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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 16 September 2024

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



English

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Arabic

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Greek

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Hindi

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Italian

Questo è il verbale della riunione del Comune. Per assistenza con qualsiasi punto del verbale, si prega di chiamare il numero 8470 8888.

Macedonian

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Nepali

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Punjabi

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Somali

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Urdu

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Vietnamese

Đây là những Biên bản Họp Hội đồng Thành phố. Muốn có người trợ giúp mình về bất kỳ mục nào trong biên bản họp, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 8470 8888.

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that the recording would be made available on Council's website.

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Cr. Susanne Newton (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Tim Laurence (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis – 6.03pm

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tom Hannan

Cr. Trent McCarthy – 6.02pm

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams – 6.03pm

Council Officers

Peter Smith - Chief Executive Officer

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager Infrastructure, Operations and Finance

Enna Giampiccolo - Acting General Manager Customer and Corporate

Valli Morphett - Acting General Manager Community

Chad Griffiths - Acting General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Srini Krishan – Chief Financial Officer

Felicity Walsh - Interim Manager Governance and Communications

Jody Brodribb - Coordinator Governance Services

Monitors

June Anstee

Ross Millard

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton, opened the meeting with the following statement:

I would like to start by acknowledging the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past and present, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture.

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton, then made a statement on behalf of Council to recognise and thank Peter Smith, CEO for his service over the past 2 years.

Mr Smith thanked the Chairperson, councillors and staff.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Peter Smith, CEO declared an interest in confidential item 13.2 – Appointment of Interim CEO.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-146

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 August 2024 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 5 September 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton, made the following statement:

Council has an occupational health and safety responsibility to ensure anyone attending tonight's meeting, feels safe both physical and emotionally.

I would like to remind everyone in attendance to be respectful of each other, and as outlined in our Governance Rules, please note the following:

- *A Councillor or any other person who addresses a Meeting must do so in a courteous and respectful manner and must take direction from the Chairperson whenever called on to do so.*
- *Any member of the public physically attending a Meeting must not utter any offensive, indecent, insulting, or objectionable item or words, including words that are racist, sexist or homophobic, or interject or gesticulate offensively in the Council Chamber.*
- *Silence must be preserved by the gallery at all times during a Meeting (other than by a person in the gallery who is invited to address the Meeting).*
- *If any member of the public engages in conduct that is improper or disorderly, the Chairperson may direct that person to cease their conduct and the person must comply with that direction*

7. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Bianca Haven**

1. Which Councillors marched in the Midsumma Pride March this year in support of the LGBTIQ+ community?
2. Could Council please provide an update on the development of its Community Flag Schedule and when this will be presented to Council?
3. When will stage 2 community engagement on the draft LGBTIQ+ Action Plan commence?

Response from Acting General Manager Community

1. Thank you very much for your questions, Bianca. Due to the proximity to the election, we can't publicly advise which Councillors attended the march, as this would constitute electoral matter. However, I can share that if you refer to the meeting minutes for the 25 March 2024 meeting, that meeting will feature the response to your question.
2. The Community Flag Policy is in development and will also include a draft Community Flag schedule that will be presented to the new Council.
3. The findings from stage one of community engagement are informing the development of an LGBTIQ+ Action Plan. The findings, draft Action Plan and stage 2 community engagement dates will be presented to the new Council in 2025.

- **John Nugent**

1. Mayor, as your officers advised at the last Council Meeting, they don't have the new performances subsidies of fees policy ready to come in effect from 1/7/24. Mayor this means that junior and disability clubs have to pay Council excessive amounts to the Council which also discriminates against these clubs. Has council now got a new policy completed? What can Council do to recompensate junior and disability club, for something not their fault? How many Councillors have managed a junior club?
2. Mayor, last Council Meeting I asked the question on what consultants' costs were for the last financial year. Mayor in the reply I was advised consultants are used in a wide range of special skills – one was in engineering. What was the project? Did this project go out tender? Who decided to get consultants in? Who was responsible for awarding this contract?
3. Mayor, I have very little faith in this Council to deliver anything on time. Nearly 2 years ago I asked the question, when will Council bring back a ratepayer can come to a Council meeting and ask a question from the floor without the question being vetted as yet nothing has happened? Also, for the question regarding flag policy, again nothing has happened. I have been told a flag policy was being developed and at the last meeting an officer advised me they would write to me and advise what Council meals cost before Council Meetings? Mayor – As you now been shown, your Council doesn't deliver to the city. Mayor, what are you going to improve your Council delivering of services?

Response from Acting General Manager Community

1. Thank you for these questions. Council endorsed a minor update to the *Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement Policy* on 14 August 2024 to align with the State Government's Fair Access Policy Roadmap to deliver gender equitable access to publicly owned community sports infrastructure and level the playing field for women and girls.

On 29 April 2024, Council endorsed the continuation of the current Performance Subsidy Program and a wholistic review of the *Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement Policy* in 2025, which will include consultation with sporting clubs and with a view to adjust the performance subsidy criteria to incentivise diverse participation more strongly.

As outlined previously, junior clubs are eligible to participate in the current Performance Subsidy Program which does have a criteria relating to junior teams and encouraging and rewarding participation by people with a disability.

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

2. We don't have an available breakdown of all projects where engineering consultants have been used in the last year across the organisation. Typically we use engineering consultants for highly specialised skills such as structural engineering or geotechnical or if an independent 'peer review' is warranted on a high risk issue. I may be able to answer at another time a more specific question about a particular project or facility.

The rules we follow about tendering are set out in Council's procurement policy – large projects go to tender, many medium and smaller projects go through a competitive request for quotation process, and some very small projects may be directly appointed.

The question about whether to use consultants is considered by the Project Manager in consultation with their Manager and for larger projects the Department Manager or General Manager, and the decision is made by the officer with the appropriate financial delegation for the financial value of the contract in question.

Awarding contracts is done based on the financial value of the contract and the decision is made by the officer with the appropriate financial delegation and usually with the advice from an evaluation panel if we are talking about a tender.

Response from General Manager Customer & Corporate

3. Thank you for the questions John. Firstly, in regard to your question you had about community members' ability to ask questions from the floor, this is not currently permitted under the Governance Rules. We can advise that the Governance Rules will be reviewed with the new Council, and there will be an opportunity for public submissions and suggestions as part of that engagement process.

Average cost of meals at Council and Council Briefing meetings is \$950 per meeting, which includes catering for Councillors, executive officers, presenters, staff and guests. Caterers are all local or social enterprise suppliers.

You did direct some questions to the Mayor, and under the Governance Rules, we can't permit questions that are directed to one individual Councillor.

- **Ben Hjorth**

1. At the last ordinary meeting, in response to my question about the "open tender process" for the two tenders which were kept confidential previously, the then-Acting CEO said "hearing your question tonight about when will the tender be released, I can say I would expect that to be pretty soon and we publish tenders on our website. I haven't specifically asked the team about that timing in the lead up to today so it would

be something I would need to check." Can we get an update on the publication of the two tenders? I do not see them on the website, please clarify what these are, and what the timeline will be for each stage of the tender process.

2. Can either Council officers or Councillors please clarify why the Acting CEO is now a different Council officer, how and why was this change made?

Response from General Manager Infrastructure Operations & Finance

1. The two tenders were advertised on our website in the tenders section, which is where all our tenders are advertised. The team have advised that they were open from 23 August to 13 September, which I note means they opened just prior to the last Council meeting. Submissions have been received and are being evaluated using the procurement approach Council decided at its 14 August meeting.

One of the tenders is expected to be within CEO delegation as its value would be less than \$1million, therefore following evaluation a decision would be made at roughly the end October. The other tender is expected to be of a size that means it would be a Council decision at a Council Meeting, and therefore we are expecting a report with the evaluation panel's advice, will be put to Council at a Council meeting for decision. This is currently anticipated in December 2024.

I know you have asked what category the procurement belongs to, however due to the proximity to the election, I'm unable to answer this question in this forum – as it is likely to be viewed as electoral matter. However, I will arrange for the Governance Team to share the information with you privately.

Response from General Manager Customer & Corporate

2. Thank you for the question Ben. The Chief Executive Officer appoints acting CEO's for periods up to 28 days as operational needs require and to manage any potential conflicts of interest.

6.24pm – Peter Smith, CEO left the meeting and returned at 6.25pm.

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

9.1 DRAFT 2023-24 FINANCIAL REPORT AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the section 98 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), Council is required to prepare an annual report in respect of each financial year. This must contain the following:

- A report of operations of the Council, including a statement of progress on implementation of the Council Plan, which includes the results of strategic indicators; a statement of progress in relation to major initiatives identified in the budget or revised budget; the prescribed indicators of service performance for the services provided by the Council; and any other information prescribed by the regulations.
- An audited Performance Statement containing the prescribed indicators of service performance, the prescribed indicators of financial performance, the prescribed indicators of sustainability performance and any other information prescribed by the regulations.
- Audited Financial Statements including any other information prescribed by the regulations and prepared in accordance with the regulations.
- A copy of the Auditor's report on the financial statements under Part 3 of the Audit Act 1994;
- Any other matters prescribed by the regulations.

The Act requires that the annual report be reported to Council within four (4) months of the end of the financial year. Council is required to pass a resolution giving approval in principle to each of the Statements and authorise two Councillors to certify each of the Statements after any changes recommended, or agreed to, by the auditor have been made.

Regulations 21 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 (the Regulations), specify that the Financial Report must be certified by the Principal Accounting Officer, two Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer, prior to the Auditor-General signing the audit report.

To assist Council in approving in principle the Financial Reports and Performance Statement for year ended 30 June 2024, the Audit Committee review the draft Statements with the benefit of comments by Council management and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office representative. The Audit Committee, after it is satisfied with comments of Council management and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office representative, should then make a recommendation to Council to adopt in principle each of the statements for the year ended 30 June 2024. The statements are to be presented to Council's Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting on 16 September 2024 prior to consideration of this report at the Ordinary Council meeting on the same date. A verbal update will be provided at the Ordinary Council meeting to share the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee.

The Financial Report and the Performance Statement provide, as part of the annual report, a transparent account of Council's operations in line with good governance. The annual report forms part of a comprehensive public accountability process and reporting that includes:

- The Council Plan
- The Annual Budget

- Internal and External Audit; and
- The Annual Report.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-147

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council, in accordance with the recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee, and having considered Council's draft Financial Reports, Performance Statements, VAGO Final Management Letter, VAGO Closing Report and Management Representation Letter for 2023-24, at **Appendices A, B, C, D** and **E** respectively to this report:

- (1) Notes the recommendation from the Audit and Risk Committee that Council approve 'in principle' the Annual Financial Report and the Annual Performance Statement ended 30 June 2024; and that the Council resolution include the authorisations provided for at points (3), (4), (6) and (7).
- (2) Approves in principle the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 as per **Appendix A** to this report.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to make any non-material changes to the Annual Financial Report and the Annual Performance Statement that may arise from the completion of audit and internal review procedures.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, Councillor Tom Hannan and Councillor Lina Messina to certify the Financial Reports in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.
- (5) Approves in principle the Performance Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 as per **Appendix B** to this report.
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, Councillor Tom Hannan and Councillor Lina Messina to certify the Performance Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.
- (7) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to forward the Annual Financial Report and the Annual Performance Statement to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council:

- ratify a \$1,630,000 funding application to the Federal Government's Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream (CEIS) of the Housing Support Program (HSP) made by officers on 16 August 2024, and
- in the event this funding application is successful, authorise the CEO to enter into contract with the Federal Government to receive this grant.

Council ratification of the application submission and authorisation to enter into contract with the Federal Government to receive funding is required because the project cost exceeds the financial delegation of the CEO.

On 16 August 2024, officers submitted a grant application through the Australian Government's Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream (CEIS) of the Housing Support Program (HSP) for the Breavington Way / Separation Street, Northcote signalisation.

The proposed project has a budget of \$1,630,000 and the application seeks Federal Government funding for 100 per cent of the cost of the project.

The project involves the signalisation of the intersection, with dedicated turning lanes and pedestrian crossing facilities. This intersection is eligible for the grant program as it will improve pedestrian safety and amenity that supports intensification of the Northcote Major Activity Centre (MAC).

To be eligible for the funding, the project must commence no later than 31 January 2025 and be complete by 30 June 2026.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-148

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Notes that on 16 August 2024 officers made a funding application to the federal Housing Support Program in accordance with **Appendix A**.
- (2) Ratifies the Housing Support Program funding application made by officers in accordance with **Appendix A**.
- (3) Notes that, if the funding application is successful, the works will be fully funded by the grant and budgeted for and proceed in accordance with the costings and delivery timeline outlined in **Appendix A**.
- (4) Authorises the CEO to enter into a contract with the Federal Government to receive a \$1,630,000 grant for the purpose of delivering the Breavington Way / Separation Street, Northcote signalisation project, in the event that Council's 16 August 2024 Housing Support Program grant application is successful.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 GOVERNANCE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Summary of attendance at Advisory Committees Meetings, Councillor Briefings, and other informal meetings of Councillors.
- Activity Reports by Mayor and Councillors.
- Change to mode of October Council Meeting.
- Review of S6 Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-149

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – September 2024.
- (2) Notes the Summary of attendance at Advisory Committees Meetings, Councillor Briefings, and other informal meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Notes that the activity reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
- (4) Notes that the Council Meeting scheduled on 21 October 2024 will be a fully virtual meeting, commencing at 6pm.
- (5) In the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation, resolves:
 - a) To delegate to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the officers or positions referred to in the '*Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff (S6)*' (**Appendix B**) the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.
 - b) Adopts and affixes Council's Common Seal to the following Instrument of Delegation provided as an attachment to this report:
 - Instrument of Delegation from Council to members of Council Staff (S6) (**Appendix B**).
 - That this instrument come into force immediately the Common Seal of Council is affixed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTIVITY REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS – 16 SEPTEMBER 2024**REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON, MAYOR**

Cr. Newton reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities

- Darebin Community Awards including Darebin Citizen of the Year award - speech and handing out awards
- Meeting with Lecturer in Transport Planning, about e-scooters
- Darebin special Audit and Risk Committee meeting
- Ganesh Utsav festival - speech
- Launch of dSCRIBE: Issue 17 and the announcement of the Darebin Mayor's Writing Awards - speech and handing out awards.
- Ganbu Gulin 2024 - speech
- Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) The Gala Dinner & Councillor Service Awards
- Interim CEO Recruitment process and appointment of temporary independent chair to the Employment Matters Committee
- Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum - Monthly meeting
- Introduction to the CEO at Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia
- Meeting with Kinetic Bus Company
- Lunch and farewell for outgoing CEO Peter Smith
- Tour of workshop/studio and meeting with representative from A Blanck Canvas
- Meeting with representative of Good Cycles re e-scooters and e-bikes
- Planning Committee meeting
- Meeting with CEO Peter Smith and Northcote MP Kat Theophanous
- Darebin Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations - speech
- Metropolitan Transport Forum AGM
- Meeting and test ride with Ario e-scooters
- Preston Activity Centre Community Reference Group meeting
- Weekly Councillor Briefing Sessions
- Interview with Errol Hayden (La Trobe Uni student) about e-Scooters
- Annual Youth Concerto Competition of the Preston Symphony Orchestra - speech and handing prizes to winners
- Launch of the Northern Innovation and Sustainability Precinct (NISP)
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
- The Million Dollar Podcast interview
- Guide Dogs Victoria Campus Opening with Minister Bill Shorten
- Friends of Peters Reserve 20 year anniversary celebrations - speech
- Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) event: Violence against women and domestic and family violence - a discussion and information session - welcome speech

- Joy FM interview about e-scooters
- Preston Garden Club 90th Birthday - speech and cake-cutting
- Darebin Community Awards Selection Committee
- La Trobe University Ideas & Society Program: Domestic Violence: Why? What is to be done?
- Meeting with Lauren Narlock from Lime Scooters
- Local Government transport briefing Lee Waters MS & AITPM (The Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management Ltd)

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

Cr. Messina did not submit an activity report.

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

Cr. Greco did not submit an activity report.

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Cr. Laurence reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Council meeting
- Councillor briefings
- Planning meeting
- Consultation with residents on various issues of maintenance and planning in Bundoora, Macleod, Kingsbury and Reservoir

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

Cr. Williams did not submit an activity report.

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

Cr. Rennie reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Council meeting
- Special Council meeting x 2
- Council briefings
- CEO employment matters meetings x 3
- CEO matters interviews for interim CEO
- Planning meeting
- Gender Equity Advisory Committee meeting

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

Cr. McCarthy reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Darebin Community Awards - MC
- Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Annual Conference
- Lunch and Farewell for Outgoing CEO Peter Smith
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Council Briefings
- Pre-Council Meetings
- Merri Merri Wayi Steering Committee Meeting
- Special Council Meeting
- M9 Meeting
- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Executive Meeting
- Darebin Education Network Meeting

REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS

Cr. Dimitriadis reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Attended Council briefings.
- Attended Official Council meeting.
- Attended Darebin Community Awards
- Attended Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) event: Violence Against Women and Domestic and Family Violence - a discussion and information session
- Attended Greek Family Story Time at Northcote Library
- Attended Art for All annual art show at Fairfield Primary School
- Visited West Preston Soccer Club at HLT Oulton Park
- Attended Darebin Parklands planting day – Community Park Care Day

REPORT OF CR. TOM HANNAN

Cr. Hannan reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Contact (phone / online) with residents and businesses about their concerns, e.g., parking restrictions, storm water drainage, Merri Common upgrades, building standards.
- Farewell to CEO
- Ganbu Gulin event
- Friends of Peters Reserve 20-year anniversary event
- Darebin Welcoming Cities Reference Group
- CEO Employment Matters Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee

- Councillor briefings
- Meetings with Mayor
- Planning Committee meeting
- Ordinary Council meeting
- Special Council meeting

**9.4 PROPERTY MATTERS - SALE OF MINOR ASSETS - 6
TASMAN STREET AND 5 BISCHOFF STREET, PRESTON**

This matter was withdrawn from the agenda and will be presented to Council at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends completion of the statutory procedures for the sale of a discontinued road adjoining 6 Tasman Street and 5 Bischoff Street, Preston, shown in Figure 1 in **Appendix A**.

This report recommends Council endorse the sale, having given public notice of a proposal to sell the land to the owners of 6 Tasman Street and 5 Bischoff Street, Preston, by private treaty in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy May 2022.

Officer Recommendation

Sale of discontinued road between 6 Tasman Street and 5 Bischoff Street, Preston**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to sell the discontinued road between 6 Tasman Street and 5 Bischoff Street, Preston, and having received no written and verbal submissions regarding the proposal:

- (1) Directs that the land from the road shown in Figure 1 in **Appendix A**, be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with section 206 and clause 3(b) of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989 and section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy May 2022.
- (2) Directs that the title for the discontinued road shown in Figure 1 in **Appendix A**, be transferred from Council.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining property by private treaty in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy May 2022.
- (4) Directs that the sale of the former road will not affect any right, power or interest held by Melbourne Water and Darebin City Council, in the roads in connection with any pipes under the control of Melbourne Water and Darebin City Council in or near the roads.

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

13. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

CLOSE OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-150

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That in accordance with section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the meeting be closed to members of the public to consider the following items on the basis that these matters are confidential for the following reasons :

13.1 Response to process change proposed by Melbourne Water

This item is confidential because it is land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values and legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies, pursuant to Section 3(1) (c) and (e) of the Act.

It summarises elements of legal advice that Council may rely on in future and relates to land use planning that could result in speculation if released early.

13.2 Appointment of Interim CEO

This item is confidential because it is personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs, pursuant to Section 3(1) (f) of the Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 6.48pm.

The Council considered and resolved on Confidential Report Items 13.1 and 13.2 which had been circulated to Councillors with the Council Agenda Paper.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-151

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That the meeting be re-opened to the members of the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 7.41pm.

14. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 7.41pm.

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