



# Moreland City Council

## **Minutes of the Special Council Meeting** Held at the Council Chamber, Moreland Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg on Wednesday 27 April 2022

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6.05 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.

<b>Present</b>	<b>Time In</b>	<b>Time Out</b>
Cr Mark Riley, Mayor	6.05 pm	6.46 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos, Deputy Mayor	6.05 pm	6.46 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	6.05 pm	6.46 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	6.05 pm	6.46 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	6.05 pm	6.43 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	6.05 pm	6.46 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	6.05 pm	6.46 pm
Cr James Conlan	6.05 pm	6.46 pm
Cr Monica Harte	6.05 pm	6.46 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	6.05 pm	6.46 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	Leave of absence	

### **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Bolton has sought a leave of absence from 1pm on 18 April until 6pm on 21 May 2022 inclusive. The request will be received at the Council meeting on 11 May 2022.

### **OFFICERS**

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson  
Director Business Transformation – Sue Vujcevic  
Director City Infrastructure – Anita Curnow  
Director Community Development – Eamonn Fennessy  
Director Place and Environment – Joseph Tabacco  
Chief Financial Officer – Amanda Burgess  
Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan  
Unit Manager Finance – Jemma Wightman  
Unit Manager Governance – Troy Delia

## DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

### COUNCIL REPORTS

#### 4.1 PROPOSED MORELAND CITY COUNCIL 4-YEAR BUDGET 2022-2026

##### Executive Summary

Council must prepare and adopt a rolling 4-year Budget that contains financial statements and other matters. This must be finally approved by Council no later than 30 June each year. The purpose of this report is to present Moreland City Council's proposed 4-year Budget 2022-2026 (the Proposed Budget) for endorsement for public exhibition.

The Proposed Budget continues to deliver services to Moreland's 184,700 plus residents within the 1.75 per cent rate cap set by the State Government, funds Councillor and community initiatives and delivers critical major projects while maintaining Council's financial sustainability.

Key features of the budget include:

- An operating projects program of \$5.4 million. Key projects in the program include:
  - Urban Forest Strategy – Tree Planting Regime (\$0.5 million) and Nature Plan Implementation (\$0.1 million);
  - Zero Carbon Moreland (ZCM) Emergency Action Plan (\$0.4 million);
  - Continuing the solar and/or thermal grants for low-income earners (\$0.4 million);
  - Funding to develop a new Food Hub in Moreland's north (\$0.2 million); and
  - Developing the open space strategy (\$0.3 million).
- A capital works program of \$56.8 million. Key projects in the program include:
  - Commencing construction of the \$27.8 million Fawkner Leisure Centre redevelopment (\$1.5 million);
  - Commencing construction of the \$22.6 million Saxon Street Community Hub (\$5.0 million);
  - Completing the construction of the \$11.3 million Fleming Park redevelopment (\$6.5 million);
  - Commencing the upgrade works for several kindergartens over the next five years totalling \$14.6 million. Including completing Oak Park kindergarten & Doris Blackburn in 22/23 (\$3.4 million);
  - Park Close to Home, the creation of new parks in dense urban areas including Service Street, Coburg and Frith Street, Brunswick (\$3.3 million);
  - Library Books and Library Collection (\$1.0 million);
  - Footpaths and Bike paths (\$4.6 million); and
  - Roads and carparks (\$12.3 million).
- As part of Council's first participatory budgeting process earlier this year, funding six community budget ideas totalling \$462,500:
  - Hadfield sporting club scoreboard \$85,000;
  - Merri Creek Trail: Seating Installation Blitz \$87,500;

- Harold Stevens Athletics Track – fences \$150,000;
  - Community access to a commercial kitchen \$70,000;
  - Extending the Youth Holistic Outreach Program (YHOP) \$60,000 and;
  - Northside Renters Rights Info Night \$10,000.
- The Proposed Budget continues Council’s strong commitment to delivering on its major projects pipeline with a further \$10.1 million set aside for the Significant Projects Reserve to fund future projects. The Glenroy Community Hub project was completed in 2021-22 and the Saxon Street Redevelopment and Fawkner Leisure Centre Redevelopment projects commencing construction in 2022-23.
  - A surplus of \$0.4 million which is proposed to be kept aside for potential allocation following feedback received through the public exhibition process.
  - The budget is informed by the Proposed Community Infrastructure Plan (provided as Attachment 2). The Community Infrastructure Plan guides the planning and delivery of all Council owned community infrastructure and is foundation to the Capital Works Plan that is included within the Budget. The Community Infrastructure Plan sets out Council capital investment priorities for community infrastructure and the projects identified for Years 1 to 5 are included in the Proposed Budget (24 capital projects).
  - The budget is informed by the Draft Moreland Council Action Plan 2022-2023 (provided as Attachment 4). The Council Action Plan is developed annually to support implementation of the Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 and identifies the major priorities and actions to deliver against the Strategic Objectives (as contained in the Council Plan).
  - The budget has been prepared in accordance with the Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-25.

This report presents the Proposed 4-year Budget 2022-2026 (**Attachment 1**) for Council endorsement.

## Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the Proposed 4-year Budget 2022-2026 (provided as Attachment 1 to this report), for the purpose of community exhibition.
2. Endorses the Proposed Community Infrastructure Plan (provided as Attachment 2 to this report), for the purpose of community exhibition.
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Plan 2021-2025. This document will be presented for endorsement at the meeting on the 23 June 2022.

5. Notes that \$10.1 million will be transferred to Significant Projects Reserve to accumulate funding for Council's long-term significant priorities which include, but are not limited to, the Fawkner Leisure Centre Redevelopment and the Saxon Street project.
6. Invites feedback on the Proposed Budget and the Proposed Community Infrastructure Plan for the 21-day public exhibition period until 5pm on 22 May 2022.
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10. Receives a further report at its meeting on 23 June 2022 outlining any feedback received on the Proposed 4-year Budget 2022-2026 and Proposed Community Infrastructure Plan; and presenting a final Proposed 4-year Budget 2022-2026 and Community Infrastructure Plan for consideration for adoption.

## **Motion**

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### **Amendment**

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded

Allocate \$75,000 to the Brunswick Velodrome proposed jump track in the 2022/23 budget and \$1m in the 2023/24 Capital Works Budget

**WITHDRAWN**

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**LOST on the casting vote of the Mayor**

Cr Yildiz called for a division on the Amendment.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Davidson	Cr Pulford
Cr Yildiz	Cr Panopoulos
Cr Pavlidis	Cr Conlan
Cr Carli Hannan	Cr Riley
Cr Tapinos	Cr Harte
<b>Total For (5)</b>	<b>Total Against (5)</b>

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Allocate \$80,000 local history maintenance and conservation and catalogue of collection in history groups and libraries.

**LOST**

Cr Riley called for a division on the Amendment.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Davidson	Cr Pulford
Cr Yildiz	Cr Panopoulos
Cr Pavlidis	Cr Conlan
Cr Tapinos	Cr Carli Hannan

	Cr Riley
	Cr Harte
<b>Total For (4)</b>	<b>Total Against (6)</b>

6.43 pm Cr Carli Hannan left the meeting before the vote on the substantive motion.

## **Substantive Resolution**

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**Carried unanimously**

The meeting closed at 6.46 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Mark Riley  
**MAYOR**