

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes Council Meeting

Monday, 22 June 2026 at 7:00 pm

**Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre
Broadmeadows**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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Attendees:	a: Council	Cr. Carly Moore Cr. Ally Watson Cr. Jarrod Bell Cr. Daniel English Cr. Steve Gagen Cr. John Haddad Cr. Kate Hamley Cr. Naim Kurt Cr. Jim Overend Cr. Karen Sherry	Mayor Deputy Mayor
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost Ms. Kristen Cherry Ms Rachel Dapiran Ms Ann-Michel Greenwood Mr Matthew Irving Mr Fadi Srour Ms Holly De Kretser Ms Joanne Grindrod	Chief Executive Officer Director City Services & Living Director Planning, Places & Delivery Director People, Customer & Communication Director Assets, Operations & Sustainability Director Organisational Performance Manager Governance & Property Senior Governance Officer

Proceedings to be Recorded

The Mayor reminded Councillors and members of the Gallery that an audio and video 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

The Mayor read the following:

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 ancestors have been Owners for many thousands of years. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes existing family members of the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, are the Traditional Owners of this land. Hume City Council would like to pay respect to the existing family members of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung. Hume City Council would like to pay its respects to their Elders, past and present, and Elders from other communities who may be here today.

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2. PRAYER

The Mayor read the following:

“Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing upon this Council. Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory and the true welfare of the people of the Hume City.”

Amen

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Sam Misho was an apology for the meeting.

Cr Kate Hamley and Cr Jim Overend attended the meeting online in accordance with Council's Governance rules.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Mayor read the following:

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.

Nil.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

CNM417 CONDOLENCE MOTION – CEASRE LIBERATORE

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

That Council express their condolences on the death of Ceasre Liberatore who died on Saturday morning.

CARRIED

CNM418 CONDOLENCE MOTION - KADIR GENÇ

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council express their condolences on the passing of Kadir Genç, a well-known zurna musician.

CARRIED

**CGM151 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – BRODIE WARREN –
MILES FOR MINDS**

Moved Cr Daniel English, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

That Council acknowledge and congratulate Roxburgh Park local Brodie Warren, for his outstanding work through Miles for Minds initiative.

CARRIED

CGM152 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – SOHAM YOGA

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

That the Mayor on behalf of Council write to Soham Yoga congratulating them for the International Yoga Day 2026 event at Highlands Community Centre in Cragieburn.

CARRIED

CGM153 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - SUNBURY DOWNS COLLEGE PRODUCTION - SEUSSICAL JNR

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Kate Hamley

That Council through the Mayor write to congratulate the students, teachers, cast and crew of Sunbury Downs Colleges production of Seussical Jnr.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026, including Confidential Minutes.

Moved Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1431 & PQ1432 PUBLIC QUESTIONS – MICHELLE FORDE**

1. I want to know the fair share in the budget you are advertising of ratepayers money. In Sunbury many of us struggling and I want to know from this budget for next year how much is each suburb getting in dollar amount from the project budget with the percentage shown of the total spend.
2. You showed the budget to us last year from this year and with my question you answered me and said how much each suburb will get. Now I ask the same question. Now the year has passed how much of your building program and projects was spent in each suburb as dollars and percentage. Did we actually get our fair share thanks as you said we would?

Response – Director Planning, Places & Delivery

As the budget is up for adoption tonight the detail of the question will be answered at the first meeting in July. However it should be noted that Council's investment in its services and infrastructure is not prioritised by suburb, it is prioritised by need over a number of years. Many residents will access services and use infrastructure that sits beyond their own suburban boundary.

PQ1433 PUBLIC QUESTION – TIAGO VALENTE

After increasing concerns around dangerous driving behaviours on local roads, including speeding, hooning, burnouts, and vehicles with excessively loud modified exhausts, a community survey was developed to better understand whether others were experiencing similar issues. These incidents most often took place across Highlander Drive, Grand Boulevard, and Aitken Boulevard.

Would a Councillor consider putting forward a motion to initiate a road safety audit and coordinated enforcement response for reported locations.

My personal view is that raised speed humps should be along the aforementioned roads of Highlander Drive, Grand Boulevard and Aitken Boulevard.

Response – Director Assets, Operations & Sustainability

Thankyou for the question.

A road safety audit is intended to assess specific sites or project designs and therefore, would not be an appropriate method to address the broader issues raised within this question.

Council manages and responds to the concerns raised through the continual monitoring of traffic data for speeds and volumes, as well as crash history, to determine whether any treatments are warranted across the transport network.

In reference to the specific sites identified within the questions, Council has recently been awarded funding through the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program for the installation of raised safety platforms along Highlander Drive. Construction is due to commence by the end of 2026.

Aitken Boulevard has been designed to be a future State Arterial Road. Therefore, local traffic calming treatments are generally not appropriate as the road must maintain its traffic movement function and therefore these type of works are not recommended on this road at this time.

Grand Boulevard has been assessed extensively, including through the Blackspot Program. Traffic safety works have been completed along the road in recent years through funding from Blackspot and state road safety program's.

All these roads will be subject to ongoing monitoring and liaison with VicPol for enforcement action where necessary.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

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8.1	2026/27 Budget Adoption and Declaration of Rates Fees and Charges	6
	The following community members addressed the gallery prior to the item being moved: Lorraine James	
	Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Jarrod Bell	
	2.1 That Council adopts the 2026/27 Budget (Budget), having considered submissions received and the details of the 2026/27 recurrent and capital budgets appended to this report, which includes:	
	2.1.1 Section 1 – Link to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework	

- 2.1.2 Section 2 – Services and service performance indicators
- 2.1.3 Section 3 – Financial statements
- 2.1.4 Section 4 – Notes to the financial statements including detailed information relating to general rates and charges
- 2.1.5 Section 5 – Financial performance indicators
- 2.1.6 Section 6 – Schedule of fees and charges
- 2.1.7 That the recurrent and capital budgets for 2026/27 be the Budget 2026/27 (Budget) prepared for the purposes of Section 94 of the Act.
- 2.2 That, in relation to the capital works program, the expenditure provided for in each line item is the forecast or projected amount that Council will expend. On occasions the actual amount expended could be greater or less than the expenditure provided for. As each line item is part of a class of expenditure being forecast or projected, Council intends that the expenditure authorised through the adoption of the Budget will be the totality of expenditure by class (regardless of whether, in respect of any particular project, the actual amount expended exceeds or is less than the expenditure that is shown).
- 2.3 That Council approves the following adjustments to the proposed Budget, as advertised on Tuesday, 12 May 2026, reflecting changes made in response to confirmation from the Valuer General:
 - 2.3.1 Decrease to the rate in the dollar from 0.21791 to 0.21789 cents in the dollar in section 4.1.1(b) of the Budget document.
 - 2.3.2 Increase to the total value of land from \$89,919,277,750 to \$89,928,337,000 in section 4.1.1(f) of the Budget document.
 - 2.3.3 Decrease to the public waste uniform service rate for all rateable non-residential properties from 0.0416220 to 0.0416179 in section 4.1.1(g) of the Budget document.
- 2.4 Recommendation 2.3 has no impact on the total rate revenue raised and the 2026/27 Budgeted financial statements.
- 2.5 That Council declares the general rates and charges as per section 2.6 to 2.17 below.
- 2.6 That in accordance with Section 158 of the 1989 Act, Council declares a General Rate of 0.21789 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value within the municipal district for all rateable land for the rating period commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027.
- 2.7 That Council declares that all general rates for rateable land be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of the rateable land by the relevant General Rate indicated at 2.6 above.
- 2.8 That for the 2026/27 financial year, the Primary Producer Rate Rebate will continue to be offered to landholders outside the

- urban growth zone which will be calculated at 30% of the General Rate. The eligibility criteria for the Primary Producer Rate Rebate is similar to that under the Agricultural Land Use Rebate however there is a requirement on landholders to prove to Council that they are trying to operate an agricultural business from their agricultural activity.
- 2.9 That Council grants an additional pensioner rate rebate of \$60.00 per rateable property to those applicants who qualify for a rate rebate within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act* 2004 over and above that provided by the State Government. This rebate is to be granted on the same terms and conditions that provides for the State Government funded rebate without separate application in accordance with Section 171 of the 1989 Act.
- 2.10 That for the rating period commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027 and in accordance with Section 162 of the 1989 Act Council also declares:
- 2.10.1 A Public Waste Service Rate of 0.0416179 cents in the dollar which will apply to commercial and industrial properties, excluding non-rateable properties.
 - (a) The amount payable will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value (CIV) by the Waste Service Rate of 0.0416179 cents in the dollar as indicated at 2.10.1 above.
 - 2.10.2 A Public Waste Service Charge of \$306.62 for residential properties. For the purpose of the waste charge, residential properties include properties classified as rural.
 - 2.10.3 A Public Waste Service charge of \$246.62 for pensioners owner occupied residential properties which reflects a fee that is \$60 less than the standard residential Public Waste Service Charge.
 - 2.10.4 The classification of residential properties will be based on the zoning and current use in accordance with State Government Valuation Best Practice Specification Guidelines which contain the Australian Valuation Property Classification Codes (AVPCC) established by the Valuer General. Therefore, non-residential will be all other properties not defined as residential.
 - 2.10.5 A Kerbside Waste Service Charge of \$407.16 to residential and non-residential properties, where Council is able to provide a kerbside waste service.
 - 2.10.6 Non-rateable properties who elect to receive a Kerbside Waste Service will continue to pay for the service in accordance with the fees outlined in the Budget.
- 2.11 That Council notes, the Victorian Government Minister's Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges (the Guidelines) issued on 1 January 2026 are not mandatory. Council has assessed the Guidelines and determined that full compliance at this stage would have significant financial

implications. Council may consider a pathway for compliance in future budgets.

- 2.12 That in accordance with Section 167 (1) of the 1989 Act, the general rates and service charges be payable in four instalments. The gazetted instalment dates as fixed by the Minister are as follows: 30 September 2026, 30 November 2026, 28 February 2027 and 31 May 2027.
- 2.13 That in accordance with Section 167 (2A) of the 1989 Act, Council will not be offering the lump sum payment option.
- 2.14 That the setting of the maximum interest rate for unpaid rates and charges will be in accordance with the Local Government Legislation Amendment (Rating and Other Matters) Act 2022. The Minister for Local Government must fix a maximum rate of interest that councils may charge on unpaid rates and charges. The legislation took effect on 20 June 2023. Until a new interest rate is set by the Minister for Local Government, the current interest rate as set by the Attorney-General via the *Penalty Interest Rate Act 1983* continues to apply under s.172(2) of the 1989 Act. The current interest rate is set at 10 per cent and will apply for the 2026/27 financial year, unless it is changed by the Minister.
- 2.15 That in accordance with Section 162 of the 1989 Act, Council declares annual service rates and charges for the disposal of refuse per collection services for rateable properties for the period commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027; where each occupied serviced rateable property is entitled to one 140L garbage service and one 240L recycle service. Additional charges will apply as follows, including for non rateable properties:

WASTE SERVICE OPTION	Per Service
Garbage Charges	
Garbage (upgrade from 140L to 240L)	\$131.50
Garbage (additional service 240L)	\$303.80
Garbage (additional service 140L)	\$175.30
Garbage (additional 80L)	\$101
Garbage discount (80L first service)	\$23.30 discount
Recycling Charges	
Recycle (additional 140L or 240L)	\$79.80
Recycle (upgrade from 140L to 360L)	\$38.95
Recycle (additional 360L)	\$119.60
Organics Charges	
Organics 140L additional service	\$97.30
Organics 240L additional service	\$123.90
Kerbside waste management charge	
Charge for all rateable properties	\$407.16
Public waste management rates and charges	

Residential	\$306.62
Residential – pension concession rate (\$60 discount)	\$246.62
Non-residential rate (cents/\$CIV)	0.0416179

- 2.16 That an amount of \$295.09m be declared as the amount Council intends to raise from the general rates and charges (excluding rates in lieu) for the period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 as follows:

	\$000
General rates	\$ 195,942
Less primary producer rate rebate	(\$ 163)
Less Council pension rebate	<u>(\$ 987)</u>
Total general rates	\$ 194,792
Service charge – recycling and garbage	\$ 663
Special rates and charges	\$ 5
Kerbside waste service charge	\$ 39,056
Service charge – organics	\$ 66
Public waste service rates and charges	\$ 37,426
Projected supplementary rate income	\$ 3,000
Rates interest	<u>\$ 992</u>
Total rates and service charges	\$ 276,001
Rates in lieu - Commonwealth properties	<u>\$ 19,088</u>
	<u>\$ 295,089</u>

- 2.17 That Council notes that in accordance with Section 158 of the 1989 Act and Regulation 8 of the Regulations, detailed information concerning General Rates and Charges is appended to this report.

CARRIED

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

For	Against
Cr Carly Moore	Cr John Haddad
Cr Ally Watson	Cr Naim Kurt
Cr Jarrod Bell	Cr Jim Overend
Cr Daniel English	
Cr Steve Gagen	
Cr Kate Hamley	
Cr Karen Sherry	

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8.2	2026/27 Council Annual Action Plan Adoption	153

Moved Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council adopts the 2026/27 Council Annual Action Plan provided at Attachment 1 and commences implementation from 1 July 2026.

CARRIED

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8.3	Sustainability Taskforce – Recommendation on Waste to Energy Facility Proposal	174

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Kate Hamley

That Council:

- 2.1 **Notes the recommendation from the Sustainability Taskforce, being “That Council oppose the proposal by HiQ Pty Ltd to construct and operate a waste to energy plant between Bulla and Sunbury”.**
- 2.2 **Notes the recommendation from the Sustainability Taskforce is aligned with Council’s previous submission to the development and expansion of waste-to-energy (WtE) infrastructure in Victoria Parliamentary Inquiry, as endorsed on 13 April 2026.**
- 2.3 **Respond to the Sustainability Taskforce through co-chairs, Cr. Gagen and Cr. Hamley, to advise of Council’s response to their recommendation.**

CARRIED

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8.4	28 Neill Street, Sunbury and 86 Ligar Street, Sunbury – Use and Development of the land for a childcare centre and reduction in car parking spaces.	178

The following community member addressed the gallery prior to the item being moved:
Raymond Rowe

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

That Council, having considered the application on its merit and the objections received, resolves to issue a notice of decision to grant a planning permit for the Use and Development of the land for a Childcare Centre and reduction in car parking spaces at 28 Neill Street, Sunbury subject to the condition in Attachment 1.

UPON CASTING VOTE THE ITEM WAS CARRIED

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

For	Against
Cr Carly Moore	Cr Jarrod Bell
Cr Ally Watson	Cr John Haddad
Cr Daniel English	Cr Kate Hamley
Cr Steve Gagen	Cr Naim Kurt
Cr Karen Sherry	Cr Jim Overend

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8.5	Response to NOM25/44 - Cr Naim Kurt - City of Hume Entry Points	222

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That Council:

- 2.1 Refers the implementation of the municipal-wide Signage Audit outcomes, including gateway and entry signage improvements, to the 2027/28 Annual Budget for consideration as a staged program;**
- 2.2 Pending budget allocation, supports signage to the Tullamarine area as key entry point into Hume as a priority in the implementation of the audit with a focus on themed storytelling and plantings.**
- 2.3 Notes that opportunities to incorporate Aboriginal cultural recognition and place-based storytelling into gateway treatments can be explored during design, in consultation with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.**

CARRIED

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8.6	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - May 2026	234

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament in May 2026.**

CARRIED

Councillor Steve Gagen left the meeting, the time being 8:31pm.

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9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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9.1	NOM26/17 - Cr Naim Kurt - Screech Busters Blitz	292

The following community member addressed the gallery prior to the item being moved:
Tiago Valente

Councillor Steve Gagen returned to the meeting, the time being 8:33pm.

The CEO read out public comments received from the following submitters:
Jenna Casey , Irene Bencic and Vanessa Paskalidis

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

That Council

- 2.1 **Notes significant community concern regarding hooning and excessive vehicle noise in Hume City, and the recent announcement of a State Government trial of acoustic camera technology.**
- 2.2 **Resolves that Council investigates a Screech Busters Blitz in partnership with Victoria Police and EPA Victoria, including advocacy for participation in the acoustic camera trial and its deployment within known hotspots across Hume.**
- 2.3 **Requests a further report or briefing to Council if required, on the outcomes and any funding or resourcing requirements.**

CARRIED

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9.2	NOM26/19 - Cr Naim Kurt - Essendon Exit Ramp Congestion	294

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

- 2.1 **Writes to the Victorian Minister for Roads, Department of Roads and local MPs advocating for the investigation and implementation of measures to reduce congestion caused by traffic buildup heading towards Essendon DFO on the exit ramp for Bulla Road/Bell Street on Tullamarine Freeway.**
- 2.2 **Writes to Essendon DFO and Essendon Fields Airport seeking action to address congestion associated with access to the precinct and requesting that improvements to the Bulla Road exit on the Tullamarine Freeway be considered as part of the 2027 Essendon Airport Master Plan renewal.**

CARRIED

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

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	PJL324 - Petition - Tullamarine War Memorial Hall	295

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

That the Petition be received, circulated to Councillors, and the nominated contact of the petition be advised that the matter has been referred to the Manager City Lifestyle.

CARRIED

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Karen Sherry reported on her attendance at the MAV Regional and Rural Planning conference last week.

Cr Carly Moore reported on the recent meeting of the Broadmeadows Revitalisation Board.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:58pm.