

# Minutes Council Meeting

**Tuesday 30 January 2024**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Council Chamber**  
**Moonee Valley Civic Centre**

## Attendance

<b>Councillors:</b>	Pierce Tyson	Mayor
	Narelle Sharpe	Deputy Mayor
	Ava Adams	
	Jacob Bettio	
	Samantha Byrne	
	Katrina Hodgson	
	Rose Iser	
	John Sipek	
<b>Officers:</b>	Helen Sui	Chief Executive Officer
	Brett Walters	Director Strategy & Planning
	Andrew McKinnon	Acting Director Service Delivery
	Sanjib Roy	Director Enabling Services
	Tao Cai	Chief of Staff & Exec Mngr Legal & Governance
	Nicole Laurie	Executive Manager Corporate Affairs

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**HELEN SUI**

Chief Executive Officer

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## 1 Opening

The Chair, Cr Tyson, opened the meeting at 6:33pm and welcomed all those watching the Council Meeting of Tuesday, 30 January 2024 being live-streamed on Council's website.

On behalf of Moonee Valley City Council, the Chair welcomed all present and respectfully acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Moonee Valley is located – the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People of the Kulin Nation; and paid respect to their Spirits, Ancestors, Elders and their Community Members past, present and emerging.

The Chair also extended this respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who call Moonee Valley home.

## 2 Apologies and leave of absence

The Chair noted Cr Nation's apology.

## 3 Confirmation of Minutes - Tuesday, 12 December 2023

**Minute No. CM 2024/01**

### **Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Sipek, seconded Cr Byrne that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday, 12 December 2023 be confirmed.

**For:** Crs Adams, Bettio, Byrne, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Cr Bettio declared a material conflict on item 9.1 - *Alternative manner to determine the planning application MV/366/2019/A 11-17 Holmes Road Moonee Ponds* for reasons previously disclosed to the Chief Executive Officer.

*All other Councillors have declared a general conflict of interest on the Planning Application MV/366/2019/A 11-17 Holmes Road Moonee Ponds. The governance advice received confirmed that Councillors can deal with item 9.1 - Alternative manner to determine the planning application MV/366/2019/A 11-17 Holmes Road Moonee Ponds, which is a procedural report on how to determine the Planning Application in an alternative manner as an exemption of conflict of interest provisions applies.*

Cr Sipek declared a general conflict on item 9.4 - *Response to Notice of Motion No. 2023/45 - Helping Hands Mission* as previously discussed with the Chief Executive Officer.

## 5 Presentations

The Mayor, Cr Tyson, acknowledged the Victorian Government's announcement yesterday on the appointment of Municipal Monitors to Moonee Valley City Council. As iterated in his statement yesterday, the Mayor trust Moonee Valley will serve as an important case study in professional and positive practices. He expressed looking forward to meeting and working with the Monitors over the next six months in the community's best interest and good governance.

Cr Sharpe presented on the Australia Day Awards recipients from Moonee Valley City Council. Mr Arthur Whitchel of Athletics Essendon was awarded the prestigious Order of Australia for his service to Athletics Australia. Arthur became a member of the Essendon Amateur Athletic Club in 1946 and quickly assumed an active role by joining the committee in the early 1950s. His unwavering dedication has spanned an impressive 75 years, a milestone that was joyously celebrated in 2022.

Throughout this remarkable journey, Arthur has held various key positions within the club, including president, secretary, registrar, official, equipment and competition manager. His exceptional commitment and tireless efforts have served as an inspiration to numerous generations of athletes and parents alike. On behalf of Council and the community, Cr Sharpe congratulated Arthur Whitchel.

Cr Sharpe also congratulated Ms Lisa Anne Fitzpatrick from Moonee Valley on being appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to the nursing and midwifery professions through leadership and advocacy roles.

The other recipient from Moonee Valley was Ms Anastasia Darras who was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to community health, particularly to ill children and their families.

On behalf of Council, Cr Sharpe thanked them all for their community efforts and congratulated them on receiving such important awards.

Cr Iser presented on the Inaugural Christmas Brunch hosted by Moonee Valley City Council on Christmas Day. Cr Iser thanked all staff and all those who helped host a Christmas brunch for about 80 community members who may not have otherwise had food or company to share a meal with. The initiative was supported by several staff members via financial contributions and/or volunteering on Christmas morning. Cr Iser particularly thanked Sharon Keppel for the amazing amount of work completed behind the scenes to ensure the event happened and to our CEO, Helen and her family, who provided support and were generous with their time on the day. Cr Iser thanked all involved again and hoped it would be an event that could continue in the future.

## **6 Petitions and Joint Letters**

Nil.

## **7 Public Question Time**

### **Brian Duggan asked Council:**

Is the council aware that in Feb 2018 the LXRP produced an individual site report on the removal of Puckle and Park street level crossings, state cabinet approved the report in Jan 2021 and an initial feasibility assessment report was produced by LXRP in March 2021?

### **CEO Helen Sui responded:**

Council officers have liaised with representatives from various Victorian Government departments to obtain all publicly available information relevant to the potential removal of the existing level crossings at Puckle Street and Park Street in Moonee Ponds.

To date, Council officers have not received a feasibility assessment report (dated March 2021). We would however welcome any information you may have regarding this item for potential inclusion into the current feasibility assessment.

**Brian Duggan asked Council:**

Given the apparent importance and relevance of these reports to the MVCC's preparation of a feasibility report into the removal of these level crossings, has the council approached the Infrastructure minister and local MP Danny Pearson to access these reports?

**CEO Helen Sui responded:**

As noted in the prior question, Council has strongly advocated to the Victorian Government and its agencies for the removal of the existing level crossings at Puckle Street and Park Street in Moonee Ponds, including but not limited to the sharing of all publicly available information it may have.

**David Uber asked Council:**

Has council made any progress working with City of Melbourne and other stakeholders for improvements in Racecourse Road, Flemington (In particular bicycle safety)?

**CEO Helen Sui responded:**

Council has been working closely with the City of Melbourne to investigate the opportunities for streetscape improvements along Racecourse Road in Flemington, including potential upgrades to bicycle infrastructure, active transport links, public transport and road alignment.

The strategic opportunities paper is currently under review, with community consultation and engagement anticipated to commence in the latter part of this financial year.

**David Uber asked Council:**

Given the DTP pop-up bike lanes program has come and gone, without installing pop-up lanes on Mt Alexander Rd, does council still intend to investigate improvements to cycling safety on Mt Alexander Rd?

**CEO Helen Sui responded:**

Mt Alexander Road is a declared arterial road, and under the responsibility of the Victorian Government. Council's role is one of advocacy on behalf of the community. To that end, Council officers regularly meet with representatives from the Department of Transport and Planning to improve road safety across the municipality (including Mt Alexander Road) for all road users.

Furthermore, the 2023/24 Council Plan Initiatives includes several initiatives to improve active transport (walking and cycling) across the municipality. Initiative C3.1 identifies the need to continue the road safety advocacy efforts at key locations,

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including Essendon North Junction and other identified dangerous crossing points, particularly on Mt Alexander Road.

**Jodie Kinnersley asked Council:**

Could Council please provide an update on the renewal of its Rainbow Tick accreditation, which expired last year?

**CEO Helen Sui responded:**

On 12 September 2023, Council's Aged and Disability Team and Young Communities Team were successfully assessed against the Rainbow Tick Accreditation. The Rainbow Tick Accreditation is for a three-year period until 12 September 2026

**Jodie Kinnersley asked Council:**

Could Council please provide an update on the development of the 'Roadmap to Pride' plan?

**CEO Helen Sui responded:**

Council continues to work with the Moonee Valley Pride Reference group to identify priorities for this community in line with Council Plan initiatives and our MV2040 Vision. We affirm our commitment to the safety and inclusion of our LGBTIQ+ community through the Rainbow Tick Accreditation and ensuring visibility and solidarity such as attendance at the Midsumma Pride march and representation at Council events and programs.

*Peter Robinson's first question was disallowed by the Chair as per Governance Rule 61.8. Peter's second question follows.*

**Peter Robinson asked Council:**

Are Councillors required to have, working with children permits? If so, are they required to report relevant details to the authorities when they contravene this permit.

**CEO Helen Sui responded:**

Council prides itself on being a child safe organisation and has zero tolerance for child abuse. Council adheres to the Victorian Child Safe Standards and related legislation. Councillors receive information and training on the Child Safe standards and their obligations through the Councillor Induction program. Their obligations are also included in the Councillor Code of Conduct. There is no requirement for Councillors in their capacity as a Councillor to have a Working With Children Check under the *Local Government Act 2020*. However, when Councillors are required to

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work with children, they will undertake Working With Children Check. Council also has a legal obligation to report all forms of child abuse and harm.

### **Merged Questions**

*Council received 17 questions from 10 residents concerning the conflict in Gaza. As the questions received were of a similar nature, they were grouped into broad themes, and will be provided in four responses in accordance with Governance Rule 61.10. which permits like questions to be grouped together, and a single answer provided.*

*The Chair thanked Megan, April, Greta, Annabelle, Rebecca, Matt, Adriana, Hunter, Elanor and Declan for submitting their questions.*

### ***The first merged question relates to meeting requests:***

Why were no Councillors in attendance at the recently held 'Moonee Valley for Palestine' community event last Saturday?

Also, would Councillors attend a meeting or discussion with a small number of residents and various institutional and community representatives to hear about residents concerns and desire for Council to pass a motion of solidarity with Palestine?

### **CEO Helen Sui responded:**

Councillors are invited to community events on a weekly basis by a number of community groups in the municipality and have their discretion to choose which event to attend depending on their availability and personal commitments.

It should be noted that over the Australia Day Weekend, many Councillors attended our annual Healing Ceremony, Citizenship ceremony and other community events.

### ***The next merged question relates to acts of solidarity:***

Will Council show support for Palestine by doing things such as passing a motion of solidarity with Palestine or raising the Palestinian flag?

### **CEO Helen Sui responded:**

Council as an organisation does not have a position on the conflict in Gaza, except that we empathise with everyone directly and indirectly impacted.

Foreign policy is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government. We encourage concerned community members to contact relevant Federal representatives directly on this matter.

***The next merged question relates to Council's procurement policy.***

Would Council consider reviewing their contracts and procurement policy in relation to international suppliers, particularly those with perceived interests in the ongoing conflict in Gaza?

Would Council consider exploring options to cease commitments to, or contracts with, these companies through Council's procurement processes?

**CEO Helen Sui responded:**

In November last year, Council adopted a new Procurement Policy which applies to all procurement activities at Moonee Valley City Council and is applicable to Councillors and Council staff.

This updated policy was aimed at enhancing Council's strategic objectives, such as sustainable and socially responsible procurement, supporting local economies and obtaining value for money, leading to a better result in the provision of services for the community.

Council is confident that all Council's procurement activities are performed in an open, transparent and ethical manner with demonstrated integrity, fairness and accountability that meets proper ethical expectations and all legal requirements.

Given the Procurement Policy has been recently reviewed, there is no plan for Council to conduct another review at this time.

***The final merged question relates to support for local communities.***

What is Council doing to support Middle Eastern and Muslim Communities impacted by the ongoing violence in the Middle East and all those from war-torn countries? How is Council working to ensure that all people feel safe and included?

**CEO Helen Sui responded:**

Moonee Valley City Council is proud of its diverse community, cultures and backgrounds, and we pride ourselves on our inclusiveness and warm, welcoming attitude for all residents.

Our MV2040 Community Vision celebrates a Moonee Valley where people are healthy and safe. Council is committed to addressing barriers to health, safety and inclusion for all our residents. Council is proud of its cultural diversity with more than a quarter of our community living here born overseas. This includes those from Middle Eastern countries and Muslim backgrounds. Council has a strong history of developing projects and services specifically with and for our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community, including our commitment to cultural safety. At Council, we recognise that people with CALD background can experience unique threats to safety and inclusion, and we continue to develop our whole-of-community and intersectional approach to community safety to deliver appropriate responses.

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To ensure everyone feels welcome over the course of the year, Council recognises almost 100 days of significance, which include a range of environmental, social, cultural, religious, or national events. We do this because it reflects the diversity of our community, and we acknowledge those who practice these faiths or relate to a particular day of significance.

## **8 Reports from Delegates**

Nil.

*Cr Bettio left the meeting at 6:54 pm due to a material conflict of interest declared on the following item 9.1 - Alternative manner to determine application MV/366/2019/A 11-17 Holmes Road Moonee Ponds.*

## 9 Reports

### 9.1 Alternative manner to determine the planning application MV/366/2019/A 11-17 Holmes Road Moonee Ponds

**Author:** Chief of Staff and Manager Legal & Governance

**Directorate:** Office of the CEO

#### Minute No. CM 2024/02

#### Council Resolution

Moved Cr Iser, seconded Cr Hodgson that Council resolves to:

- a. Note that due to all Councillors declaring a conflict of interest on the planning application MV/366/2019/A 11-17 Holmes Road Moonee Ponds (Land in Plan of Consolidation 104247 and Lot 8 on Plan of Subdivision 11397) - Use of a restaurant, liquor licence associated with restaurant and bottle shop, partial demolition, external paint works, building works and display of business identification signage (including internal illumination) in a Heritage Overlay area ("the Application"), Council is unable to establish a delegated committee in accordance with the requirement of Section 63(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to determine the Application.
- b. Note the Chief Executive Officer has sought compliance exemption under Section 177 of the *Local Government Act 2020* from the Minister for Local Government, and Local Government Victoria has since noted that it may also be open to Council to consider delegating the matter to a member of Council staff with relevant delegation and explore any other options for dealing with the planning matter, as an alternative to seeking a compliance exemption under section 177 of the *Local Government Act 2020* in the first instance.
- c. Note that Council has sought independent legal advice on the options for dealing with the planning matter under Section 67 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- d. As a result of Points a, b, and c and as a means of dealing with the Application in an alternative manner in accordance with Section 67 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, following updated independent legal advice provided to Council on 25 January 2024,
  - i. Determine not to apply Council's Statutory Planning Delegation Policy concerning the Application.
  - ii. Pursuant to Section 188 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, delegate to the Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the position of Manager Planning and Building, the power under Section 61 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to determine the Application.

- iii. Direct Council's Director Strategy and Planning to notify Councillors of the outcome of the Application and place the outcome on Council's online planning application register.
- e. Request the Mayor write to the Minister for Local Government outlining the difficulties Council has experienced in the application of Section 67 and making any relevant suggestions for improving its clarity.

**For:** Crs Adams, Byrne, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr Bettio returned to the meeting at 7:03 pm.*

**9.2**                      **Review of Active Transport Improvement Opportunities -  
Steele Creek, Niddrie and Airport West**

**Author:**                      Traffic & Transport Engineer

**Directorate:**              Service Delivery

**Minute No. CM 2024/03**

**Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Byrne, seconded Cr Sipek that Council resolves to:

- a. Note the options analysis and investigation relating to improved active transport links along the Steele Creek Trail in Airport West.
- b. Note that both *Option 1: Overpass* and *Option 2: Underpass* are cost-prohibitive for Council, without funding from either the Victorian or Federal Governments.
- c. Note that Officers will utilise the investigation undertaken to explore external funding opportunities should any arise in the future and inform Councillors of the outcome.
- d. In accordance with priority action in Council's Advocacy Strategy 2022-25, to "provide safe and better connected walking and cycling paths", to write to the Minister for Public and Active Transport, the Hon. Gabrielle Williams MP, and the Member for Niddrie, the Hon. Ben Carroll MP advising that Council is seeking grant funding to deliver additional active transport links across the Calder Freeway in Airport West.

**For:**              Crs Adams, Bettio, Byrne, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.3 Response to Notice of Motion No. 2023/41 - Cycling and Walking Strategy**

**Author:** Coordinator Traffic and Transport

**Directorate:** Service Delivery

**Minute No. CM 2024/04**

**Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Iser, seconded Cr Byrne that Council resolves to:

- a. Note the significant achievements of the Walking and Cycling Strategy 2012-22.
- b. Note the development of a holistic, 10-year Integrated Transport Strategy is proposed for the 2024/25 financial year.
- c. Request that the process of developing an Integrated Transport Strategy includes:
  - i. Emphasising the role of active transport (cycling, walking and public transport) as a component of the integrated transport network;
  - ii. An evaluation of the Walking and Cycling Strategy 2012-22, including quantitative data showing the impacts of council initiatives to improve active transport trips;
  - iii. An analysis of data provided by external mapping tools such as BikeSpot, Arevo (RACV) and other sources of cycling and walking data; and
  - iv. Engagement with relevant key stakeholders, for example local active transport users including the Moonee Bicycle Users Group (BUG) and the Moonee Valley Sustainability Active Transport Group.
- d. Note that the costs associated with the delivery of any future active travel infrastructure works will be considered in the 2024/25 Annual Budget process.

**For:** Crs Adams, Bettio, Byrne, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr Sipek left the meeting at 7:19 pm due to a conflict of interest declared on the following item 9.4 - Response to Notice of Motion No. 2023/45 - Helping Hands Mission Airport West.*

**9.4**                      **Response to Notice of Motion No. 2023/45 - Helping Hands Mission Airport West**

**Author:**                Senior Coordinator Umarkoo Wayi, Equity and Inclusion

**Directorate:**        Service Delivery

**Motion**

Moved Cr Iser, seconded Cr Hodgson that Council resolves to:

- a. Note the following avenues of support available for Helping Hands Mission Inc to relocate within Airport West:
  - i. In kind support that is ordinarily available through Council's existing service provisions.
  - ii. Community Grants Program.
  - iii. Budget submission in Council's annual budget process.
- b. Note that officers will continue to actively liaise with Helping Hands Mission Inc. to engage in these processes appropriately, and provide in-kind assistance with line-marking, directional signage from Matthews Avenue, Airport West, and any other appropriate in-kind support.
- c. Request the development by March 2024 of a draft Community Support Policy setting out criteria and processes for the provision of financial support to essential community services including organisations that provide critical food, welfare and emergency assistance for our community. The Policy should consider how Council can provide one-off financial support in extraordinary and time-sensitive circumstances.

**Amendment**

Moved Cr Byrne, seconded Cr Bettio to amend point c by removing the words 'by March 2024'.

**For:**                Crs Bettio and Byrne

**Against:** Crs Adams, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**LOST**

*Cr Byrne asked to put the motion to the vote in separate parts as per Governance Rule 38.1. The Chair decided to put the motion to the vote in several parts as per Governance Rule 38.2.*



**Minute No. CM 2024/05**

**Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Iser, seconded Cr Hodgson that Council resolves to:

- a. Note the following avenues of support available for Helping Hands Mission Inc to relocate within Airport West:
  - i. In kind support that is ordinarily available through Council's existing service provisions.
  - ii. Community Grants Program.
  - iii. Budget submission in Council's annual budget process.
- b. Note that officers will continue to actively liaise with Helping Hands Mission Inc. to engage in these processes appropriately, and provide in-kind assistance with line-marking, directional signage from Matthews Avenue, Airport West, and any other appropriate in-kind support.

**For:** Crs Adams, Bettio, Byrne, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Minute No. CM 2024/06**

**Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Iser, seconded Cr Hodgson that Council resolves to:

- c. Request the development by March 2024 of a draft Community Support Policy setting out criteria and processes for the provision of financial support to essential community services including organisations that provide critical food, welfare and emergency assistance for our community. The Policy should consider how Council can provide one-off financial support in extraordinary and time-sensitive circumstances.

**For:** Crs Adams, Bettio, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**Against:** Cr Byrne

**CARRIED**

*Cr Sipek returned to the meeting at 7:41 pm.*

**9.5**                      **Award of Contract for Collegian Avenue, Strathmore - Road Reconstruction (Negotiation No. 100039)**

**Author:**                      Coordinator Civil Construction

**Directorate:**              Service Delivery

**Minute No. CM 2024/07**

**Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Adams, seconded Cr Bettio that Council resolves to:

- a.     Award the contract for Collegian Avenue, Strathmore - Road Reconstruction (Negotiation No. 100039) to Metro Asphalt Pty Ltd ATF Centofanti Unit Trust T/A Cole Civil (ABN 27 593 149 786) for the lump sum amount \$1,148,615.59 (excluding GST).
- b.     Endorse the financial arrangements detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.
- c.     Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, Director Service Delivery, to execute all relevant contract documents relating to the contract for Collegian Avenue, Strathmore - Road Reconstruction (Negotiation No. 100039) on behalf of Council.

**For:**              Crs Adams, Bettio, Byrne, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.6**                      **Variation of Contract No. 20/215 for Concrete Maintenance Services**

**Author:**                      Business Support Officer - City Works & Waste Management

**Directorate:**                Service Delivery

**Minute No. CM 2024/08**

**Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Hodgson, seconded Cr Adams that, in relation to Contract No. 20/215 for Concrete Maintenance Services, Council resolves to:

- a.     Approve a variation of \$1,099,184.38 (excluding GST) and a revised total contract sum of \$5,509,184.38 (excluding GST).
- b.     Endorse the financial arrangements detailed in confidential Attachment 1.
- c.     Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, Director Service Delivery, to execute all relevant contract documents relating to Contract No. 20/215 for Concrete Maintenance Services on behalf of Council.

**For:**                Crs Adams, Bettio, Byrne, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10 Notice of Motions

### 10.1 Notice of Motion No. 2024/01 - Additional Citizenship Ceremonies

**Councillor:** Rose Iser

#### Motion

Moved Cr Iser, seconded Cr Bettio that Council resolves to request the Chief Executive Officer to bring a report to Council by 27 February 2024 outlining the cost to Council of holding at least six additional Citizenship Ceremonies in 2024 to reduce wait times for citizenship applicants, while also allowing for more than one guest per conferee to be present at this significant occasion. The report could consider the following suggested additional ceremonies:

- Wednesday, 27 March – 7pm (in addition to sessions scheduled for 11am and 4pm)
- Thursday, 28 March – 7pm (in addition to sessions scheduled for 11am and 4pm)
- Wednesday, 15 May – 6pm and 8pm (instead of the one 7pm session scheduled)
- Wednesday, 10 July – 6pm and 8pm (instead of the one 7pm session scheduled)
- Wednesday, 7 August – 6pm and 8pm (instead of the one 7pm session scheduled)
- Wednesday, 30 October – 6pm and 8pm (instead of the one 7pm session scheduled)

#### Amendment

Moved Cr Byrne, seconded Cr Sipek to amend the motion to read:

*That Council resolves to request the Chief Executive Officer to bring a report to Council by 27 February 2024 outlining the cost to Council of holding at least six additional Citizenship Ceremonies in 2024 to reduce wait times for citizenship applicants, while also allowing for more than one guest per conferee to be present at this significant occasion.*

**For:** Crs Byrne and Sipek

**Against:** Crs Adams, Bettio, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe and Tyson

**LOST**

**Minute No. CM 2024/09**

**Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Iser, seconded Cr Bettio that Council resolves to request the Chief Executive Officer to bring a report to Council by 27 February 2024 outlining the cost to Council of holding at least six additional Citizenship Ceremonies in 2024 to reduce wait times for citizenship applicants, while also allowing for more than one guest per conferee to be present at this significant occasion. The report could consider the following suggested additional ceremonies:

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- Wednesday, 7 August – 6pm and 8pm (instead of the one 7pm session scheduled)
- Wednesday, 30 October – 6pm and 8pm (instead of the one 7pm session scheduled).

**For:** Crs Adams, Bettio, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe and Tyson

**Against:** Crs Byrne and Sipek

**CARRIED**

**10.2 Notice of Motion No. 2024/02 - Boeing Reserve Courts****Councillor:** Samantha Byrne**Motion**

Moved Cr Byrne, seconded Cr Sipek that Council resolves to request the Chief Executive Officer to bring a report to Council by the end of April 2024 that includes:

- a. An estimate of the expense for enhancing and upgrading the Boeing Reserve recreational tennis courts, converting them into dual-lined tennis/netball courts meeting appropriate training standards.
- b. Potential timeframes for adequate community consultation to occur to gain feedback regarding updating the 2014 Boeing Reserve Masterplan to include dual-lined tennis/netball courts.
- c. Alternative options for establishing outdoor training netball courts in either Strathmore or Strathmore Heights.

*Cr Bettio left the meeting at 8:11 pm and returned at 8:12 pm.*

**Amendment**

Moved Cr Adams, seconded Cr Sharpe to amend the motion to read:

*That Council resolves to request the Chief Executive Officer to bring a report to Council by the end of April 2024 that includes:*

- a. *Potential timeframes for a review of the 2014 Boeing Reserve Masterplan, including feedback on netball facilities, to be considered as part of the 2024/2025 budget processes.*
- b. *Alternative options for establishing outdoor training netball courts in either Strathmore or Strathmore Heights, noting any previous Netball Plans or strategies, or the potential development of a Netball Strategy to be considered as part of the 2024/2025 budget processes.*

**For:** Crs Adams, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe and Tyson

**Against:** Crs Bettio, Byrne and Sipek

**CARRIED**

**Minute No. CM 2024/10**

**Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Byrne, seconded Cr Sipek that Council resolves to request the Chief Executive Officer to bring a report to Council by the end of April 2024 that includes:

- a. Potential timeframes for a review of the 2014 Boeing Reserve Masterplan, including feedback on netball facilities, to be considered as part of the 2024/2025 budget processes.
- b. Alternative options for establishing outdoor training netball courts in either Strathmore or Strathmore Heights, noting any previous Netball Plans or strategies, or the potential development of a Netball Strategy to be considered as part of the 2024/2025 budget processes.

**For:** Crs Adams, Bettio, Byrne, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.3**                      **Notice of Motion No. 2024/03 - Street lighting on Roberts Road, Airport West**

**Councillor:**            Pierce Tyson

*As per Governance Rule 30, the Mayor vacated the Chair at 8:28pm to move a motion and debate.*

*The Deputy Mayor, Cr Sharpe became the temporary Chair.*

**Minute No. CM 2024/11**

**Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Tyson, seconded Cr Hodgson that Council resolves to request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report at the next Council meeting on options for installation of additional, or adjustments to, street lighting at 15 Roberts Road, Airport West for additional illumination at night.

**For:**            Crs Adams, Bettio, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe and Tyson

**Against:** Crs Byrne and Sipek

**CARRIED**

*The Deputy Mayor, Cr Sharpe, vacated the Chair at 8:37 pm, and the Mayor, Cr Tyson, resumed the role of Chair.*



## 11 Urgent Business

### Minute No. CM 2024/12

#### Council Resolution

Moved by Cr Sharpe, seconded by Cr Adams, that Council resolves to admit item *In person meetings* to be considered as Urgent Business as it complies with our Governance Rules:

25.2.1 relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen only since the distribution of the agenda; and

25.2.2 is confined to a matter that cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Council meeting and

25.2.3 it cannot be addressed through an operational service request process; therefore, it will need to be resolved tonight.

**For:** Crs Adams, Bettio, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe, Sipek and Tyson

**Against:** Cr Byrne

**CARRIED**

**11.1 In Person meetings****Councillor:** Narelle Sharpe**Motion**

Moved Cr Sharpe, seconded Cr Adams that Council resolves to:

- a. Welcome the announcement by the Minister for Local Government that municipal monitors will work with the Moonee Valley City Council for six months to assist the council in improving performance and serving the interests of the community.
- b. Assist the monitors in their task and take the opportunity to seek relevant assistance and guidance in the improvement of Council's governance processes and practices.
- c. Adopt the following practices immediately:
  - i. Except by agreement of the Mayor and CEO, hold all Council Strategic Briefings and workshop sessions in-person, with options available for councillors to attend by electronic means where there are personal, health, family emergencies or extraordinary circumstances.
  - ii. Include on Council's website a record of councillor attendance at Council briefings and meetings, including whether attendance is by electronic means and any approved leave of absence, for the period of the Council term, commencing November 2020.
- d. Initiate a process of reviewing Council's Governance Rules, with appropriate community engagement and consultation with municipal monitors, with consideration of including a request made under Rule 82 to attend a Council meeting by electronic means must include relevant medical certification or statutory declaration, within 24 hours, to support the request.

**Amendment**

Moved Cr Iser, seconded Cr Hodgson to amend the motion with an additional point e. to read:

*Following consultation with municipal monitors, consider including on Council's website, where political affiliation is documented, councillors' suburb and postcode of primary place of residence.*

**For:** Crs Adams, Hodgson, Iser and Tyson

**Against:** Crs Bettio, Byrne, Sharpe and Sipek

**CARRIED ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE CHAIR**

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**Minute No. CM 2024/13****Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Sharpe, seconded Cr Adams that Council resolves to:

- a. Welcome the announcement by the Minister for Local Government that municipal monitors will work with the Moonee Valley City Council for six months to assist the council in improving performance and serving the interests of the community.
- b. Assist the monitors in their task and take the opportunity to seek relevant assistance and guidance in the improvement of Council's governance processes and practices.
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- e. Following consultation with municipal monitors, consider including on Council's website, where political affiliation is documented, councillors' suburb and postcode of primary place of residence.

**For:** Crs Adams, Hodgson, Iser, Sharpe and Tyson

**Against:** Crs Bettio, Byrne and Sipek

**CARRIED**

## **12 Confidential Reports**

Nil.

## **13 Close of Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 9:11 pm.

**CR PIERCE TYSON  
CHAIRPERSON**