calculations?
- c. If not, what precise confidentiality ground is relied upon, and why is partial release of an edited copy not practicable?

The Council provided the following response:

Some MARC operations compete with commercial providers and releasing the information in full could prejudice Council's financial and operating position. Councillors have been provided with relevant information to inform their decision making. This process is still subject to further decision making, and Council will continue to release as much information as appropriate to ensure that the community is also informed. Detailed financial information is considered confidential information within the meaning of section 3(1)(a) and 3(1)(g) of the Local Government Act 2020.

Question 2: Monica Guo from Mulgrave

- a. Will Council consider advocating to the State Government to relax Clause 52.32 of the Victorian Planning Provisions, which requires written consent from all dwelling owners within one kilometre of a proposed household wind turbine? This requirement effectively prevents residential wind energy adoption in urban areas.
- b. Is Council aware of any exemptions or pathways for small-scale (under 10kW) household wind turbines that would not trigger the one-kilometre consent rule, given that the clause explicitly excludes wind energy facilities located in residential zones from certain restrictions?
- c. What assessment has Council made of the feasibility of introducing local planning provisions that would permit small wind turbines in residential zones under specific height and noise conditions, similar to existing solar panel exemptions?

The Council provided the following response:

The establishment of a Wind Energy Facility, such as a wind farm as defined in the Planning Scheme would not be appropriate in an urban Municipality such as Monash.

What you are referring to is likely a small scale wind turbine which has exemptions from planning requirements, if a turbine mainly used to supply electricity for domestic or rural use of the land. A permit may be required however where there is an overlay such as a Heritage Overlay.

If you are planning to install a small scale wind turbine, I suggest you speak to our planning unit who can confirm whether a permit is required. There may also be a building permit required and our Building unit can assist with this. Finally, there may be other requirements such as EPA residential noise regulations that must be complied with dependent on any noise generated.

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 City Development

7.1.1 TOWN PLANNING SCHEDULE

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Lee

MOTION

That Council notes the report containing the Town Planning Schedules.

CARRIED

7.1.2 WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY 2026 REFRESH

Moved: Cr de Silva

Seconded: Cr Fergeus

MOTION

That Council

1. Endorses the draft Walking and Cycling Strategy 2026 Refresh to proceed to community engagement.
2. Receives a report on the outcome of the community engagement process along with a final draft (for adoption) of the Walking and Cycling Strategy Refresh incorporating any changes that arise from the community engagement process.

CARRIED

7.2 Community Services

7.2.1 SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL PLAN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN CONSULTATION

Moved: Cr de Silva

Seconded: Cr Fergeus

MOTION

That Council

1. Endorses the 'Monash Council Submission to the National Plan' to be submitted to the National Plan to *End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-2032* consultation.

CARRIED

7.2.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2026-2030

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Lee

MOTION

That Council

1. Notes the results of community engagement on the draft Economic Development Strategy 2026-2030 detailed in the Community Engagement Summary report.
2. Adopts the Economic Development Strategy 2026-2030.

CARRIED

7.2.3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MAPH COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE CALLED THE MAPH COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Moved: Cr McCluskey Seconded: Cr Lee

MOTION

That Council approves the reappointment of Mr Clive Scott to the Museum of Australian Photography Committee of Management for a term of three years from 31 August 2026 to 31 August 2029 and the appointment of Steven Caddy to the Museum of Australian Photography Committee of Management for a term of three years from 1 June 2026 to 1 June 2029, in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

7.2.4 MONASH AQUATIC & RECREATION CENTRE (MARC) REDEVELOPMENT

Moved: Cr B Little Seconded: Cr Fergeus

MOTION

That Council

1. Approves the Preliminary Concept Design for the redevelopment of the Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre (MARC) as detailed in Attachment A for the purpose of public exhibition and community feedback based on the following recommended project scope and cost estimate of \$83,708,000 excl. GST inclusive of:
 - Best Value Redevelopment Proposition - \$75,760,000 excl. GST
 - Electrification – \$3,538,000 excl. GST
 - New on-grade car parking (120 spaces) - \$3,261,000 excl. GST
 - 500kw PV cells - \$1,149,000 excl. GST
2. Notes that a comprehensive range of redevelopment options for the Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre (MARC) have been investigated and assessed to determine a best-value redevelopment proposition that responds to the findings of the 2019 MARC Needs Assessment and delivers the highest Benefit Cost Ratio and Return on Investment (ROI)
3. Notes that
 - a) Following the public exhibition period for the Preliminary Concept Design, a Community Consultation Report and a final concept plan will be presented to Council for consideration and endorsement
 - b) Subject to Council's endorsement of the final concept plan for the redevelopment of MARC, detailed design will commence in the 2027/28 FY, and construction will occur over the 2029/30 and 2030/31 FYs (i.e. 2 years)

- c) Officers will advocate for external funding to undertake improvements at MARC consistent with the Concept Designs for the redevelopment of MARC

Moved: Cr James

Seconded: Cr Luo

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That Council defers Item 7.2.4 to the August 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

7.3 Corporate Services

7.3.1 2026092 - FINANCIAL PLANNING AND BUDGETING SYSTEM

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Lee

MOTION

That Council

1. Awards the tender from Magiq Software Pty Ltd for the provision of a Financial Planning and Budgeting System, Contract No. 2026092, for a schedule of rates-based contract with an estimated contract value of \$517,361 for the initial term, comprising \$495,361 for system licensing and implementation and an estimated \$22,000 for professional services, and an estimated total contract value of \$1,092,980 inclusive of all available extension options, professional services and a contract contingency of \$100,000.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate to execute the contract agreement (subject to successful contract negotiations).
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve extension options, subject to satisfactory performance.
4. Notes the anticipated contract commencement date of August 2026, with an initial term of five years, a first extension option of three years and a second extension option of two years and
5. Notes that the estimated schedule of rates contract values stated above are based on anticipated future spend and include an allowance for inflation. Further details are provided in the Financial Implications section of this report.

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

CARRIED

7.3.2 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr Luo

MOTION

That Council endorses the minutes of the Monash Audit and Risk Committee meeting of 29 June 2026.

CARRIED

7.3.3 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE 6 MONTHLY REPORT

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr Luo

MOTION

That Council notes the six-monthly briefing report forwarded by Council's Audit and Risk Committee to the Chief Executive Officer that outlines the Committee's activities in relation to the functions of the Committee.

CARRIED

7.3.4 INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCILLORS RECORDS

Moved: Cr McCluskey

Seconded: Cr Luo

MOTION

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

CARRIED

7.3.5 REVIEW OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION UNDER THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987

Moved: Cr Fergeus

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

In the exercise of the powers conferred by s 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Monash City Council (Council) resolves that:

1. The Council officers listed in the Schedule to this report be appointed and authorised as Authorised Officers for the purposes of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, as set out in the Instrument in attachment 1.
2. The Instrument comes into force immediately after it is signed by the Chief Executive Officer and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.
3. Any previous authorisations for the officers listed below are revoked:
 - a) Aurora Jin
 - b) Tyson Parsons

CARRIED

7.3.6 CIVIC SUPPORT FUND POLICY

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr McCluskey

MOTION

That Council

1. Adopts the Civic Support Fund Policy as per Attachment 1.
2. Revokes the Councillor Discretionary Fund Policy and Procedures dated 27 November 2018.

CARRIED

Meeting Note:

- Cr Paterson joined the meeting at 7.13pm.

7.3.7 REVIEW OF PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY POLICY

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Lee

MOTION

That Council

1. **Adopts the Public Transparency Policy as per attachment 1.**
2. **Revokes the previous Public Transparency Policy adopted on 28 July 2020.**

CARRIED

7.4 City Services

7.4.1 2026024: SUBSTATION BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND GENERATOR RELOCATION - GLEN WAVERLEY CIVIC CENTRE

Moved: Cr James

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

1. **Approves additional contingency funds of \$192,835.07 to Contract 2026024 FIMMA Constructions Pty Ltd for Substation Building Construction and Generator Relocation - Glen Waverley Civic Centre.**
2. **Notes that this request for additional contingency funds is compliant with Council's Contract Variation Delegation Rules as approved by Council on 31 October 2023.**
3. **Notes that the increased contract value of \$2,802,682.07 resulting from this pending approval remains within the \$3,000,000 budget allowance for this contract within the overall Civic Precinct Project budget.**

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

CARRIED

7.5 Chief Executive Officer

7.5.1 PRINTING SERVICES PANEL

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council

- 1. Awards the tender from the following tenderers for 2026099 Provision of Print Services, for a schedule of rates-based contract with an estimated annual contract value of up to \$355,000, with an estimated total contract value of \$2,130,000, inclusive of all available extension options:**
 - a) Finsbury Green Pty Ltd**
 - b) Highlight Printing Pty Ltd**
 - c) IVE Group Victoria Pty Ltd**
 - d) Lane Bros Printing Pty Ltd**
 - e) Pixel Perfect Printworks Pty Ltd**
 - f) Precision Mail Pty Ltd**
 - g) PrintGraphics Pty Ltd**
 - h) Southern Impact Pty Ltd**
 - i) The Right Stuff Pty Ltd**
 - j) Valiant Press Pty Ltd;**
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve extension options subject to satisfactory performance.**
- 3. Notes that the anticipated contract commencement date is August 2026, with an initial term of three (3) years, with three (3) separate extension options of one (1) year each and**
- 4. 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 refer to Financial section for more information).**

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

CARRIED

7.5.2 2026 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

Moved: Cr Fergeus

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council notes the findings of the 2026 Monash Community Satisfaction Survey.

CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: VPO TREE REMOVAL DECISIONS

Moved: Cr Fergeus

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council affirms that officers exercise the appropriate delegate decision making powers afforded to them under Council's Instrument of Delegation for all tree removal applications unless an application is called in by a Councillor for consideration at a Council meeting.

LOST

DIVISION

For: Cr James, Cr de Silva and Cr Fergeus

Against: Cr Lee, Cr B Little, Cr Klisaris, Cr Lake, Cr Luo, Cr McCluskey and Cr Paterson

Abstained: Nil

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr McCluskey

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That the speaking time for Cr Lee be extended.

CARRIED

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION: COUNCIL'S DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE FUND APPLICATIONS - JULY 2026

Moved: Cr James

Seconded: Cr McCluskey

MOTION

That Council resolves to approve the following two (2) applications for funding from the Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund in accordance with the guidelines.

APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Waverley Bonsai Group	Partial financial assistance for hall hire fees for Bonsai Exhibition to be held at Mount Waverley Community Centre	\$1000
Australia Bangladesh Association Inc	Partial financial assistance to celebrate Winter Cake Festival (Pitha Mela) to be held at Mulgrave Community Centre.	\$266 (Hall Hire)

CARRIED

9 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

10 CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil.

11 PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Nil.

12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

13 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

13.0 MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr McCluskey

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 certificate.

CARRIED

The Council moved into Confidential Business at 7.31pm.

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL

The Council returned to open Council at 7.32pm.

14 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.32pm.



MAYOR:

DATED: 25 August 2026