Merri-bek City Council

PROPOSED
Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

Held in Bunjil (Council Chamber), Merri-bek Civic Centre,
90 Bell Street, Coburg
on Wednesday 28 October 2026

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 8.13 pm and stated the Council meeting is being held on the traditional country of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people and acknowledged them as Traditional Owners. The Mayor paid respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr Nat Abboud, Mayor	8.13 pm	8.21 pm
Cr Helen Davidson, Deputy Mayor	8.13 pm	8.21 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	8.13 pm	8.21 pm
Cr Liz Irvin	8.13 pm	8.21 pm
Cr Dr Jay Iwasaki	8.13 pm	8.21 pm
Cr Chris Miles	8.13 pm	8.21 pm
Cr Helen Politis	8.13 pm	8.21 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	8.13 pm	8.21 pm
Cr Ella Svensson	8.13 pm	8.21 pm
Cr Katerine Theodosis	Apology	
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	8.13 pm	8.20 pm

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer – Kate McCaughey
Director Place and Environment – Pene Winslade
Acting Manager Governance and Strategy – Sophie Barison
Governance Officer – Saskia Hunter

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Theodosis was an apology.

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Miles seconded -

In accordance with section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 this Council meeting be closed to the public to consider these reports:

- **5.1 Contract Matter because it relates to Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.**

Carried

The Council meeting closed to the public at 8.15 pm.

OPENING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Resolution

Cr Miles moved, Cr Iwasaki seconded –

That the Council meeting be open to the public.

Carried

The Council meeting opened to the public at 8.20 pm.

The Council meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Nat Abboud
MAYOR