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Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 29 June 2026
Commencing at 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Hobsons Bay Civic Centre
115 Civic Parade, Altona



HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 29 June 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present

Chairperson

Cr Diana Grima (Mayor)	Altona Meadows Ward

Councillors

Cr Daria Kellander	Altona Ward
Cr Rayane Hawli	Altona North Ward
Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson	Laverton Ward
Cr Kristin Bishop	Spotswood Ward
Cr Lisa Bentley (Deputy Mayor)	Williamstown Ward
Cr Michael Disbury	Williamstown North Ward

Officers

Phu Nguyen	Chief Executive Officer
Olivia Barry	Director Corporate Services
Hector Gaston	Director Sustainable Communities
Jake Trevaskis	Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services
Marlo Emmitt	Interim Manager Corporate Integrity
Ilker Destan	Coordinator Governance
Howard Niklas	Governance and Business Support Officer

Other

John Tanner AM	Municipal Monitor

Apologies

Other

Rebecca McKenzie	Municipal Monitor

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1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

The Chair welcomed members of the public and acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways.

2 Apologies and Leaves of Absence

The Chair advised that no apologies had been received.

3 Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Motion

That Council confirms the open and confidential minutes of the Council meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on Tuesday 26 May 2026.

Moved: Cr Bentley

Seconded: Cr Kellander

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, and Cr Keys-Macpherson

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5 Public Question Time

The Chair advised that Council had received 12 questions from members of the public.

Questions regarding the removal of vegetation between Maddox and Ross Road

Amelia

Q When were council officers briefed by LXR on the proposed shared user path between Maddox and Ross Road that included the complete removal of all vegetation in the wildlife corridor?

A The Level Crossing Removal Project is a State Government Project. Council's briefing was limited to aspects of the proposed shared user path between Maddox Road and Ross Road, including the need to lower a section of drainage infrastructure. Council officers were not briefed by LXRP on the removal of vegetation within the rail corridor.

Council understands the community's concern with the loss of vegetation in this area. When councillors and officers first became aware of the project, officers raised these concerns with LXRP and sought to have the vegetation retained where possible. LXRP subsequently advised that the vegetation removal was required due to project constraints, including drainage requirements and limited available space within the rail corridor.

Council also communicated with nearby residents to explain the reasons provided for the vegetation removal and also to acknowledge the concerns raised by the community.

Q When did Hobsons Bay City Council officers brief councillors about the SUP and mass removal of vegetation?

A The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Ward Councillor became aware of the proposed tree removals following a resident email sent on Monday 11 May, which was also sent to Council's customer service inbox. The matter was noted at a high level during the Councillor Briefing Session on Tuesday 12 May, with officers confirming they would engage with LXRP to better understand the need for the removals and seek to minimise impacts where possible.

LXRP later advised that, due to flooding risks and site constraints within the rail corridor, the trees at the ends of Lloyd, Sydney and Port Streets needed to be removed to enable construction of the shared user path. Council understands the community's concern about the loss of these trees and continues to engage with LXRP and nearby residents on replacement planting and landscaping for the area.

LXRP has advised that replacement planting and landscaping will form part of the project. Council and some nearby residents are actively engaging with them on this matter.

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Questions regarding BayFit Leisure Centre

Brendan Murphy

Q **Thank you to Hobson Bay City Council and our community leaders for providing BayFit. BayFit was a place where Aunty Lil taught me how to swim. BayFit truly saved my life in my time of need.**

To honour Hobson Bay City Council and the community would you please accept BHV Olive Tree as a gesture of Hope, Peace and Fruitful relationship/ partnership between us?

A On behalf of Hobsons Bay City Council, thank you for your very thoughtful and generous gift.

We are honoured to accept this olive tree as a symbol of hope, peace and a fruitful partnership between Council and our community. We will work closely with you to identify an appropriate location for the tree to be planted, where it can serve as a lasting reminder of the positive impact that community facilities and meaningful connections can have on people's lives.

Q **Would Hobson Bay City Council and the community value "Aunty Lil's Gym and Pool Hub"?**

A Council engages industry specialist BlueFit to manage the day-to-day operations of both the Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre and BayFit Leisure Centre. This includes programming opportunities which meet the needs of the community. Council officers are happy to assist in facilitating meetings with BlueFit management to discuss the merits of introducing new programs, including the suitability of an Aunty Lil's Pool and Gym Hub program.

Questions regarding the Sports and Recreation Allocations Fees and Charges Policy

Combined questions from Kathleen Englefield (KE), Anmaree Iaccarino (AI) and David Jamieson (DJ)

Q **KE: Is the major reason the council is proposing to increase sporting and recreation club fees by overall 130% because other councils in the region charge more than Hobsons Bay City Council? Why is this a good reason to increase Hobsons Bay club fees?**

Q **AI: If the proposed new Sports and Recreation Allocations Fees and Charges Policy is not simply about revenue raising why not introduce the new policy but leave the fees the same?**

Q **AI: Was the "WHAT WE HEARD" report assessing feedback on the Sports and Recreation Allocations Fees and Charges Policy prepared by the same officers**

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who have written the policy or was it assessed by an independent person. If it was not prepared by an independent person how do we know it is accurate?

Q **DJ: Same issue obviously, in the report "WHAT WE HEARD" it is stated that almost half of the respondents thought the fee structure was "Very Fair" or "Fair". This means the majority did not support the fee increase of the 130% yet this was basically dismissed. Why? Is this a biased assessment?**

Q **DJ: The council report regarding the Sports and Recreation Allocations Fees and Charges Policy states that it is proposing a "modest" increase in fees. It refers to changing the total cost of maintenance from 97% to 93% of the cost to council. However, the fees to be charged to clubs represents an overall increase of 130%. This is not "modest". Nowhere in the report is this highlighted or discussed. Is this a deception and misleading?**

Consolidated response

A. Benchmarking against neighbouring councils has informed the review, but it is not the primary driver for the proposed changes. Council's current fees and charges framework has not been comprehensively reviewed for many years and no longer provides a consistent, equitable or transparent basis for allocating fees across sporting facilities.

The proposed policy aims to establish a fairer and more consistent approach by aligning fees with factors such as facility type and quality, Council's level of investment, and ongoing maintenance costs. Benchmarking serves only as a reference point to understand relative subsidy levels, which remain among the highest in the region.

Council currently recovers approximately $88,500 annually in club fees while spending over $3 million on maintenance, alongside more than $75 million in capital upgrades since 2018. Even under the proposed changes, Council will continue to subsidise around 93% of costs, representing a very high level of support for community sport.

The policy is not simply about increasing fees, but addressing long-standing inconsistencies where clubs pay differing amounts for comparable access. It seeks to improve equity, transparency and long-term financial sustainability while continuing to support participation outcomes.

Extensive engagement has informed the draft policy, including workshops with the Sports Advisory Group and consultation with all sporting clubs. Feedback has been incorporated into the revised draft, with outcomes summarised in the "What We Heard" report.

The report does not advocate for a particular outcome but presents consultation findings to inform Council's decision-making. When asked how supportive clubs were of the proposed policy, 45% answered neutral, 35% strongly support or support the policy and 20% do not support or strongly oppose it.

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The description of a “modest” change reflects a reduction in Council’s subsidy from 97% to 93%. From a club perspective, this equates to an increase in contributions from 3% to 7% across the board (approximately 130%). Both figures are accurate, representing different ways of expressing the same change. While the recovery across the board may increase by approximately 130%, each club’s allocation fee will be set depending on the category of facility they utilise and their requested hours of use.

Ultimately, the proposed policy seeks to balance maintaining a high level of subsidy with achieving a more equitable, consistent and sustainable framework for sporting facility fees.

Questions regarding the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club redevelopment

Josephine Cafagna

Q Can Council confirm that it is reconsidering its unilateral decision to hand over up to 23 public car parking spaces to the Lifesaving club for its controversial redevelopment proposal?

A The proposed allocation of parking associated with the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club redevelopment has not been determined by Council. The proposal, including the potential impact on public parking, forms part of the traffic and parking assessment currently being considered through the independent planning process being undertaken by the Department of Transport and Planning.

Council acknowledges community concerns regarding parking within the foreshore precinct. Should the redevelopment proceed, Council will consider the findings of the planning process, together with the broader management of parking and access in the area, before making any decisions regarding public parking arrangements.

Paul Austin

Q This is the Budget meeting of Council, so I have a question relating to the Budget for the proposed redevelopment of the Williamstown lifesaving club.

Council officers told the November 2025 Council meeting that the current budget allocation for the lifesaving club redevelopment was $14.5 million. But Council officers told the September meeting that the current estimated cost of the proposed redevelopment was $16.6 million – so there was a funding shortfall of more than $2 million.

Can Council please update the public on the current budget allocation for the lifesaving club redevelopment, and the current estimated cost of the project – and can Council guarantee it will not use any further ratepayer funds to plug that funding shortfall?

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A The total current budget allocation for the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club redevelopment is $14.529 million, which spans multiple financial years. This includes an $11.349 million Victorian Government grant, a $3 million Council contribution and a $180,000 contribution from the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club.

The current estimated cost of the redevelopment is $16.6 million. If the proposed design is approved and progresses, this estimate may be further refined through detailed design and ultimately through a public tender process. The final project cost will not be known until procurement has been completed.

To support delivery within the available budget, the design and quantity surveyor estimate includes a range of project options that can be considered as the project progresses.

Any variation to the capital budget allocation would require a decision from Council.

Q. The original funding agreement for redevelopment of the Williamstown lifesaving club stated that the public money was to redevelop BOTH the clubrooms and the pool. Council has since changed the funding agreement, so the money no longer goes to the pool.

My question is, why did Council decide to spend this public money on a members-only gym, an entertainment venue, and a big new bar and balcony which has nothing to do with lifesaving – instead of spending some of the money on the pool and therefore on swim-safety and learn-to-swim facilities for the Hobsons Bay community?

A The Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club redevelopment has been designed to support the club's lifesaving, training, education, administration and member activities, consistent with Life Saving Victoria's Facility of the Future guidelines. This includes spaces that support member fitness and training, which are important to maintaining readiness for emergency response, as well as areas for club operations and community-based lifesaving education.

The project scope is guided by the funding agreement between the Victorian Government and Council and is supported by Life Saving Victoria. The existing swimming pool will remain in operation and will continue to support swim safety and learn-to-swim operations for the Hobsons Bay community.

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6 Petitions and Joint Letters

6.1 Petitions and Joint Letters Received

6.1.1 Petition: Techno Park Drive Street Numbering

Purpose

To receive a written petition containing 26 signatories requesting that Council immediately suspend their proposed readdressing of Techno Park Drive Street Numbering

Motion

That Council:

1. **Receives and notes the petition in relation to Techno Park Drive Street Numbering.**
2. **Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

Moved: Cr Disbury

Seconded: Cr Kellander

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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Motion

That Council suspend standing orders to permit Mr Brendan Murphy to read his public questions and to formally receive, on behalf of Council and the Hobsons Bay community, the gift of an olive tree from Mr Brendan Murphy.

Moved: Cr Keys-Macpherson

Seconded: Cr Kellander

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

Standing orders were suspended at 7:24pm.

Brendan Murphy was invited to read his public questions in person and present his gift of an olive tree as a symbol of hope, peace and a fruitful partnership between Council and our community.

Motion

That Council resumes standing orders.

Moved: Cr Keys-Macpherson

Seconded: Cr Kellander

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

Standing orders resumed at 7:29pm.

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7 Officer Reports

7.1 Statutory Planning

7.1.1 Planning Permit Application PA250343 – 55 Wren Street, Altona

Purpose

To decide planning permit application PA250343 which has met one of the delegation thresholds requiring the application to be referred to Council for a decision. In this case, the application meets the threshold of 15 or more individual objections received.

Motion

That Council:

1. **Notes that a Planning Information evening and a Hearing of Submissions Committee as held for this matter.**

2. **Issues a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit to Planning Application PA250343 at 55 Wren St Altona for the construction of seven three-storey dwellings and the alteration (removal) of access to a road in a Transport Zone 2 subject to the conditions contained in the Draft Notice of Decision in Attachment 3.**

3. **Delegates the authority to settle any matter before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) which may arise to the Council's Manager Planning, Building and Health Services and Coordinator Urban Planning.**

Moved: Cr Keys-Macpherson

Seconded: Cr Hawli

Outcome: Carried

For: Cr Bishop, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Keys-Macpherson

Against: Cr Bentley, Cr Disbury, Cr Kellander

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7.2 Matters for Decision

7.2.1 Recognition of Hobsons Bay Residents Awarded King's Birthday Honours 2026

Purpose

To formally recognise and acknowledge Hobsons Bay residents Michael John Crosbie OAM, Elizabeth Fiona Sampson PSM and Jason Heffernan AFSM, for receiving 2026 King's Birthday Honours.

Motion

That Council acknowledges and congratulates Michael John Crosbie OAM, Elizabeth Fiona Sampson PSM and Jason Heffernan AFSM for receiving 2026 King's Birthday Honours.

Moved: Cr Bentley

Seconded: Cr Hawli

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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7.2.2 Stage 2 Broader Annual Budget Community Consultation and Engagement

Purpose

To formally receive the Stage 2 Broader Annual Budget Community Consultation and Engagement report following the exhibition process for the Draft Annual Budget 2026-27 Summary.

Motion

That Council, having given public notice of the preparation of the Draft Annual Budget 2026-27 Summary in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy 2023:

1. **Receives the Stage 2 Broader Annual Budget Community Consultation and Engagement report following the public exhibition period for the Draft Annual Budget 2026-27 Summary.**

2. **Notes that the feedback received was considered in finalising the Annual Budget 2026-27.**

Moved: Cr Kellander

Seconded: Cr Bentley

Point of Order

Cr Hawli raised a point of order in accordance with Council's Governance Rules, on the grounds that Cr Bentley was not speaking to the motion. Cr Bentley accepted this and concluded her remarks.

Outcome: **Carried unanimously**

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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7.2.3 Adoption of Annual Budget 2026-27

Purpose

To adopt the Annual Budget 2026-27 (Attachment 1) and declare rates and charges for the year ending 30 June 2027.

Motion

That Council, having given public notice of the preparation of the Draft Annual Budget 2026-27 Summary in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy 2023:

1. **Adopts the Annual Budget 2026-27 annexed to this report as Attachment 1 in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.**

2. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the decision to adopt the Annual Budget 2026-27.**

3. **Declares Rates and Service Charges totalling $152.351 million (refer to section 4.1.1 of the Annual Budget 2026-27) for the year ending 30 June 2027 in accordance with section 158(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* as follows:**

    3.1. **Declares general rates in respect of the 2026-27 financial year, raised by the application of differential rates as follows:**

        i. **A general rate of 0.208174 cents in the dollar on capital improved value (CIV) of all rateable residential properties**

        ii. **A general rate of 0.353895 cents in the dollar on CIV of all rateable vacant residential properties**

        iii. **A general rate of 0.478800 cents in the dollar on CIV of all rateable commercial properties**

        iv. **A general rate of 0.707791 cents in the dollar on CIV of all rateable industrial properties**

        v. **A general rate of 0.832696 cents in the dollar on CIV of all rateable petrochemical properties**

        vi. **A rating concession of 0.093678 cents in the dollar on CIV of all rateable recreational properties**

    3.2. **Under section 171(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, provides a waiver of $100 for all residential properties occupied by a ratepayer who holds an approved pension card based on the same criteria as the State Government funded concession.**

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3.3. Declares an annual service charge on properties in accordance with section 158(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the collection, disposal and processing of garbage, recycling, food organics and garden organics (FOGO) and hard waste for the year ending 30 June 2027 to be raised as follows:

$375.12	**Standard (base waste service charge for four bins: 120L garbage, 120L FOGO, 120L glass, 240L mixed recycling)**
$318.10	**Shared (replaces standard base charge for properties in multi-unit dwellings/apartments/villages with shared bins)**
$148.53	**U1 – Upsize to 240L garbage bin**
$49.53	**U2 – Upsize to 240L FOGO bin**
$0.00	**UF1 – Free upsize to 240L garbage bin**
$0.00	**UF2 – Free upsize to 240L garbage bin for medical reasons**
$379.63	**A1 – Additional 240L garbage bin**
$231.07	**A2 – Additional 120L garbage bin**
$148.53	**A3 – Additional 240L recycling bin**
$231.07	**A4 – Additional 240L FOGO bin**
$181.56	**A5 – Additional 120L FOGO bin**
$99.04	**A6 – Additional 120L glass bin**
$337.61	**BRF – Business Reduce Service with FOGO bin**
$337.61	**BRG – Business Reduce Service with Glass bin**
$337.61	**BRS – Business Reduce Service**
$331.50	**BSH – Business Shared**

4. In accordance with section 158(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, requires that general rates and annual service charge must be paid by four instalments made on or before the following dates:

Instalment 1	**30 September 2026**
Instalment 2	**30 November 2026**
Instalment 3	**28 February 2027**
Instalment 4	**31 May 2027**

5. In accordance with section 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, requires persons to pay interest on any general rate or annual service charge, which that person is liable to pay and which has not been paid by the date specified for payment.

6. Authorises the Coordinator Rates of Council to levy and recover the general rates, annual service charges and interest where applicable in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

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Moved: Cr Bishop

Seconded: Cr Disbury

Outcome: Carried

For: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

Against: Cr Disbury

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7.2.4 Adoption of Annual Action Plan 2026-27

Purpose

To present the Annual Action Plan 2026-27 to Council for adoption, following a period of public consultation.

Motion

That Council adopts the Annual Action Plan 2026-27 (Attachment 1).

Moved: Cr Bishop

Seconded: Cr Keys-Macpherson

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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7.2.5 Adoption of Financial Plan and Asset Plan 2025-36 (Year 1 Updates)

Purpose

To adopt the Financial Plan 2025-36 Year 1 Update and the Asset Plan 2025-36 Year 1 Update.

Motion

That Council:

1. **Adopts the Financial Plan 2025-36 Year 1 Update (attachment 1) in accordance with section 91 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.**
2. **Adopts the Asset Plan 2025-36 Year 1 Update (attachment 2) in accordance with section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2020.***

Moved: Cr Bishop

Seconded: Cr Hawli

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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7.2.6 Amendment C144hbay – Protecting Native Grasslands through an ESO Planning Control

Purpose

To brief Councillors on draft Planning Scheme Amendment C144hbay, which proposes to strengthen the protection of Plains Grasslands in the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme, and to outline the intended recommendation to seek Ministerial authorisation to exhibit the amendment.

Motion

That Council:

1. **Endorses the report: Hobsons Bay Industrial Areas Native Grasslands Assessment (Attachment 1).**
2. **Endorses draft Amendment C144 to become Amendment C144hbay to the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme (Attachments 2-5).**
3. **Requests the Minister for Planning grant Authorisation to prepare and exhibit Amendment C144hbay, in accordance with section 16F of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.**
4. **Notes the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer to make minor changes in seeking authorisation to prepare and exhibit Amendment C144hbay, if necessary.**
5. **Notes that Amendment C144hbay will go on public exhibition, allowing community members to make a submission and subsequently be heard at any future planning panel, if required.**
6. **Notes that submissions received during public exhibition of Amendment C144hbay will be presented to a future Council meeting prior to proceeding to an independent planning panel, if required, in accordance with section 22 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987.***

Moved: Cr Disbury

Seconded: Cr Kellander

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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7.2.7 Adoption of the Sport and Recreation Allocations, Fees and Charges Policy

Purpose

To seek Council endorsement of the Sport and Recreation Allocations, Fees and Charges Policy.

Motion

That Council endorses the Sport and Recreation Allocations, Fees and Charges Policy (Attachment 1).

Moved: Cr Bentley

Seconded: Cr Hawli

Outcome: Carried

For: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

Against: Cr Disbury

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7.2.8 Contract 2025.78 Mary Street Reserve Construction

Purpose

To award contract 2025.78 for Mary Street Reserve Construction to Evergreen Civil Pty Ltd for the contract period of 10 months

Motion

That Council:

1. **Awards Contract 2025.78 for Mary Street Reserve Construction to Evergreen Civil Pty Ltd at final lump sum cost of $1,999,269.95 inclusive of GST. This value includes provisional items ($77,000.00 including GST) and Tender Option T4 ($11,684.11 including GST) only, for the contract period of 10 months with a one-year defects liability period after practical completion of the project.**

2. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the formal agreement for Contract 2025.78.**

3. **Delegates authority to the Director Infrastructure and City Services to approve the variation limit for Contract 2025.78 up to the value listed in section 3.4 of Confidential Attachment 1.**

Moved: Cr Bishop

Seconded: Cr Hawli

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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7.2.9 Draft Heritage Strategy for public consultation

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Draft Heritage Strategy for public consultation.

Motion

That Council endorses the Draft Heritage Strategy in Attachment 1 for public consultation.

Moved: Cr Bentley

Seconded: Cr Keys-Macpherson

Outcome: Carried

For: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

Abstained: Cr Disbury

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7.2.10 Draft Local Heritage Policy and Guidelines for public consultation

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Draft Local Heritage Policy and Draft Hobsons Bay Heritage Design Guidelines to Council for public consultation.

Motion

That Council endorses the Draft Local Heritage Policy in Attachment 1 and Draft Heritage Design Guidelines in Attachment 2 for public consultation.

Moved: Cr Keys-Macpherson

Seconded: Cr Hawli

Outcome: Carried

For: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

Against: Cr Disbury

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7.2.11 Mail Services

Purpose

To award contract 2026.MAV.03 for Mail Services across two categories, being addressed mail services and unaddressed mail services.

Motion

That Council:

1. **Approves the decision to partake in the MAV Mailing Services collaborative agreement under its schedule of rates, to issue works up to a maximum cumulative spend of up to $1,800,000 inclusive GST ($200,000 inclusive GST per year) for the initial contract period of three years, with two 36-month option to extend to vendors under the two panel categories.**
2. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the formal agreements for panel members under the MAV Deed of Standing Offer.**
3. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to uptake any extension options under the formal agreements.**

Moved: Cr Bishop

Seconded: Cr Hawli

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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7.2.12 Council Expenses and Support Policy

Purpose

To present the Council Expenses and Support Policy to Council for adoption.

Motion

That Council defer this item to the next Council meeting to be held on 28 July 2026.

Moved: Cr Bishop

Seconded: Cr Hawli

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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7.2.13 Public Transparency Policy Review

Purpose

To seek Council endorsement to release the revised Public Transparency Policy for community consultation for a period of four (4) weeks.

Motion

That Council:

1. **Endorses the release of the revised Public Transparency Policy (Attachment 1) for community consultation for a period of four (4) weeks.**
2. **Notes that a report will be presented to a future Council meeting to adopt the policy.**

Moved: Cr Bishop

Seconded: Cr Bentley

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

7.3 Matters for Noting

There were no matters for noting.

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8 Other Reports

8.1 Committee Reports

8.1.1 Audit and Risk Committee minutes – 11 June 2026

Purpose

To inform Council of the matters considered at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 11 June 2026.

Motion

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 11 June 2026.

Moved: Cr Bishop

Seconded: Cr Disbury

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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8.1.2 Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report – 1 November 2025 to 30 April 2026

Purpose

To present to Council the Audit and Risk Committee's Biannual Report for the period from 1 November 2025 to 30 April 2026.

Motion

That Council resolves to accept the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report for the period 1 November 2025 to 30 November 2026 as required by section 54(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, as at Attachment 1.

Moved: Cr Bishop

Seconded: Cr Disbury

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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8.2 Delegate Reports

Purpose

To consider reports by Councillors who have been appointed as delegates to Council and community committees.

Motion

That Council receives and notes the recent delegate reports:

1.1 Western Melbourne Tourism Board Meeting – 4 April 2026.

Moved: Cr Bentley

Seconded: Cr Keys-Macpherson

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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9 Reports of Informal Meetings of Councillors

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to receive records of informal meetings of Councillors.

Motion

That Council receives the following reports of informal meetings of Councillors:

1.1 Record of Assembly of Councillors Pre Council Meeting Briefing 26 May 2026

1.2 Record of Assembly of Councillors Councillor Briefing 2 June 2026

1.3 Record of Assembly of Councillors Councillor Briefing 9 June 2026.

Moved: Cr Keys-Macpherson

Seconded: Cr Bishop

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Present: Cr Bentley, Cr Bishop, Cr Disbury, Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Kellander, Cr Keys-Macpherson

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10 Councillor Questions

Question about cost incurred in sending three councillors to Canberra

Cr Disbury

Q Would you please detail how much ratepayers money has been spent on sending three councillors to Canberra last week?

Further, would you be able to confirm that there will be a written report on their findings and how it has benefited Hobsons Bay ratepayers?

A Council's current Council Support and Expenses Policy provides authorisation for the Mayor and up to three Councillors to attend the Annual National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

The cost to date for the Mayor and two councillors totals $9,244.54 – that is made up of:

Accommodation:	$4,306.29
Flights:	$1,451.25
Conference fees:	$3,487.00

Please note that Councillors are yet to submit reimbursement for any other requests for additional costs incurred while in Canberra.

While there is no requirement under the current Policy for Councillors attending the ALGA conference to provide a report, the Mayor has undertaken to provide a report for the July 2026 Council Meeting.

Q Would you please explain why Techno Park residents are now required to have their addresses changed? I am aware that Council has written to residents using their old address, which obviously works, I am unsure how a previously commercial rated property would now need a new address now that it is rated residential especially given that emergency service know where Techno Park is as well Australia Post, Uber Easts and Google Maps.

A Readdressing any Council area requires due consideration and sound reasons. In the instance of Techno Park, the previous addressing was not compliant in meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 4819:20011 Australian/New Zealand Standards for rural and urban addressing.

The Original Council addressing for all the 84 assessments in the area was under a “unit” number all at 217 Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown.

However, that did not match the addresses that residents themselves had self-determined using Techno Park Drive.

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The inconsistency with Council records highlighted a very significant risk for the residents in relation to emergency services and Australia post accurately accessing properties, as the common mapping system for Council, emergency services and Australia Post is the Vic Mapping System which Council updates.

The new numbering now reflects an appropriate and compliant numbering system at Techno Park Drive, with Council working with residents and making some concessions such as odd and even numbering, to make the change as seamless as possible.

Following Council issuing a certificate of compliance deeming Techno Park suitable for residential use, property owners in Techno Park were advised of the intent to change their address in early April 2026 and received confirmation that the change had occurred in mid-June 2026.

Many of the residents have been asking for the changes to happen and have been very grateful for the change.

To date we have had 23 residents to submit a request for their rating differential to be changed from commercial to residential, in many instances, significantly reducing the rates and charges that these residents are required to pay, and in many instances, this has meant that they are eligible to receive the pension rebate on their rates notices as well.

If there are others in the complex who are using the property for residential purposes and wish to apply to have their rates notice reflect residential use, all they need to contact the Rates Team, who will assist them through that process.

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11 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

12 Close of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting closed to the public at 9.11pm.

Diana Grima

Chair: Diana Grima

Signed and certified as having been confirmed

Date: 31 August 2026

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