



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2023

7.00PM

HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE SUNBURY

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

It should be noted that these minutes are not in their final form until Council has formally resolved to confirm them.

These minutes will be presented to Council for confirmation on Monday, 18 December 2023.

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
held on Monday, 11 December 2023
at 7.00pm
at the Hume Global Learning Centre Sunbury

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Naim Kurt	Mayor
		Cr Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor
		Cr Jarrod Bell	
		Cr Trevor Dance	
		Cr Joseph Haweil	
		Cr Chris Hollow	
		Cr Jodi Jackson	
		Cr Jack Medcraft	
		Cr Sam Misho	
		Cr Carly Moore	
		Cr Jim Overend	
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
		Ms Rachel Dapiran	Director City Planning and Places
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Ms Sasha Lord	Acting Director Customer & Strategy
		Ms Fiona Shanks	Chief People Officer
		Mr Joel Kimber	Acting Manager Governance
		Ms Veronica Rowley	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.

Gallery Behaviour

The Mayor advised that they will invite members of the gallery to speak, for up to three minutes either in support of or against an officer's recommendation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Hume City Council would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Country for which the members and Elders of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and their forebears have been custodians for many thousands of years. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, are the Traditional Custodians of this land. Hume City Council would also like to pay its respects to their Elders, past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who may be here today.

2. PRAYER

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 Interfaith Network (HIN). In recognition of the religious diversity of residents in Hume City Council has invited the HIN to take responsibility for the opening prayer at Council meetings. This evening's prayer will be led by Milan Gyawali, from the Nepalese Hindu community, on behalf of the HIN.

Milan Gyawali read the prayer:

The One who is pure as camphor, the Incarnation of compassion, the One who is the essence of the World, adorned by the Serpent-King's garland.

Always residing as the lotus of the heart, I bow down to the nature of Shiva and Shakti.

You alone are my Mother, You alone are my Father, You alone are my Family

You alone are my Friend, You alone are my Knowledge, You alone are my Wealth, You are everything to me.

O Lord of Lords, You alone.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors' attention is drawn to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules 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.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

CGM45

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KILLARA PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THEIR 30TH BIRTHDAY

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council through the mayor write to Principal Sue Muir staff and students of Killara Primary School acknowledging the school's 30th birthday celebrations

.CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 November 2023, including Confidential Minutes.

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 November 2023, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

Nil

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1069 PUBLIC QUESTION - ERIN WHITEHEAD**

The Bulla playground requires an upgrade. Hume has installed a lot of new playgrounds in surrounding suburbs but Bulla has missed out on upgrades.

Can you provide an estimate of when an upgrade may occur?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND PLACES

Council is in the process of developing a masterplan for the Bulla Recreation Reserve. That masterplan, developed in partnership with the community will identify improvements to the reserve. Those improvements will be subject to future budget deliberations of Council.

PQ1070 PUBLIC QUESTION - STEVE HART

Please provide a bulletpoint list of the scope of works required to open the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre's 25m indoor pool to the public.

What is the current estimated date for the pool to reopen to the public?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

The works underway on the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre 25m indoor pool include:

- * Draining the pool
- * A review and assessment of the pool surface with the paint supplier and aquatics engineer.
- * Preparation of the affected areas for repainting.
- * Painting of the affected sections of the pool surface.
- * Allowing for the appropriate curing time.
- * Refilling the pool and treatment and preparation of the water for public use.

It is anticipated that the pool will reopen in late January 2024.

The Chief Executive Officer read the following.

Council has received 3 public questions about Council's stance on Palestine.

Section 56.8 of Council's Governance Rules allows for like questions to be grouped together and a single answer provided. Where applicable our responses have been compiled together.

PQ1071 PUBLIC QUESTION - SOFIYAH ASSEGAFF

What is your stance on the current situation in Palestine?

PQ1072 PUBLIC QUESTION - CEYDA GUNAY

What is the Council's stance on the current situation in Palestine?

PQ1073 PUBLIC QUESTION - TAHANI KASSEM

Why have you not called for a ceasefire?

The response to these questions was provided by THE MAYOR

Thank you for your question.

I share our community's concerns and grief regarding the conflict in the Middle East and we know that there are many who are deeply and directly affected by this conflict.

Council as a whole is supportive of a peaceful resolution to this conflict. Hume Council has a proud history of welcoming and assisting peoples from all over the world who have been victims of conflicts and natural disasters. We are aware there are people arriving into our city from this current conflict who need our direct and immediate help and Council will assist those people when the times comes, as we have done for other refugees groups.

This is where Council believes we can make the most difference to those in need at this time and ensure we promote harmony in our community.

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

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9.1	8 Iron Bridge Road Craigieburn - Remote Seller's Packaged Liquor Licence.	7

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That Council having considered the application on its merits and the objections received, resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to grant a Planning Permit for a Remote Seller's Packaged Liquor Licence at 8 Iron Bridge Road, Craigieburn, subject to the conditions set out in Attachment 1.A division was requested:

The result of the division was as follows:

For	Against
Cr Jarrod Bell	Cr Trevor Dance
Cr Chris Hollow	Cr Joseph Haweil
Cr Jodi Jackson	Cr Sam Misho
Cr Naim Kurt	Cr Jim Overend
Cr Jack Medcraft	
Cr Carly Moore	
Cr Karen Sherry	

CARRIED

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9.2	Merlynston Creek Crossing – Project Update and Land Acquisition	25

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Joseph Haweil

- 2.1 Note proposed approach to progress the Project and complete the due diligence investigations to reserve the route for the proposed Council road connection at Merlynston Creek (Road).**
- 2.2 Proposed advocacy approach to State and Federal governments for funding assistance be approved.**

- 2.3 Note the formal offer for the purchase part of 120-150 Camp Road Broadmeadows (Subject Land) is in line with an independent valuation and within Council's available 2023/24 budget.
- 2.4 Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or an approved delegate to progress sale negotiations for the Subject land within financial delegation and approved project budget.
- 2.5 Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or an approved delegate to sign the Contract of Sale and any other documents required in connection with the acquisition and transfer of the Subject Land.

CARRIED

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9.3	Safe Driver Reward Program Proposal	35

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes the findings within this report; and,
- 2.2 Indicate whether it would like to see other alternative, recommended programs identified within this report further pursued by officers.

Amendment

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

- 2.2 Indicate that it would like to instruct Officers to pursue further investigations and consideration for supporting the safe routes to school program.

CARRIED

The substantive motion was then put

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes the findings within this report; and,
- 2.2 Indicate that it would like to instruct Officers to pursue further investigations and consideration for supporting the safe routes to school program.

CARRIED

Councillor Jim Overend left the meeting during the discussion on item 9.3 *Safe Driver Reward Program Proposal*, the time being 7:50pm.

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.4	Place Names, Memorialisation, Recognition of Residents and Recognition of Former Councillors Policy Reviews	43

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

- 2.1 **THAT Council:**

- 2.1.1 revokes the Place Names Policy which was adopted on 28 August 2017;
- 2.1.2 adopts the Place Names Policy which is provided as Attachment 1 of this report;
- 2.1.3 revokes the Proposals for Memorialisation Within the Municipality of Hume Policy which was adopted on 28 August 2017;
- 2.1.4 adopts the Memorialisation Policy which is provided as Attachment 2 of this report;
- 2.1.5 revokes the Recognition of Residents Policy which was adopted on 27 March 2017 and which is provided as Attachment 3 of this report, noting that this policy has been superseded by the Hume Community Awards;
- 2.1.6 revokes the Recognition of Former Councillors Policy which was adopted on 23 October 2017 and which is provided as Attachment 4 of this report.
- 2.1.7 establishes an internal Place Names Committee to initially consider all naming proposal applications;
- 2.1.8 appoints Councillor Joseph Haweil and Councillor Jarrod Bell as members of the Place Names Committee;
- 2.1.9 appoints the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Manager Governance, the Manager City Life and the Coordinator Governance as members of the Place Names Committee.
- 2.1.10 commences a community engagement process in early 2024 to establish a 'Name Bank' which could be utilised to identify names for future use that recognize the diversity of the Hume community.

Councillor Jim Overend returned to the meeting during the discussion on *item 9.4 Place Names, Memorialisation, Recognition of Residents and Recognition of Former Councillors Policy Reviews*, the time being 7:57pm, and did not vote on *item 9.3 Safe Driver Reward Program Proposal*.

Councillor Chris Hollow left the meeting during the discussion on *item 9.4 Place Names, Memorialisation, Recognition of Residents and Recognition of Former Councillors Policy Reviews*, the time being 7:58pm.

Councillor Chris Hollow returned to the meeting during the discussion on *item 9.4 Place Names, Memorialisation, Recognition of Residents and Recognition of Former Councillors Policy Reviews*, the time being 7:59pm.

CARRIED

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9.5	Councillor Conduct Matter Update	77

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

2.1 Note the report.

2.2 Write to Local Government Victoria providing a copy of the transcript to inform its application of the Councillor Conduct Framework and reviews of the Framework already underway.

2.3 Send a copy of this correspondence to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Melissa Horne MP.

Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting during discussions on *item 9.5 Councillor Conduct Matter Update*, the time being 8:08pm.

Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting during discussions on *item 9.5 Councillor Conduct Matter Update*, the time being 8:18pm.

Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting during discussions on *item 9.5 Councillor Conduct Matter Update*, the time being 8:20pm.

Councillor Jarrod Bell left the meeting during discussions on *item 9.5 Councillor Conduct Matter Update*, the time being 8:24pm.

Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting during discussions on *item 9.5 Councillor Conduct Matter Update*, the time being 8:26pm.

Councillor Jarrod Bell returned to the meeting during discussions on *item 9.5 Councillor Conduct Matter Update*, the time being 8:27pm.

Councillor Jim Overend left the meeting during discussions on *item 9.5 Councillor Conduct Matter Update*, the time being 8:29pm.

Councillor Naim Kurt called for an adjournment to the meeting, the time being 8:30pm

Councillor Naim Kurt called for an end to the adjournment and resumed the meeting, time being 8:32pm

Councillor Jim Overend returned to the meeting during discussions on *item 9.5 Councillor Conduct Matter Update*, the time being 8:35pm.

A division was requested: The result of the division was as follows:

For

Cr Jarrod Bell
Cr Joseph Haweil
Cr Chris Hollow
Cr Naim Kurt
Cr Jack Medcraft
Cr Sam Misho
Cr Carly Moore
Cr Jim Overend
Cr Karen Sherry

Against

Cr Trevor Dance
Cr Jodi Jackson

CARRIED

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9.6	<p>Chief Executive Officer Annual Report on the Performance and Activities of Community Asset Committees</p> <p>Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Chris Hollow</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THAT Council notes this report.</p> <p>Councillor Jodi Jackson left the meeting during discussions on <i>item 9.6 Chief Executive Officer Annual Report on the Performance and Activities of Community Asset Committees</i>, the time being 8:38pm.</p> <p>Councillor Jodi Jackson returned to the meeting during discussions on <i>item 9.6 Chief Executive Officer Annual Report on the Performance and Activities of Community Asset Committees</i>, the time being 8:40pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	99
9.7	<p>Aitken Hill Community Centre – Kindergarten Expansion Project</p> <p>Moved Cr Carly Moore, Seconded Cr Jarrod Bell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">That Council</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2.1 approves the use of 1600m² (maximum) public open space adjoining the Aitken Hill Community Centre for the purposes of the delivery of a new 2 room kindergarten relocatable facility as detailed in Attachment 1.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2.1 authorises officers to enter into a peppercorn lease with the Department of Education for the use of the modular facility, noting that the lease will be for a period of up to 20 years.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2.2 notes at the conclusion of the lease term the land will be reinstated as public open space.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	103
9.8	<p>Temporary Change to the Chief Executive Officer’s Delegation 19 December 2023 to 11 February 2024</p> <p>Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Chris Hollow</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2.1 That in accordance with section 11(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council amends its instrument of delegation to the Chief Executive Officer for the period 19 December 2023 to 11 February 2024 for a temporary increase in the current limitation on the power delegated to the CEO not exceeding \$3 million (including GST).</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2.2 That in accordance with section 11(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council amends its instrument of delegation to the Chief Executive Officer for the period 19 December 2023 to 11 February 2024 for a temporary increase in the current limitation on the power delegated to</p>	109

the CEO to award the following contracts, which may exceed the \$3 million (including GST) temporary delegation requested in recommendation 2.1:

Contract No.	Contract Name
30 22 3335	Fairways – Remediation Works at Lake Reserve
30 23 3459	Construction of Kinder Expansion at Merrifield South and Kalkallo North Community Centre
30 23 3460	Provision of Minor Civil Works for Hume City Council
30 23 3461	Provision of Concreted Indented Parking Bays and Kerb & Channel Rehabilitation
30 23 3462	Provision of Stormwater Rehabilitation for Hume City Council
30 23 3478	Ligar Street, Sunbury - Road Reconstruction
30 23 3493	Road Reconstruction - Geach Street, Dallas

Amendment

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Trevor Dance

That contract no. 33 22 3335 Fairways – Remediation Works at Lake Reserve is removed from this table

CARRIED

The substantive motion was then put

- 2.1 That in accordance with section 11(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council amends its instrument of delegation to the Chief Executive Officer for the period 19 December 2023 to 11 February 2024 for a temporary increase in the current limitation on the power delegated to the CEO not exceeding \$3 million (including GST).
- 2.2 That in accordance with section 11(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council amends its instrument of delegation to the Chief Executive Officer for the period 19 December 2023 to 11 February 2024 for a temporary increase in the current limitation on the power delegated to the CEO to award the following contracts, which may exceed the \$3 million (including GST) temporary delegation requested in recommendation 2.1:

Contract No.	Contract Name
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30 23 3461	Provision of Concreted Indented Parking Bays and Kerb & Channel Rehabilitation
30 23 3462	Provision of Stormwater Rehabilitation for Hume City Council
30 23 3478	Ligar Street, Sunbury - Road Reconstruction
30 23 3493	Road Reconstruction - Geach Street, Dallas

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

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10.1	NOM23/031 - Cr Trevor Dance	111

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

THAT: all future council meetings that are live streamed have the live stream recorded and is available on council public web site ongoing within two days of the council meeting.

Amendment

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Joseph Haweil

1.2 That a report come to a future council briefing session providing options that will allow the livestream of councils meetings on platforms such as social media and what policy and processes may be required to allow for this.

CARRIED

The substantive motion was then put

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

That Council –

1.1 All future council meetings that are live streamed have the live stream recorded and is available on council public web site ongoing within two days of the council meeting.

1.2 That a report come to a future council briefing session providing options that will allow the livestream of councils meetings on platforms such as social media and what policy and processes may be required to allow for this.

CARRIED

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during discussions on *item 10.1 NOM23/031 – Cr Trevor Dance*, the time being 8:59pm.

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10.2	NOM23/032 - Cr Naim Kurt	113

Councillor Naim Kurt left the chair, the time being 9:01pm

Councillor Karen Sherry took over the chair, the time being 9:01pm

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting during discussion on *item 10.2 NOM23/032 – Cr Naim Kurt*, the time being 9:02pm and did not vote on *item 10.1 NOM23/031 – Cr Trevor Dance*.

Councillor Karen Sherry left the chair, the time being 9:20pm

Councillor Naim Kurt took over the chair, the time being 9:20pm

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

Background information: The Hume region is known for its diverse community and high religious participation. However, concerns have arisen about the location of new places of worship in growth areas, often in industrial zones. This trend hampers integration with the community, impacting accessibility, parking, and overall development viability. The absence of places for religion in precinct plans exacerbates the issue, forcing emerging communities to establish religious spaces in unsuitable areas, hindering cohesive development and posing challenges for residents and authorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT: Council through the Mayor write to the State Government regarding Places of Worship in Growth Areas. The letter should:

- 1. Highlight the high rate and diversity of religious participation in Hume compared to the rest of Victoria.**
- 2. Note the absence of land reserved for places of worship within town and neighborhood centres in Precinct Structure Plans.**
- 3. Recognise the challenges faced by newer migrant groups in financing and acquiring land in residential areas for places of worship.**
- 4. Acknowledge the prevalent issue of new places of worship being situated in industrial and green wedge areas, leading to poor community integration in growth areas.**
- 5. Request the State Government to conduct a review of planning controls and regulations to facilitate the relocation of Places of Worship to more community-friendly locations, such as town centres.**

CARRIED

MINUTES

11. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

13. DELEGATES REPORTS

Councillor Joseph Haweil advised that he has been appointed to the Board of the Australian Local Government Association by virtue of his board membership of the Municipality Association of Victoria.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

THAT Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to consider the following items:

9.8 Temporary Change to the Chief Executive Officer's Delegation 19 December 2023 to 11 February 2024

Attachment 1 Recommendation 2.2 – Estimated Contract Values is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

The specified grounds apply because the report contains sensitive financial information and business names.

14.1 Future of the Sunbury Riddell Road Landfill

Item 14.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

The specified grounds apply because the report contains financial matters.

14.2 Future Resourcing at Bolinda Road Resource Recovery Centre

Item 14.2 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

The specified grounds apply because the report contains sensitive financial information and business names.

14.3 Contract No. 30 19 3050 – Electricity – Small to Medium Enterprise (SPC) SS-04-2018

Item 14.3 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

The specified grounds apply because of commercial in confidence energy rates.

14.4 Contract No. 30 23 3446 - Provision of Concrete and Maintenance Services

Item 14.4 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

The specified grounds apply because the report contains contractual matters.

14.5 Confidential Report - Hume Central Lot E

Item 14.5 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(a) and (g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released, and because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

The specified grounds apply because the report relates to outcomes of a market process that is subject to commercial in confidence information.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:22pm

The meeting was not reopened to the public.

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.52pm.