



Merri-bek
City Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

Held at the Council Chamber, Merri-bek Civic
Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg
on Wednesday 26 June 2024

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 6.02 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 Adam Pulford, Mayor	6.02 pm	6.52 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos, Deputy Mayor	6.03 pm	6.52 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	6.02 pm	6.52 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	6.02 pm	6.52 pm
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Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	6.02 pm	6.52 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	6.02 pm	6.52 pm

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson
 Director Business Transformation – Sue Vujcevic
 Acting Director City Infrastructure – Indivar Dhakal
 Director Community – Eamonn Fennessy
 Acting Director Place and Environment – Narelle Jennings
 Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan
 Team Leader Governance – Naomi Ellis

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Carli Hannan disclosed a general conflict of interest in item 4.1 *Merri-bek Council 4-Year Budget 2024-2028 and Council Action Plan 2024-2025 – for adoption*, where it relates to Balfe Park Sportsfield lighting (Brunswick Zebras Soccer Club), Breese Street Masterplan, and Northwest Brunswick Pre-school.

With the agreement of Council, Council separated the motion for item 4.1 relating to Balfe Park Sportsfield (Brunswick Zebra’s soccer club), Breese Street Masterplan and Northwest Brunswick Pre-school, to enable Cr Carli Hannan to participate in the remainder of the motion.

6.09 pm Cr Carli Hannan left the meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 MERRI-BEK CITY COUNCIL 4-YEAR BUDGET 2024-2028 AND COUNCIL ACTION PLAN 2024-2025 - FOR ADOPTION

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 for adoption the:

- 4-Year Budget 2024-2028 (Attachment 1); and
- Council Action Plan 2024-2025 (Attachment 2).

The 4-Year Budget 2024-2028 continues to deliver services to Merri-bek's 174,000 plus residents within the 2.75 per cent rate cap set by the State Government. The 4-year budget funds key initiatives and delivers critical major projects while maintaining Council's financial sustainability.

Key features of the budget include:

- An operating projects program of \$6.5 million. Key projects in the program include:
 - Funding of \$1.0 Million for the Urban Forest Strategy - Tree Planting Regime, additional tree planting and planting trees in tricky to plant areas;
 - Expanding our program to support senior to live independently (outdoor help for seniors) as well as heating and cooling support (\$0.5 million);
 - Continuing the solar and/or thermal grants for low-income earners (\$0.4 million);
 - Continuing the funding of \$0.2 million to facilitate the homelessness assertive outreach program;
 - Additional funding of \$60,000 to increase shopping street clean-ups, including one additional bin service provided to all shopping strips as well funding to replant garden beds with climate resistant plants; and
 - Continuing our co-funding of Merri Wayi which is a community-led collaboration to enable our nature and urban worlds to thrive along the Merri-Creek (\$25,000).
- A capital works program of \$92.7 million. Key projects in the program include:
 - Completion of the \$36.9 million Fawkner Leisure Centre redevelopment (stage one) which is due to open for the 2024-25 summer season;
 - Completion of the \$29.0 million Saxon Street Cultural and Community Hub;
 - Continuing the \$27.8 million upgrade works on several early years' facilities over the next 5-years including Dunstan Reserve childcare centre and Brunswick Early Years Hub;
 - Improvements to parks, open space and streetscapes (\$23.6 million);
 - Roads and carparks renewal and maintenance (\$18.9 million) and
 - Footpaths, bicycle paths and transport infrastructure (\$4.6 million).

- As part of Council's participatory budgeting process earlier this year, funding six community budget ideas totaling \$399,000:
 - Accelerate the installation of sunshades over Merri-Bek's playgrounds \$150,000
 - Take the Next Step \$59,000
 - Drinking fountains in shopping strips \$60,000
 - More seats on walking routes to the shops \$40,000
 - Free basketball court and soccer field for all of Fawkner \$30,000
 - Half-court basketball ring in Glenroy \$60,000.
- The 4-Year Budget 2024-2028 continues Council's strong commitment to delivering on its major projects pipeline with a further \$13.1 million set aside for the Significant Projects Reserve to fund future projects. Saxon Street Cultural and Community Hub and Fawkner Leisure Centre Redevelopment (stage one) projects are the two key projects being funded from the reserve which will be complete in the current year.
- The budget is informed by the Merri-bek Council Action Plan 2024-2025 (provided as Attachment 2). The Council Action Plan is developed annually to support implementation of the Merri-bek Council Plan 2021-2025 and identifies the strategic objectives and actions to deliver against the major initiatives and priorities (as contained in the Council Plan).
- The budget has been prepared in accordance with the Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-25 which was adopted at the Special Council meeting held 24 June 2021.

Since public exhibition of the Proposed 4-Year Budget 2024-2028 which occurred from 17 April to 17 May 2024, amendments have been made to develop the Proposed budget based on new information (e.g., changes to fees as set by the State Government) and community feedback received on the proposed budget as part of the community engagement process. Details of the changes are summarised in section 3 of this report.

83 submissions were received on the proposed budget in the second round of community engagement; these submissions are in addition to the 30 eligible community budget ideas received in the first stage of engagement. A copy of public submissions received, and Council officer commentary is provided as Attachment 3.

Key changes made to the proposed budget since public exhibition are detailed in this report.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Having considered all submissions received and in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, adopts the Annual Budget 2024-2028 (Attachment 1 to this report).
2. Formally declares the Rates Levies and Annual Service Charges for the 2024-25 rating year as follows:
 - a) Declaration of Rates and Charges:

In accordance with section 158 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the following rates and charges are declared for the rating year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025.

b) Amount intended to be raised:

An amount of \$191,446,512 (or such other amount as is lawfully raised as a consequence of this resolution) be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates and the annual service charge, which is calculated as follows:

Category	Amount
Residential properties	\$150,111,290
Commercial properties	\$9,704,963
Industrial properties	\$6,715,504
Municipal charge	\$0
Service charges	\$24,899,539
Charge in lieu of rates on cultural and recreational lands	\$15,216
Total	\$191,446,512

Rates Information:

i. General rates:

A general rate to be declared for the 2024-25 financial year. The rateable amount per property will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable property by the rate in the dollar indicated in the following table:

Category	Rate
Residential properties	0.0023364 (0.23364 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value)
Commercial properties	0.0023364 (0.23364 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value)
Industrial properties	0.0023364 (0.23364 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value)

ii. No amount is fixed as the minimum amount payable by way of general rate in respect of each rateable property within the municipal district.

c) Municipal charge:

No municipal charge is declared in respect of the 2024-25 financial year.

d) Annual service charge:

i. An annual service charge, for the collection and disposal of refuse, be declared in respect of the 2024-25 financial year.

ii. The annual service charge be in the sum of, and be based on the criteria, set out below:

Category	Rate
Household Rubbish - Shared	\$96.24
Household Rubbish - 80 litre	\$148.07
Household Rubbish - 120 litre	\$333.15
Household Rubbish - 160 litre	\$407.18

Household Rubbish - 200 litre	\$444.20
Household Rubbish - 240 litre	\$518.23
Household Rubbish - 160 litre (concession)	\$203.59
Household Rubbish - 200 litre (concession)	\$222.10
Household Rubbish - 240 litre (concession)	\$259.12
Mixed Recycling - Shared	\$37.38
Mixed Recycling - 120 litre	\$43.13
Mixed Recycling - 240 litre	\$57.50
Mixed Recycling - 360 litre	\$129.38
Food & Garden Organics - Shared	\$65.32
Food & Garden Organics - 120 litre	\$100.49
Food & Garden Organics - 240 litre existing services	\$100.49
Food & Garden Organics - 240 litre new services	\$226.09
Glass Recycling - Shared	\$11.25
Glass Recycling - 120 litre	\$17.31
Glass Recycling - 240 litre	\$38.94

e) Cultural and recreational land:

In accordance with section 4(4) of the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*, the following amounts be declared as a charge in lieu of the general rate (which would otherwise be payable):

Glenroy Road, Glenroy	Northern Golf Club	13,230
Outlook Road, Coburg	Vic Amateur Basketball Association	1,986
Total:		15,216

f) Incentives:

No incentives are declared for the payment of general rates (and annual service charge described earlier in this resolution) before dates fixed or specified for their payment under section 167 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

g) Interest on rates and charges:

- i. Interest is to be charged in accordance with section 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, on any amounts of rates and charges which have not yet been paid by the instalment dates fixed by the Minister in accordance with section 167 of the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- ii. That the interest to be charged is at the rate fixed under section 2 of the *Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983*, that applied on the first day of July immediately before the due date for payment; and
- iii. Interest on rates and charges is to be calculated from the date on which the instalment was due.

h) Interest on unpaid monies:

- i. Interest is to be charged on any amounts of money (other than rates and charges) which a person owes to the Council, and which has not been paid by the due date;
- ii. The interest rate shall be determined by Council from time to time and shall not exceed the rate fixed from time to time by the Order-in-Council; and

- iii. That such interest is to be applied in accordance with the provisions of section 120 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
3. Notes the following changes arising from the consideration of all submissions received:
 - a) Allocation of \$30,000 in the Capital Works Program in 2024/25 to support the concept design & engagement relating to the potential shared use arrangement of the Glenroy College oval;
 - b) Allocation of \$100,000 in the Capital Works Program in 2024/25 to co-fund the upgrade of cricket training nets for Raeburn Reserve; and
 - c) Allocation of \$80,000 in the Capital Works Program in 2024/25 for Breese Street Masterplan.
4. Notes the following changes to the strategic priorities – operating listed under Appendix A:
 - a) Allocation of \$21,600 in the strategic priorities operating projects for Food Relief with Benefits;
 - b) Allocation of \$25,000 in the strategic priorities operating project for Family Violence Flyer; and
 - c) Allocation of \$60,000 in the strategic priorities operating project to increase the amount of funding for Supporting seniors to live independently (expand outdoor help & heating/cooling) for the heating and cooling component.
5. Notes that the fees and charges in the Annual Budget 2024-2028 have been updated from the Proposed Annual Budget 2024-2028 with the following changes:
 - a) Statutory Fees and Charges have been increased by 2.75 per cent due to the fees and fines being set as part of the Victorian State Budget and gazette 7 May 2024.
 - b) Indicator has been added to the fees and charges schedule showing which fees are statutory.
6. Notes that Other Income and Financial Expenses have each been increased by \$2.72 million from the Proposed Budget 2024-2028, with no impact to the surplus for the year, to reflect the income and expense associated with the subdivision of 68-82 Bell Street, Coburg.
7. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to pay the open space contribution of \$2.72 million associated with the subdivision of 68-82 Bell Street, Coburg
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make the final documents available for public inspection.
9. Advises submitters that Council has considered their submissions relating to the Proposed Annual Budget 2024-2028 and that the submitters be advised of the outcome of the consideration as it relates to their specific submission through this council report, and they be thanked for their contributions.
10. Adopts the Merri-bek Council Action Plan 2024-2025 (provided as Attachment 2) as the fourth year of actions to deliver against the Merri-bek Council Plan 2021-2025.
11. Authorises the Director Business Transformation to finalise the Merri-bek Council Action Plan 2024-2025 and Annual Budget 2024-2028, including any amendments as a result of the adoption of the Budget 2024-2028 and or/minor administrative changes.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. Having considered all submissions received and in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020, adopts the following items as part of the Annual Budget 2024-2028:
 - a) Balfe Park Sportsfield lighting in the 2024/25 capital works program (page 70 of the agenda) \$350,000
 - b) Northwest Brunswick Pre-school in the 2024/25 capital works program (page 66 of the agenda) \$350,000
 - c) Allocate an additional \$30,000 in the capital works program in 2024/25 to increase the scope of Breese Street Masterplan to include Hope Street;
 - i. Reducing the capital works program in 2024/25 by \$30,000 for the 'Hope Street & Gillon oval pedestrian safety upgrades' (page 68 of the agenda)

Carried

6.13 pm Cr Carli Hannan returned to the meeting after the vote.

6.13 pm Cr Davidson entered the meeting after the vote.

In accordance with Council's prior agreement to split the motion, Council considered the remainder of item 4.1's recommendation.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. Having considered all submissions received and in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, adopts the Annual Budget 2024-2028 (Attachment 1 to this report), subject to the following change:
 - a) Allocate \$30,000 in the strategic priorities operating projects to co-fund Fawkner Netball Club concept design in 2024/25;
 - b) Allocate \$40,000 in the strategic priorities operating projects to partially fund technical designs for a second hockey field at MacDonald Reserve;
 - c) Offset point a) and b) by:
 - i. Reducing the strategic priorities operating projects (page 98 of the agenda) funding for the 'Supporting seniors to live independently (expand outdoor help & heating/cooling) from \$253,000 to \$193,000 (the heating/cooling component would reduce from \$115,000 to \$55,000)
 - ii. Reducing the unrestricted surplus for 2024/25 by \$10,000 (page 20 of the agenda)
 - iii. Noting that the continuing multi-year operating project (page 97 of the agenda) for 'Outdoor help for seniors' remains as is (\$260,000 in 2024/25 and \$270,000 in 2025/26).
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11. **Authorises the Director Business Transformation to finalise the Merri-bek Council Action Plan 2024-2025 and Annual Budget 2024-2028, including any amendments as a result of the adoption of the Budget 2024-2028 and or/minor administrative changes.**

Carried

Mayor, Cr Pulford called for a division.

For	Against
Cr Bolton	Cr Pavlidis
Cr Davidson	
Cr Yildiz	
Cr Pulford	
Cr Panopoulos	
Cr Conlan	
Cr Carli Hannan	
Cr Riley	
Cr Tapinos	
Cr Harte	
Total For (10)	Total Against (1)

4.2 CONTRACT VARIATION: CONTRACT 529T WASTE SERVICES AGREEMENT

Executive Summary

Council currently contracts waste collection services via a weekly kerbside collection of general waste, fortnightly recycling collection, a weekly collection of FOGO and bi-monthly collection of glass across the southern district of the municipality, with Bell Street being the boundary.

Council's current kerbside collection contract with Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd (Citywide) ends on 12 August 2024. The contract has a current one-year extension associated within the current terms of the contract.

This report proposes acceptance of an increase in the rates applying to Contract 529T with Citywide as outlined in Confidential Attachment 1, and the application of a contract extension to 30 June 2026 which is anticipated to be the date from which any modified garbage service would be introduced, instead of ending on 12 August 2025.

Citywide has successfully delivered Waste Collection Services for Merri-bek City Council over an extensive period, including multiple contracts.

This variation is critical to the continued provision of waste services. Without accepting the negotiated revised terms of the Citywide contract and offering an extension, Merri-bek would not be in a position to provide continuity of service given the amount of time it takes to recruit and stand up fleet, logistics and customer service functions for such a service.

The report also proposes adding a further 12-month extension to the Contract 529T at Council's discretion should this be required.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a) Execute a Deed of Variation with **Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd ABN 94 066 960 085 (Contractor)** to extend Contract **529T Waste Services Agreement** for the provision of kerbside collection of general waste, recycling, FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) and glass for the Southern Collection District (**Contract**) subject to a schedule of rates with a maximum additional spend of \$19,644,717.83 (incl GST) over two extension terms:
 - i. 22 months and 18 days to 30 June 2026; and
 - ii. an optional further 12 months to 30 June 2027on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution.
 - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Deed of Variation between Council and the Contractor provided that:
 - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and
 - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer.
 - c) Conditional on acceptance of the Deed of Variation by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary in accordance with the provisions within the Contract to implement the immediate extension option and if required, by mutual agreement, the further extension option.
2. Notes that if an overspend is incurred in 2024/25 for the kerbside waste collection service, the waste reserve will be used to account for this.

Motion

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a) Execute a Deed of Variation with **Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd ABN 94 066 960 085 (Contractor)** to extend Contract **529T Waste Services Agreement** for the provision of kerbside collection of general waste, recycling, FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) and glass for the Southern Collection District (**Contract**) subject to a schedule of rates with a maximum additional spend of \$19,644,717.83 (incl GST) over two extension terms:
 - i. 22 months and 18 days to 30 June 2026; and
 - ii. an optional further 12 months to 30 June 2027on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution.
 - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Deed of Variation between Council and the Contractor provided that:
 - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and

- ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer.
 - c) Conditional on acceptance of the Deed of Variation by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary in accordance with the provisions within the Contract to implement the immediate extension option and if required, by mutual agreement, the further extension option.
2. Notes that if an overspend is incurred in 2024/25 for the kerbside waste collection service, the waste reserve will be used to account for this.

Amendment

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded –

That Council:

1. **Enter a Deed of Variation with Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd ABN 94 066 960 085 (Contractor) to extend Contract 529T Waste Services Agreement for the provision of kerbside collection of general waste, recycling, FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) and glass for the Southern Collection District (Contract) subject to a schedule of rates with a maximum additional spend of \$19,644,717.83 (incl GST) over two extension terms:**
 - a) **22 months and 18 days to 30 June 2026; and**
 - b) **an optional further 12 months to 30 June 2027**

on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with Part 2 of this Resolution.
2. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and finalise the terms of the Deed of Variation between Council and the Contractor provided that:**
 - a) **the terms specified in Part 1 of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and**
 - b) **other than terms referred to in Part 1 of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer.**
3. **Conditional on acceptance of the Deed of Variation by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary in accordance with the provisions within the Contract to implement the immediate extension option and if required, by mutual agreement, the further extension option until 30 June 2026.**
4. **If required, by mutual agreement, the further extension option outlined in 1(b) must be exercised via a Council resolution.**
5. Provides a briefing to Councillors in the first-half of 2025 on the future provision of the waste services including options for Council to take over the southern collection district.
6. **Notes that if an overspend is incurred in 2024/25 for the kerbside waste collection service, the waste reserve will be used to account for this.**

With the agreement of Council, point 5 was removed to be voted on separately.

Carried unanimously

5. Provides a briefing to Councillors in the first-half of 2025 on the future provision of the waste services including options for Council to take over the southern collection district.

Lost

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

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 - a) 22 months and 18 days to 30 June 2026; and**
 - b) an optional further 12 months to 30 June 2027**on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with Part 2 of this Resolution.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and finalise the terms of the Deed of Variation between Council and the Contractor provided that:
 - a) the terms specified in Part 1 of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and**
 - b) other than terms referred to in Part 1 of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer.****
- 3. Conditional on acceptance of the Deed of Variation by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary in accordance with the provisions within the Contract to implement the immediate extension option and if required, by mutual agreement, the further extension option until 30th June 2026.**
- 4. If required, by mutual agreement, the further extension option outlined in 1(b) must be exercised via a Council resolution.**
- 5. Notes that if an overspend is incurred in 2024/25 for the kerbside waste collection service, the waste reserve will be used to account for this.**
- 6. Provides a briefing to Councillors in the first-half of 2025 on the future provision of the waste services.**

Carried

The Council meeting closed at 6.52 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Adam Pulford
MAYOR