



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 17 December 2025

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 6.01 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	6.01 pm	6.32 pm
Cr Dr Jay Iwasaki, Deputy Mayor	6.01 pm	6.32 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	6.04 pm	6.32 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	6.01 pm	6.32 pm
Cr Liz Irvin	6.01 pm	6.32 pm
Cr Chris Miles	6.01 pm	6.32 pm
Cr Helen Politis	6.01 pm	6.32 pm
Cr Ella Svensson	6.08 pm	6.32 pm
Cr Katherine Theodosios	6.01 pm	6.32 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	6.01 pm	6.32 pm

OFFICERS

Acting Chief Executive Officer – Eamonn Fennessy
 Director Place and Environment – Pene Winslade
 Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan
 Team Leader Governance – Naomi Ellis

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6.04 pm Cr Bolton entered the meeting.

Standing Orders Suspension

Resolution

Cr Miles moved, Cr Iwasaki seconded -

That Council suspends Standing Orders to allow the Mayor to make a statement in relation to what occurred at Bondi Beach.

Carried

Standing orders were suspended at 6.04 pm.

Standing Orders Resumption

Resolution

Cr Miles moved, Cr Iwasaki seconded -

That Council resumes Standing Orders.

Carried

Standing orders resumed at 6.06 pm.

Meeting Adjournment

Mayor, Cr Abboud adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes at 6.07 pm to allow Cr Svensson to join the meeting online.

Meeting Resumption

The meeting resumed at 6.09 pm.

6.09 pm Cr Svensson entered the meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 CONTRACT AWARD: RFT-2025-46 WEST STREET SHOPPING STRIP RENEWAL PROJECT

At its meeting on 10 December 2025, Council deferred consideration of this Report to allow for further consideration and resolve any concerns, and called a Special Meeting to be held on 17 December 2025 at 6pm to consider the deferred report.

Executive summary

This report seeks the appointment of the preferred contractor, Multipro Civil Pty Ltd, for the construction of the West Street Shopping Strip Improvement in Hadfield.

Council undertook the design for streetscape and public realm improvements during 2023-24 through multiple stages of community, trader and stakeholder engagement, as part of the Shopping Strip Renewal Program. The resulting plan will deliver significant community benefit including pedestrian safety and access upgrades, new street furniture, landscaping and tree planting. While every effort has been made to retain carparking numbers at the shopping strip, some essential safety improvements result in the need to remove eleven car parking spaces. The total project budget over multiple years, including design is \$2.4 million.

A request for tender was released on 20 September 2025. The tender closed on 22 October 2025, and six conforming tenders were received. The tenders were evaluated, and Multipro Civil Pty Ltd has been identified as the preferred tenderer, achieving the highest score through the evaluation process and representing best value for money for Council.

The tender complies with Section 109(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a) Make a formal offer to Multipro Civil Pty Ltd (**Contractor**) to award the Contractor contract **RFT-2025-46** for the **West Street Shopping Strip Improvement (Contract)** on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
 - i. For the maximum lump sum of \$1,705,503 plus provisional sums of \$255,000, totaling \$1,960,503 (all figures excluding GST).
 - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract 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.
2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:
 - a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract; and
 - b) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.
3. Endorses, in accordance with the *Road Management Act 2004*, the removal of eleven car parking spaces from the West Street Shopping Strip to facilitate the essential safety improvements associated with the project.

Resolution

Cr Miles moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Council:

1. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
 - a) **Make a formal offer to Multipro Civil Pty Ltd (Contractor) to award the Contractor contract RFT-2025-46 for the West Street Shopping Strip Improvement (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
 - i. **For the maximum lump sum of \$1,705,503 plus provisional sums of \$255,000, totaling \$1,960,503 (all figures excluding GST).**
 - b) **Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor including:**
 - i. **Amending the scope to remove one secondary pedestrian crossing of the slipway, which would return between two and four angled car parks along the slipway – subject to receipt of an updated Road Safety Audit from Council's auditors supporting this change (consistent with written advice received on 17 December 2025).**
 - ii. **The terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council.**
 - iii. **Other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer.**
2. **Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance**

with the terms of this Resolution:

- a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract; and
 - b) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.
3. Endorses, in accordance with the Road Management Act 2004, the removal of seven car parking spaces from the West Street Shopping Strip to facilitate the essential safety improvements associated with the project.
4. Seek Council officers to make efforts to relocate the lost parking spaces within the shopping precinct.

Cr Theodosios called for a division.

For

Cr Bolton
Cr Davidson
Cr Yildiz
Cr Miles
Cr Politis
Cr Abboud
Cr Theodosios

Total For (7)

Against

Cr Svensson
Cr Iwasaki
Cr Irvin

Total Against (3)

Carried

The Special Council meeting closed at 6.33 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Nat Abboud
MAYOR