



**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2019**

**SUNBURY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**CONFIRMED - 10 FEBRUARY 2020**



# HUME CITY COUNCIL

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**Minutes** of the  
**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**  
held on Monday, 9 December 2019  
**at 7:05 PM**  
at the Sunbury Council Chamber

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To: a: Council	Cr Carly Moore	Mayor
	Cr Jack Medcraft	Deputy Mayor
	Cr Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor
	Cr Joseph Haweil	
	Cr Jodi Jackson	
	Cr Drew Jessop, OAM	
	Cr Leigh Johnson	
	Cr Naim Kurt	
	Cr Geoff Porter	
	Cr Ann Potter	
	Cr Jana Taylor	
b: Officers	Mr Domenic Isola	Chief Executive Officer
	Mr Joel Farrell	Acting Director Communications, Engagement and Advocacy
	Mr Hector Gaston	Director Community Services
	Mr Michael Sharp	Director Planning and Development
	Mr Peter Waite	Director Sustainable Infrastructure and Services
	Ms Louise McFarlane	Manager Communications and Events
	Mr Jason Summers	Manager Parks
	Ms Kristen Cherry	Manager Community Strengthening
	Mr Joel Kimber	Coordinator Grants and Projects
	Mr Peter Faull	Coordinator Governance and Corporate Support
	Mr Brad Mathieson	Senior Governance Officer

## **Proceedings to be Recorded**

The Mayor reminded Councillors and members of the Gallery that an audio recording of the Council meeting will be made and published to Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting.

The Mayor advised that a request had been received from a member of the gallery to take photos of the meeting. No Councillor objected to this request, and the request was approved.

## **Gallery Behaviour**

The Mayor reminded the gallery that Council's Code of Meeting Procedures requires the gallery to be silent at all times, and that members of the gallery must not interject or take part in the debate. Any person who is called to order, may be asked to leave the Chamber. The Mayor advised that notwithstanding this, members of the gallery will be invited to speak for up to three minutes either in support of or against an officer's recommendation.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS****1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND**

The Mayor read the following:

*"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Gunung-Willam-Balluk land. The Gunung-Willam-Balluk of the Wurundjeri are the first and original people of this land. I would like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today."*

**2. PRAYER**

The Mayor read the following:

"Hume City's religious diversity strengthens and enriches community life and supports the well-being of the citizens of Hume City. Hume City Council acknowledges the importance of spiritual life and the leadership offered by the Hume City Inter Faith Leaders Network. In recognition of the religious diversity of residents in Hume City, Council has invited the Inter Faith Leaders Network to take responsibility for the opening prayer at Council meetings. This evening's prayer will be led by Pastor Tagata Enele Tailiki representing the Hume Samoan Assembly of God."

The Mayor then invited Pastor Tagata Enele Taliki to read the Prayer:

*Dear Heavenly Father, Who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be your name, Your Kingdom come  
Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.*

*We bow before your throne of mercy and grace,  
Asking you for your guidance, wisdom and  
support, as we begin this meeting.  
Please help the Council to engage in meaningful discussion,  
And also allow them to grow closer as a group,  
And nurture the bonds of community.*

*Fill them with your grace,  
As they make decisions that might affect the communities of Hume City  
Loving Heavenly Father, Continue to remind us that all that we do here today,  
And all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth,  
For the greater glory of you and for the service of humanity.  
We ask these things in Jesus' name, Our Lord*

**3. APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

The Mayor drew Councillors' attention to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989 in relation to the disclosure of conflicts of interests. Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest immediately before consideration or discussion of the relevant item. Councillors are then required to leave the Chamber during discussion and not vote on the relevant item.

Councillor Drew Jessop declared an Indirect Interest on item CC107 due to a close association with the Meadow Heights Education Centre, a proposed recipient of funding listed in the report.

Councillor Joseph Haweil declared an Indirect Interest on item CC107 due to a close association with the Craigieburn Education & Community Centre, a proposed recipient of funding listed in the report.

**5. CONDOLENCE MOTIONS**

Nil.

**6. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL**

In accordance with section 80A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the Chief Executive Officer is required to report, as soon as practicable, to an Ordinary Meeting of Council, a record of any assemblies of Councillors held.

**Record of Assembly of Councillors - Friends of Aileu Community Committee Meeting - 12 November 2019**

**Moved** Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Ann Potter

**That Council notes the Records of an Assembly of Councillors, known as a Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting, which was held on 12 November 2019**

**CARRIED**

**7. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 11 November 2019 and the Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of 25 November 2019, including Confidential Minutes.

**Moved** Cr Jana Taylor, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

**THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 11 November 2019 and the Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of 25 November 2019, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**8. RECEIPT OF COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL TO BE ADOPTED**

**8.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Foresters Hall Committee of Management General Meeting held 18 July 2019 and 17 October 2019, including Confidential Minutes**

**Moved** Cr Geoff Porter, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

**THAT the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Foresters Hall Committee of Management General Meeting held 18 July 2019 and 17 October 2019, including Confidential Minutes, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.2 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management General Meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2019, including Confidential Minutes**

**Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jana Taylor

**THAT the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management General Meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2019, including Confidential Minutes, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**9. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

**9.1 Residents of the Month - Nominated by Cr Leigh Johnson and Cr Ann Potter**

**MR JEB SUMMERS**

Cr Leigh Johnson read the following citation, and presented Mr Jeb Summers with a certificate:

This certificate is awarded to Jeb Summers as Resident of the Month, in recognition of your service to your local community, and your Country, Council acknowledges your service as a member of the 5th Former infantry soldier of the Royal Australian Regiment, serving from 2006 - 2011, being deployed once to East Timor and once to Afghanistan.

Following your return from service, your severe battle with your mental health and your ongoing recovery, have lead you to establish Save Our Services Australia Inc (SOSA), whose main objective is to save lives, to assist people suffering with PTSD, or supporting someone suffering from PTSD, including to stop the suicides of ex-service personnel, including defence and emergency service workers.

Together with your organisation and your close work with other organisations such as local RSL Clubs, you are raising much-needed awareness to those who may also be suffering.

Your dedication to your community has not gone unnoticed, and you are an inspiration to many. You are a valued member of the Hume community, and Council honours and thanks you for your dedication.

**MR RICK KOINEGG**

Cr Ann Potter read the following citation, and presented Mr Rick Koinegg with a certificate:

This certificate is awarded to Rick Koinegg as Resident of the Month, in recognition of your outstanding service and commitment as a volunteer within the Hume community.

Council acknowledges your involvement with the Sunbury Heights Primary School as a volunteer, along with your role as a Leader of the Sunbury Heights community's Fathering Project, which promotes fathers or fatherly figures taking on a more active role in the child's school and life.

Your passion for keeping families and children included and involved in the community is commended. Your initiative in setting up the Sunbury Skatepark Instagram page has seen the number of children participating grow significantly in a short amount of time, and you should be proud that you have made many children feel welcomed.

Your dedication to your community has not gone unnoticed. You are a valued member of the Hume community, and Council honours and thanks you for your dedication.

**9.2 Presentation to Departing Manager – Ms Louise McFarlane**

The Mayor read the following and presented Ms Louise McFarlane with a certificate:

Tonight, we say farewell to Council's Manager Communications & Events, Louise McFarlane, who is ready to take on an exciting new chapter in her life.

Louise commenced at Hume in July 2010 and since that time has been a powerhouse of energy leading the Communications and Events Department.

With a strong background in journalism and local government, her wealth of knowledge has helped Council manage challenging issues over the years, while helping to sustain Hume's reputation.

Thanks to her, internal communications and media and advocacy teams have been established, proving to be a valuable asset in strengthening communications with staff and stakeholders.

Through Louise's leadership, Council has developed strong external communications to connect with our community, evident through our social and online presence, and Louise has also led a range of outstanding community events and festivals, including last weekend's highly successful Carols by Candlelight.

I have had the pleasure of working with Louise closely and admire her dedication, passion and tenacity in challenging herself and others.

We wish Louise all the very best for her new career and are proud to see her take the courageous step outside of Hume. On behalf of all the Councillors, thanks so much for your contribution over the past nine years. You will be sincerely missed.

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****PQ703 MR ROBERT WILLIAMS**

Is Council able to provide a guarantee that recyclables collected from the Hume municipality will not be provided to private entities in order to be used as feedstock for a waste to energy facility?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES)**

COUNCIL CURRENTLY HAS CONTRACTS FOR ACCEPTANCE AND SORTING OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL, ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF GARDEN ORGANICS, AND FOR THE DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIALS TO LANDFILL.

COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC DIRECTION IS TO ENSURE THAT RESOURCE RECOVERY IS PRIORITISED OVER DISPOSAL, AS PER THE WASTE HIERARCHY, AND THAT MATERIALS CAPTURED THROUGH THE KERBSIDE COLLECTION AND AT COUNCIL'S LANDFILL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE ALSO EMPHASISE THE RECOVERY OF RESOURCES BEFORE DISPOSAL.

COUNCIL AIMS FOR A BEST PRACTICE INTEGRATED APPROACH TO MANAGING WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY. THIS INCLUDES USING TRANSFER STATIONS AND RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRES TO SORT AND AGGREGATE MATERIALS PRIOR TO THEIR TRANSFER TO A PROCESSING FACILITY, WITH RESIDUAL WASTE CURRENTLY TRANSFERRED TO LANDFILL. ANY CHANGE TO THIS APPROACH WOULD NEED TO BE FIRST CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL BEFORE ANY DECISION COULD BE MADE.

**PQ704 MR ROBERT WILLIAMS**

Dandenong and Ballarat Councils have recently voted to suspend finalising their decision on proposed waste to energy plants in their municipalities until a legislative framework (EPA Legislation to be enacted July 2020), new government policy (on the circular economy) and the result of Parliamentary Enquiries into recycling and waste management in Victoria are known. In light of this leadership and social responsibility for their communities shown by other Victorian Councils, are Hume City Councillors going to suspend their decision on Application No. P22489 until they have sufficient knowledge, information, policy, guidance and individual understanding to make a proper and fit decision on said Application?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)**

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE CURRENT APPLICATION HAS BEEN LODGED BY A PRIVATE ENTITY. COUNCIL IS NOT ABLE TO DECIDE WHO AND WHEN APPLICATIONS ARE MADE. MOREOVER, COUNCIL HAS OBLIGATIONS TO CONSIDER ALL PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATIONS AS AND WHEN THEY ARE LODGED AND IS NOT ABLE TO SUSPEND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO MAKE A DECISION. COUNCIL IS STILL UNDERTAKING ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSAL AND IS YET TO DETERMINE THE NEXT STEPS IN ITS CONSIDERATION.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING INDIVIDUAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE UNIQUE AND ALL PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR OWN. IT

WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR COUNCIL TO COMMENT ON THE ACTIONS OF OTHER COUNCILS OR THE APPLICATIONS BEING CONSIDERED BY THEM.



**PQ705 MRS ANN WILLIAMS**

I feel that Council did not adequately answer my question at the last Council meeting of 11 November 2019 in which I asked what negative impacts on residents, students, workers and travellers exposed to emissions from the facility at 65 Amaroo Road, Craigieburn Hume City Council will be liable for. I have therefore rephrased my question so that Council is better placed to understand the scope and intent of my question. Will Hume City Council be liable for any negative health impacts caused by the creation, operation and use of the above-proposed facility, given that they are the government body providing this planning approval?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)**

COUNCIL IS STILL TO DETERMINE IF THE APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED. AS WITH ALL PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATIONS, COUNCIL MAKES DECISIONS INFORMED BY THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES IN PLACE AT THE TIME. IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE OPERATOR AND OR LANDOWNER TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS. THE OWNER AND OPERATOR WOULD ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY IMPACTS ARISING FROM OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION OR RELATED REQUIREMENTS.

**PQ706 MRS ANN WILLIAMS**

Regarding Application No. P22489 for a proposed waste to energy facility at 65 Amaroo Road, Craigieburn, has the Hume City Council Statutory Planning Department received any further information from the Proponent detailing what materials are proposed to be used as feedstock in said facility?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)**

THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION DESCRIBES THAT THE PLANT IS DESIGNED TO ACCEPT MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTES FROM KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS AND COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES (EXCLUDING LIQUID AND PRESCRIBED WASTES).

THE COLLECTION SORTING AND DELIVERY OF THE MATERIAL IS TO BE CONDUCTED OFFSITE BY THIRD PARTIES AND SHIPPED TO THE PLANT. NO SORTING OF WASTE IS PROPOSED ON SITE.

**PQ707 MS MARIA ALBERTO**

Please outline the processes which are in place to ensure councillors are aware of residents' concerns regarding controversial proposals such as the waste-to-energy facility.

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)**

RESIDENTS ARE ABLE TO CONTACT COUNCILLORS DIRECTLY THROUGH TELEPHONE AND EMAIL TO OUTLINE THEIR CONCERNS AND/OR REQUEST A MEETING IF DESIRED. CONCERNS CAN ALSO BE EXPRESSED VIA A PETITION SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL. RESIDENTS ARE ALSO ABLE TO MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR COUNCIL TO RECEIVE A DEPUTATION ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

**PQ708 MS MARIA ALBERTO**

In cases of controversial developments, such as the proposed waste-to-energy facility, how much weight will be given to the clear objections of residents when competing with the profits of businesses?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)**

COUNCIL MAKES DECISIONS IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY UNDER THE *PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987*. THIS ACT REQUIRES COUNCIL TO MAKE DECISIONS IN THE PRESENT AND LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF ALL VICTORIANS.

SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 60 OF THE ACT REQUIRES COUNCIL TO CONSIDER A RANGE OF MATTERS INCLUDING ANY SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS THE PROPOSAL IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE.

TOGETHER, THESE MATTERS REQUIRE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER EQUALLY THE CONCERNS AND SUBMISSIONS OF RESIDENTS IN MAKING A DECISION ON ANY APPLICATION INCLUDING THE CURRENT WASTE TO ENERGY PROPOSAL. THE PROFITS OF BUSINESSES ARE NOT A PLANNING CONSIDERATION.

**PQ709 MS KATHERINE LAWFORD**

Given that Australia's legislative framework around waste to energy is very immature, and legislation to regulate pollution, such as air quality is quite weak in comparison to Europe, the United States and China, what protections and safety requirements are Hume City Councillors specifying to the EPA that they want included as part of the work certification and licencing of the proposed waste to energy facility at 65 Amaroo Road, Craigieburn in order to protect the health and wellbeing of Hume City Council residents to the same standard as those aforementioned countries?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)**

COUNCIL WILL WORK WITH THE EPA THROUGH THE WORKS APPROVAL AND LICENCE PROCESS. COUNCIL EXPECTS THE EPA WILL APPLY INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICE TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF STANDARDS AND PROTECTIONS FOR SUCH A FACILITY IF APPROVED ALONG WITH THEIR ASSESSMENT AND ENFORCEMENT.

**PQ710 MS KATHERINE LAWFORD**

Does the Proponent specify where they intend to dump the toxic hazardous waste, bottom ash, fly ash, sludge and slurry residue created by their waste disposal process at the waste to energy facility proposed for 65 Amaroo Road, Craigieburn?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)**

THE APPLICATION DOES NOT DETAIL THE METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF RESIDUAL WASTE FROM THE PLANT. THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED DESCRIBES THAT THIS WILL BE DETAILED THROUGH THE EPA WORKS APPROVAL PROCESS.

**PQ711 MR STEPHEN CHENHALL**

Can Council please provide a breakdown of how much income is received from the sale of its recyclables for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 financial years?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES)**

PRIOR TO THE RECYCLING CRISIS, COUNCIL USE TO RECEIVE INCOME FROM THE SALE OF HOUSEHOLD RECYCLABLES.

COUNCIL IS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF PAYMENTS TO RECYCLING AND ORGANIC PROCESSORS AND LANDFILL OPERATORS AS THIS INFORMATION IS COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE.

**PQ712 MS SHERIDEN TATE**

Will Hume City Council introduce separate collection of glass, paper, plastics and metal to mitigate contamination and improve recycling by enabling clean streams of recyclable materials?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES)**

COUNCIL CURRENTLY REFERS TO THE WASTE HIERARCHY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF WASTE AND RESOURCES AT KERBSIDE, AND AT THE LANDFILL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE.

AS PART OF THE WASTE AND AMENITY SERVICE PLAN, COUNCIL WILL REVIEW THE WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AGAINST CURRENT BEST PRACTICE TO ENSURE THAT THE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES FOLLOWS CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRINCIPLES. THIS MAY INCLUDE AN INVESTIGATION OF SEPARATE BINS FOR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS. THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY POLICY PAPER CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE A POLICY DIRECTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES.

COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING A FOOD ORGANICS COLLECTION SERVICE AS PART OF THE GARDEN ORGANICS COLLECTION SERVICE.

ALL RECYCLABLE MATERIALS BROUGHT TO THE SUNBURY LANDFILL AND BOLINDA ROAD RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE ARE SORTED BY COUNCIL'S CONTRACTORS TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF RECYCLING POSSIBLE.

**PQ713 MS SHERIDEN TATE**

Will Hume City Council call on the Victorian State government to introduce a container deposit scheme and increase Sustainability Fund investment into recycling sorting and processing infrastructure and development to drive demand for recycled products.

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES)****CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME:**

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2019, COUNCIL RESOLVED TO WRITE TO:

- LOCAL MPS (BROADMEADOWS, SUNBURY AND YUROKE),
- THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE;
- MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT;
- MINISTER FOR JOBS, INNOVATION AND TRADE;
- MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND RESOURCES; AND MINISTER FOR SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT

REQUESTING URGENT ADOPTION OF A BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IN VICTORIA.

LETTERS WERE SENT TO MINISTERS IN AUGUST 2019.

**SUSTAINABILITY FUND:**

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2019, COUNCIL RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA'S "RESCUE OUR RECYCLING" CAMPAIGN AND WRITE TO OTHER COUNCILS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO THE SAME.

THE RESCUE OUR RECYCLING ACTION PLAN CONTAINS AN ACTION CALLING ON THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT GREATER QUANTITIES OF SUSTAINABILITY FUND MONEY TO BOLSTER SORTING AND PROCESSING CAPABILITY IN VICTORIA.

LETTERS WERE SENT TO 27 METROPOLITAN COUNCILS.

**PQ714 MR JOHN RUTHERFORD**

In view of the situation that the application for a proposed development of a "waste to energy" facility located at 65 Amaroo Rd Craigieburn is exempt from third party notice and review rights, what steps, procedures and initiatives have been put in place by Hume City Council to protect the health, safety and general wellbeing of Hume residents particularly in Craigieburn?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)**

COUNCIL IS STILL TO DETERMINE IF THE APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED. COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE AMENITY OF THE SURROUNDING AREA AND THE IMPACTS ON RESIDENTS AS PART OF ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSAL. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE *PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987*.

THE PROPOSAL ALSO REQUIRES A WORKS APPROVAL AND LICENCE FROM THE EPA. COUNCIL EXPECTS THE EPA PROCESS TO PROVIDE FOR COMMUNITY INPUT TO THE PROPOSAL AND TO IDENTIFY, SET AND ENFORCE THE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS OF OPERATION THAT WILL PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF THE COMMUNITY IF THE APPLICATION RECEIVES A PERMIT AND A WORKS APPROVAL.

**PQ715 MR JOHN RUTHERFORD**

In addition, what legal avenues, services or resources are available to residents of Hume that would enable them to take all necessary measures to protect their participatory rights in accordance with "Hume Social Justice Charter?"

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES)**

THE HUME SOCIAL JUSTICE CHARTER ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPATORY RIGHTS FOR ALL HUME CITIZENS:

- THE RIGHT TO POLITICAL REPRESENTATION
- THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS
- THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC LIFE
- THE RIGHT TO ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND DECISIONS
- THE RIGHT TO HOLD DECISION MAKERS TO ACCOUNT

IF A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY FEELS THAT THEIR PARTICIPATORY RIGHTS HAVE NOT BEEN PROTECTED THROUGH A PARTICULAR PROCESS OF COUNCIL, A COMPLAINT MAY BE LODGED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

**PQ716 MRS SONJA RUTHERFORD**

What was the reason for Council's decision to establish an additional Deputy Mayor position?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES)**

THE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY MAYOR POSITION ALLOWS FOR GREATER SUPPORT TO THE MAYOR, IT ENABLES A SPREADING OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO REPRESENT THE MAYOR IF THE MAYOR IS UNAVAILABLE AND IT PROVIDES FOR LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNCILLORS.

**PQ717 MRS SONJA RUTHERFORD**

What are the key qualities and additional duties that a Councillor is expected to bring to the position of Deputy Mayor?

**RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES)**

FOR ALL COUNCILLORS THE KEY QUALITIES OF ACTING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE WHOLE MUNICIPALITY REMAIN THE SAME. IT IS EXPECTED THAT A DEPUTY MAYOR WILL BE AVAILABLE TO REPRESENT COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR WHERE THE MAYOR IS UNABLE TO ATTEND FUNCTIONS OR EVENTS.

## 12. OFFICER'S REPORTS

Reports Identified as Requiring Individual DiscussionCULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
CC107	Neighbourhood House 2020 Funding Allocation	21

Councillor Drew Jessop declared an Indirect Interest on item CC107 due to a close association with the Meadow Heights Education Centre, a proposed recipient of funding listed in the report, and left the meeting, the time being 7.40pm and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the item.

Councillor Joseph Haweil declared an Indirect Interest on item CC107 due to a close association with the Craigieburn Education & Community Centre, a proposed recipient of funding listed in the report, and left the meeting, the time being 7.40pm and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the item.

**Moved** Cr Geoff Porter, **Seconded** Cr Ann Potter

**That Council:**

- 2.1 **acknowledges the valuable role Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres provide in learning and place-based community development services.**
- 2.2 **acknowledges the satisfactory acquittal of the 2019 Neighbourhood House Funding Allocation by all 10 Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres.**
- 2.3 **approves the distribution the 2020 Neighbourhood House Funding Allocation, equating to a total of \$284,070, to the 10 Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres, as detailed in Item 4.2 of this report.**
- 2.4 **enters into an annual Funding Agreement with each Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre, noting that each Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre must comply with the terms of the agreement, including the satisfactory completion of an annual acquittal of funds, as a prerequisite for future funding eligibility.**

Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting after the motion had been moved on item CC107, the time being 7.43pm.

Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting prior to the vote on item CC107, the time being 7.45pm.

**CARRIED**

Cr Drew Jessop returned to the meeting after the vote on item CC107, the time being 7.49pm.

Cr Joseph Haweil returned to the meeting after the vote on item CC107, the time being 7.49 pm.

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
GE396	<b>Sustainability Taskforce - New Membership for 2020-2021</b>	

Councillor Ann Potter left the meeting prior to a motion being moved on item GE396, the time being 7.49pm and did not return to vote on the item.

**Moved** Cr Jodi Jackson, **Seconded** Cr Drew Jessop

- 2.1 That Council endorses the recommendation of the Sustainability Taskforce Selection Panel for new members for the Hume Sustainability Taskforce for the period February 2020 – November 2021 as recommended in this report.**

**CARRIED**

#### Reports Not Otherwise Dealt With

**Moved** Cr Leigh Johnson, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

**THAT** the recommendations relating to:

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
SU459	<b>Update of the Street and Reserve Tree Policy</b>	<b>21</b>
GE397	<b>Naming Proposal - Foundation Park</b>	<b>69</b>
GE398	<b>Temporary Change to Chief Executive Officer Delegation - 16 December 2019 to 3 February 2020</b>	<b>81</b>
GE399	<b>Customer Experience Service Plan</b>	<b>85</b>

be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
SU459	<b>Update of the Street and Reserve Tree Policy</b>	<b>21</b>

**Moved** Cr Leigh Johnson, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

- 2.1 That Council approve the updated Street and Reserve Tree Policy (Attachment 1) and the Addendum Operational Guidelines (Attachment 2) to support the updated Street and Reserve Tree Policy.**
- 2.2 That Council notes that a further, more comprehensive review of the Street and Reserve Tree Policy will be conducted as part of the development of urban forest principles in the Open Space Strategy review in 2021.**

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
GE397	Naming Proposal - Foundation Park	69

Moved Cr Leigh Johnson, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

**2.1 THAT Council:**

- a) notes the results of the community consultation process on the proposal to officially name a park commonly known as Merrifield Neighbourhood Park located at the corner of St Georges Boulevard and Balmain Road in Mickleham, Foundation Park;
- b) endorses the proposal to name the officially unnamed park located at the corner of St Georges Boulevard and Balmain Road Mickleham Foundation Park;
- c) submits the name Foundation Park to Geographic Names Victoria for consideration and approval.

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
GE398	Temporary Change to Chief Executive Officer Delegation - 16 December 2019 to 3 February 2020	81

Moved Cr Leigh Johnson, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

**That Council:**

- 2.1 in accordance with section 98(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, amends its instrument of delegation to the Chief Executive Officer for the period of 16 December 2019 to 3 February 2020 for a temporary increase in the current limitation on the power delegated to the CEO – to award a contract not exceeding the value of \$2.4 million (including GST), and
- 2.2 receive a further report on the use of the delegation and reinstatement of the contract awarding limit of \$500,000 at the Council meeting of 10 February 2020.

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
GE399	Customer Experience Service Plan	85

Moved Cr Leigh Johnson, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

- 2.1 That Council adopts the Customer Experience Service Plan, and notes that implementation will be completed over the next four years.

**CARRIED**



**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**13. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**

Nil.

**14. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil.

**15. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

**16. DELEGATES REPORTS**

Councillor Ann Potter returned to the meeting prior to the discussion on DEL093 – Friends of Aileu – Hume City Council Delegation to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, 1-7 July 2019, the time being 7.52pm.

Councillor Karen Sherry and Councillor Joseph Haweil addressed Council on item DEL093, and circulated photos of the Delegation to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to Councillors.

**DEL093 – PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photograph:** Cr Haweil, Cr Sherry and Cr Riley pictured with school students at the Xanana Gusmao Reading Room in Dili



**Photograph:** Cr Haweil, Cr Sherry, Cr Riley and Mr Adams pictured with Mrs Nina Soares Pinto, Head of Department Finance and Administration and Urban Management at the Republic of Timor-Leste Ministry of State Administration



**Photograph:** Gift presentation from Delegation members to His Excellency Mr Abilio Jose Caetano, Vice Minister of State Administration, with Mr Herminio Moniz, Director General Urban Organisation, and Mrs Nina Soares Pinto.



**Photograph:** Delegation members pictured with His Excellency Ambassador Peter Roberts OAM, at the Embassy of the Commonwealth of Australia in Dili.



**Photograph:** Delegation members pictured with members of the Aileu Municipal Youth Centre.



**Photograph:** Cr Sherry, Cr Haweil and Cr Riley pictured with Mrs Domingas de Jesus, Vice Director of the Das Flores School, Aileu.



**Photograph:** Delegation members pictured with Mr Joao Tilman Do Rego, District Administrator, officers of the Aileu Municipal Administration and Government Ministry Department Heads.



**Photograph:** Delegation members pictured with staff of the Uma Ita Nian Clinic in Aileu.



**Photograph:** Cr Sherry and Cr Haweil pictured with His Excellency Taur Matan Ruak, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste at a Public Reception in Aileu.



**Photograph:** Cr Sherry pictured with staff of the Aileu District Hospital.

**17. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**MED272 REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE ON THE BUS TERMINAL IN SUNBURY**

Councillor Jack Medcraft

**Moved** Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Leigh Johnson

**That Council writes to the Minister of Transport, head of Public Transport Victoria (PTV), and local Member for Sunbury, Josh Bull, to ask will they seriously consider doing the proper maintenance on the bus terminal in Sunbury.**

**CARRIED**

**MED273 REQUEST FOR UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS TO MACEDON STREET SUNBURY**

Councillor Jack Medcraft

**Moved** Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Ann Potter

**That Council writes to VicRoads and the Minister for Roads to enquire as to when will maintenance and repairs be done to Macedon Street Sunbury, as it has been on the table for many months.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Jack Medcraft wished everybody a Merry and safe Christmas.

JOH056

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SUNBURY RSL**

Councillor Leigh Johnson

**Moved** Cr Leigh Johnson, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft**That Council writes to the Sunbury RSL sub-branch congratulating the RSL on their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.****CARRIED**

Councillor Drew Jessop wished everybody a Merry Christmas.

JAC025

**SUPPORT TO THE NORTHERN RECYCLING GROUP**

Councillor Jodi Jackson

**Moved** Cr Jodi Jackson, **Seconded** Cr Joseph Haweil**That Council officers investigate and report to Council on the possibility of a dedicated site for the Northern Recycling Group to undertake their outstanding contribution to our community, and that any report considers that the group currently operates in the Craigieburn, has had significant community participation, and is in need of a shed to continue their work and expand as the group's activities evolve.****CARRIED**

JAC026

**POST-CHRISTMAS 'TOO BIG FOR THE BIN' DAY**

Councillor Jodi Jackson

**Moved** Cr Jodi Jackson, **Seconded** Cr Geoff Porter**That Council officers investigate the possibility of Council offering and additional "Too Big for the Bin" day, post-Christmas, to accommodate for the influx of waste generated over the Christmas period. The focus for this event could be e-waste, polystyrene, cardboard and paper.****CARRIED**

JAC027

**EXTENSION TO MALCOLM CREEK PATH**

Councillor Jodi Jackson

**Moved** Cr Jodi Jackson, **Seconded** Cr Drew Jessop**That Council officers investigate the extension of the Malcolm Creek path to provide pedestrian and cycling connections between Mickleham and Craigieburn.****CARRIED**

The Mayor acknowledged that it was Councillor Joseph Haweil's birthday and wished him a happy birthday.

HAW063

**2020 INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY PARTICIPATION**

Councillor Joseph Haweil

**Moved** Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

**That Council participates in the 2020 International Mother Language Day by considering a Council-organised celebration, seminar, or other public activity that recognises the importance of mother language retention and learning in Hume City. Such a function may include the engagement of local school students, community groups, State-funded local community language schools, Councillors, and relevant Council staff for contributions.**

**CARRIED**

KUR073

**TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION – PARINGA BOULEVARD, MEADOW HEIGHTS**

Councillor Naim Kurt

**Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jana Taylor

**That Council officers investigate the effectiveness of the rubber speed humps on Paringa Boulevard and the issue of cars using Paringa Boulevard and surrounding streets as a rat-run to escape traffic on Pascoe Vale Road to Somerton Road/Aitken Boulevard and report back to a future Strategy and Policy Briefing on possible calming measures, concrete speed humps or electronic signage.**

**CARRIED**

KUR074

**JACK ROPER RESERVE – PARKING AND ENTRYWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

Councillor Naim Kurt

**Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Geoff Porter

**That Council staff prepare a report for a future Strategy and Policy briefing about increasing parking options or increasing the width of the entry lane to Jack Roper reserve, or other options including no parking signs to stop congestion whilst entering or exiting the reserve.**

**CARRIED**



**KUR075                    COMPETITIVE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT GRANTS RECEIVED**

Councillor Naim Kurt

**Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

Councillor Leigh Johnson left the meeting after the motion had been moved on the General Business item, the time being 8.45pm.

**That a report be prepare for a future Strategy and Policy briefing outlining the amount of funding Council has received from competitive Victorian Government grants for Council projects across our city over the last 3 years, and the number of projects which have been able to be added or brought forward into our Council Capital Works program.**

Councillor Leigh Johnson returned to the meeting prior to the vote on the General Business item, the time being 8.47pm.

**CARRIED**

**POR150                    TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION – YINNAR STREET, DALLAS**

Councillor Geoff Porter

**Moved** Cr Geoff Porter, **Seconded** Cr Jana Taylor

**That Council investigate possible road treatments to improve right-hand turns into Yinnar Street Dallas, from Barry Road Dallas, and report back to a future Strategy and Policy Briefing session.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Geoff Porter requested verbal advice on the status of the public toilet facility which is planned to complement the dog park at Broadmeadows Valley Park, and when it is anticipated to be set up and opened.

The Mayor took the request for information on notice, and advised that a response would be provided at a later date.

Councillor Jana Taylor thanked and congratulated officers involved with the Carols by Candlelight event held in Craigieburn on Saturday 7 December 2019.

**TAY035                    STATE DISABILITY PLAN 2021-2024 PARTICIPATION**

Councillor Jana Taylor

**Moved** Cr Jana Taylor, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

**That Council officers:**

- a) **consider opportunities to encourage the community to participate in State Government consultations for the next State Disability Plan 2021 – 2024, and**
- b) **Consider providing a submission on behalf of Council.**

**CARRIED**

**SHE028 TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION AND BEAUTIFICATION WORKS –  
PASCOE VALE ROAD, BROADMEADOWS**

Councillor Karen Sherry

**Moved** Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Geoff Porter**That Council officers prepare a report on the prospect of traffic calming measures on Pascoe Vale Road, and beautification works, adjacent to the Hume Global Learning Centre and next to the Broadmeadows Railway Station.****CARRIED****SHE029 LIGHTING AND AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS – GREENVALE SKATE FACILITY**

Councillor Karen Sherry

**Moved** Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Joseph Haweil**That Council officers prepare a report for a future Strategy and Policy briefing on the prospect of improved lighting and amenity at Greenvale Skate facility, next to the community centre in Barry Road.****CARRIED****18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

The Meeting may be closed to members of the public to consider confidential matters.

**Moved** Cr Jana Taylor, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson**THAT the Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) (sub sections as listed), of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider the following items, which are confidential for the reasons indicated:**

Report No.	Title	Reason for Confidential
COSU142	Recycling Agreement	(d) contractual matters
COSU143	Collaborative Procurement - Landfill Services	(d) contractual matters
COSU144	Contract - Landscape Construction Panel	(d) contractual matters
COSU145	Contract - Roxburgh Park Drive, Roxburgh Park - Road Duplication between Donald Cameron Drive to Pinnock Avenue	(d) contractual matters
COGE266	Assemblies of Councillors - November 2019	(h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 9.10pm.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9.12pm.

**19 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

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**COUNCILLOR CARLY MOORE**  
**MAYOR**