



CITY OF  
MONASH

# **MINUTES**

**MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**HELD ON**

**TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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

Officers: A Diamond, J Doake, R Hopkins, P Panagakos, S Ross, A Sapolu, S Wickes, S Candeland, G Budhiraja

### APOLOGIES

Councillor: T Samardzija

Officers: J Robertson, T Shoshan

## 3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Little

Seconded: Cr Luo

### MOTION

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

- **Meeting of Council held on 27 August 2024**
- **Additional Meeting of Council held on 20 August 2024**

**CARRIED**

## 5 RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS, JOINT LETTERS AND MEMORIALS

Nil.

## 6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor advised that two (2) questions had been received and one (1) of the questions has been disallowed.

Question 1: Maria Palatsides from Hughesdale asked:

Can the council provide a simple summary of what the following insurance policies cover, with examples? Additionally, can council specify which of these policies protect the community from Electromagnetic Frequency Radiation from SMART technologies like streetlights and 5G towers approved by councillors? Does the Councillor & Officers Liability insurance protect councillors and the CEO from civil liability for decisions that may unintentionally harm the public, especially when decisions are made without full disclosure of risks (known, unknown, or long-term)?

- Industrial Special Risks (Property & Artworks)
- Public Liability & Professional Indemnity
- Community Liability
- Environmental Impairment Liability

***The Mayor read the following response:***

***A summary of the requested policies are as follows:***

- ***Industrial Special Risks. This insurance covers Council's property and assets.***
- ***Public Liability and Professional Indemnity. This is coverage against claims made against Council relating to property damage, personal injury and breach of professional duty.***
- ***Community Liability. This provides additional public liability and professional indemnity coverage in connection with Council events.***
- ***Environmental Impairment Liability. This is coverage in relation to any loss connected with a pollution incident.***

***There is no policy in Council's portfolio of insurance that expressly provides coverage for Electromagnetic Frequency Radiation.***

***The Councillor and Officers policy does not provide blanket immunity to either the Councillors or CEO for any decision they make in the course of their Council duties.***

At 7.06pm Public Question Time concluded.

## 7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 7.1 City Development

#### 7.1.1 TOWN PLANNING SCHEDULE

Moved: Cr Little

Seconded: Cr Paterson

#### MOTION

That Council notes the report containing the Town Planning Schedules.

**CARRIED**

### 7.2 Community Services

Nil

### 7.3 Corporate Services

#### 7.3.1 INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCILLORS RECORDS

Moved: Cr Little

Seconded: Cr Luo

#### MOTION

That Council notes the informal meetings of Councillors record.

**CARRIED**

#### 7.3.2 DRAFT 2023/24 FINANCIAL REPORT AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

Moved: Cr Zographos

Seconded: Cr Little

#### MOTION

That Council

1. Notes the draft City of Monash 2023/24 Annual Financial Statements, Performance Statement and Governance and Management checklist (the Statements) prepared in Accordance with the Local Government Act 2020;

2. Notes the 12 September 2024 recommendation of Council’s Audit & Risk Committee in relation to the Statements;
3. Adopts the Statements ‘in principle’ prior to them being provided to the Victorian Auditor-General’s Office for audit sign off;
4. Nominates the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to certify the Statements in their final form; and
5. Authorises the nominated Councillors and Officers to accept any further recommended changes to the Statements by the Victorian Auditor-General’s Office.

CARRIED

### 7.3.3 INSURANCE RENEWAL FY24/25

Moved: Cr Paterson      Seconded: Cr Little

#### MOTION

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

## 7.4 City Services

### 7.4.1 2024195 MOUNT WAVERLEY RESERVE CRICKET NET AND MAINTENANCE SHED CONSTRUCTION

Moved: Cr Paterson      Seconded: Cr Little

#### MOTION

That Council:

1. Awards the tender from SJM Turf and Civil Pty Ltd for Mount Waverley Reserve Cricket Net and Maintenance Shed Construction, Contract No. 2024195 for the fixed Lump Sum of 1,087,803.14 with an extra \$165,000 for Contingencies;
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract agreement;
3. Notes that the contract is anticipated to commence on 1 November 2024 and the expected completion date is mid-February 2025 with a further 12-week establishment period; and
4. Notes that the anticipated project expenditure including the fixed Lump Sum and Project Management / Delivery Fees is \$1,142,803.14 with a further allocation of \$165,000 for Contingencies.

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

CARRIED

## **7.5 Chief Executive Officer**

Nil

## **8 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## **9 URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

## **10 CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Nil

## **11 PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS**

Nil

## **12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cr De Silva provided comments on:

- The significance of democracy following the recent elections in Sri Lanka

Cr Zographos provided comments on:

- Sir John Monash Awards Ceremony
- MAV Annual Conference and Dinner
- Clayton Chinese Friendship Association

## **13 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

## **14 MEETING CLOSURE**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.17pm

**MAYOR:**  .....

**DATE: 22 October 2024**