



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2024

7:00PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE
BROADMEADOWS**

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HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 14 October 2024

at 7:02pm

at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Naim Kurt	Mayor
		Cr Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor
		Cr Jarrod Bell	
		Cr Trevor Dance	Online
		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
		Ms Kristen Cherry	Act. Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director Customer & Strategy
		Ms Claire Tehan	Acting Chief People Officer
		Mr Fadi Srour	Chief Financial Officer
		Ms Holly De Kretser	Manager Governance
		Ms Joanne Grindrod	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 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 Pastor Enele Tailiki, from the Hume Samoan Assembly of God, on behalf of the HIN.

Pastor Enele Tailiki read the following 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 and our Saviour

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

Cr Trevor Dance requested to attend the meeting online under sub rule 77.5.3

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

CGM75

CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – 2024 SUNBURY SHOW

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

THAT COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGES THE SUCCESS OF THE SUNBURY SHOW.

CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved Cr Karen Sherry

That standing orders be suspended.

The motion lapsed due to the lack of a seconder.

LOST

CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILLORS TERM 2020-2024 - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Sheena Frost, Chief Executive Officer thanked Councillors and provided a recap on the Council term of 2020-2024.

The following Councillors addressed the gallery on Council's achievements from 2020-2024 Council term:

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

Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting, the time being 7:58pm.

Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting, the time being 8:01pm.

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 23 September 2024, including Confidential Minutes.

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Chris Hollow

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 23 September 2024, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL**7.1 Summary of Council Briefing Sessions - 2nd and 16th September 2024**

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

That Council notes the Summary of Matters Discussed at the Council Briefing Sessions held on Monday 2nd and Monday 16th September 2024.

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1203 PUBLIC QUESTION - ANTHONY LAY - DEFERRED FROM 9 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Prior to the opening of the New Council Chamber in the Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows, what has been the full cost of conducting hybrid meetings to allow Councillors to attend remotely this term?

Please include production costs and IT support costs and any other associated costs in full, along with the Zoom subscription.

Noting the above response, what has been the cost in total and the breakdown per public meeting which had been held in hybrid mode?

Response: Chief Financial Officer

Thank you for these questions, which were taken on notice at the Council meeting held on 9 September 2024.

Hybrid Council Meetings commenced in April 2021 and there were 65 meetings held before the new Council Chambers opened in August 2024.

The total average cost of holding a public council meeting in person only is \$3742.20.

Prior to opening the new Council Chambers in the Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows and additional cost \$7268.14 per meeting was incurred for external AV support, internal IT support and zoom subscriptions to facilitate hybrid meeting attendance.

The approximate total cost of facilitating hybrid meetings throughout this term of Council is \$715 672

PQ1213 DEF PUBLIC QUESTION - MALCOLM JOHN THOMPSON - DEFERRED FROM 23 SEPTEMBER 2024.

Could Council please provide the breakdown of the Conferences and Training expenses for each Councillor between the 1st of October 2020 to 30th June 2024?

Response: Chief Financial Officer

Councillors are allocated annual training allowances to support them to attend relevant conferences or to undertake training which supports them in their role with Hume City Council. Expenses incurred for training and conferences are assessed and paid in accordance with the Council Expenses Policy.

Quarterly reports on Councillor expenses are published on Council's website, in addition to regular reporting to Council's Audit & Risk Committee.

The total training and conference expenses incurred for each councillor throughout this term is as follows.

Councillor	Total
Cr Haweil	\$12 296.01
Cr Sherry	\$24 989.4
Cr Misho	\$13818.00
Cr Kurt	\$3974.09
Cr Jackson	\$168.18
Cr Bell	\$2620.00
Cr Medcraft	\$2581.45
Cr Moore	\$100
Cr Hollow	\$100
Cr Overend	\$1647.27

Cr Dance has not incurred training and conference expenses this term.

PQ1216 PUBLIC QUESTION - DANIEL ENGLISH - DEFERRED FROM 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

For this term of Council, how many Notices of Motion has each Councillor submitted?

Response: Chief Financial Officer

Thank you for this question, which was taken on notice at the Council meeting held on 23 September 2024. The number of Notices of Motion lodged by each Councillor in this term of Council as at 3 October is as follows:

Cr Jarrod Bell has lodged 8
Cr Trevor Dance has lodged 21
Cr Joseph Haweil has lodged 23
Cr Chris Hollow has lodged 3
Cr Jodi Jackson has lodged 5
Cr Naim Kurt has lodged 16
Cr Jack Medcraft has lodged 14
Cr Sam Misho has lodged 12
Cr Carly Moore has lodged 9
Cr Jim Overend has lodged 5
Cr Karen Sherry has lodged 2

PQ1217 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS O'NEILL

What is the total cost of running 'Hume Clean Days'

Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets

Hume Clean Days are held quarterly on the first weekend of March, June, September and December and are held when our Resource Recovery Centres are already operating. On Hume Clean Days, Hume residents and residential ratepayers can take the following items to our Resource Recovery Centres for free:

- Couches; Mattresses; Tyres and Garden clippings. (up to 4m3)

The costs of operating the Hume Clean Up Days is primarily the costs associated with disposal and recycling of the accepted items.

In 2023/24, 2185 tyres, 790 mattresses and 427 couches/furniture items were collected through Hume Clean Up Days.

The estimated total cost of Hume Clean Up Days in 2023/2024 was approximately \$45,975.

PQ1218 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS O'NEILL

What is the total percentage of ratepayer properties that utilize "hume clean day" (Hume Clean days are the specified dates listed on the website)

Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets

In 2023/24 a total of 730 vehicles attended Hume Clean Up Days across both Bolinda Road and Riddell Road Resource Recovery Centres.

With approximately 63,644 households in Hume, this represents 1.15%.

PQ1219 PUBLIC QUESTION - ADAM EALES

Background Information:

Traffic and Pedestrian safety on Grand Boulevard, Craigieburn.

The traffic volumes on Grand Boulevard around the intersection with Hanson Road are consistently heavy making crossing the road for pedestrians, at most times, dangerous. Safe crossings are at the Hume Highway and Highgate both hundreds of metres away from the activity spaces centred around this intersection (football/cricket oval, swim centre, cafe, walking trails). The pedestrian crossing in front of Craigieburn Primary School is only controlled during school hours, and outside of these hours is dangerous as vehicles speed between the roundabouts of Hanson Road and Hamilton Hume Parade on Grand Boulevard and give little regard to pedestrians at the crossing.

Can Council investigate replacing the pedestrian crossing on Grand Boulevard outside Craigieburn Primary School with a controlled pedestrian crossing?

Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets

The installation of pedestrian operated signals requires significant investment – approximately \$500,000 – and must be justified by genuine crossing demand outside of supervised periods or trend of pedestrian crashes in the area. Council engineers will undertake an investigation of the location which will include new traffic surveys and a review of VicRoads Road Crash Information Data to determine whether pedestrian operated signals are warranted.

PQ1220 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICHAEL SMITH

Prior to the Sunbury Australia Day celebration being supported recently, how many Notice of Motions (and on what dates) did Cr Dance bring to council regarding an Australia Day event?

Response: Chief Financial Officer

Cr Dance has submitted one Notice of Motion regarding an Australia Day event at the Council meeting held on 2 February 2024.

PQ1221 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICHAEL SMITH

What is the expected total cost of the Sunbury Australia Day event (2025) including grants and other means of finance?

Response: Chief Financial Officer

Council has approved a budget of \$20 000 for the Australia Day event. Council will apply for grants to offset this amount.

PQ1222 PUBLIC QUESTION - NATALIE HARRISON

We are 4 months into this financial year, can you please advise when work will commence to change the Sunbury Aquatic Centre gym from limited hours to being 24/7 access and please also advise the completion date. We have another gym in Sunbury which also has a pool with the gym having 24/7 access, so this really should be able to be completed asap.

Response: Acting Director City Services and Living

This project is currently in the detailed design phase. Some key project considerations include confirming how we will provide safe, all abilities access to the gym and toilet / change area, whilst ensuring patrons cannot gain access to the pool area.

Following the completion of detailed design, the project will go to tender, then construction will commence.

As this project will require significant access modifications, it is expected to take approximately 18-months to complete, opening in mid 2026.

P11223 PUBLIC QUESTION - NATALIE HARRISON

Can you please advise why those members of the Sunbury Aquatic Centre have been paying the same membership fees as those who attend Broadmeadows / Splash Aqua park, also the joining fee \$54 is pretty steep why isn't there any concessions or this fee waived and why doesn't the center provide a 10 class pass anymore?

We don't have a 24/7 hr gym, the Sunbury Aquatic Centre is often closed due to maintenance, repair works and the facilities are poor.

Response: Acting Director City Services and Living

To support equity across the City all leisure centre memberships are priced consistently. All Hume Leisure members receive reciprocal access rights, allowing them to use all leisure facilities in Hume city.

On average, the annual cost of membership to a Hume Leisure facility, inclusive of joining fees, is cost effective and includes a strong range of services when compared against memberships from private leisure providers.

The 10-class pass was discontinued due to low demand.

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	Hume City Council Annual Report 2023/24	11

Councillor Joseph Haweil left the meeting, the time being 8:21pm.

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

That Council:

2.1 notes the Independent Audit Reports provided by the Victorian Auditor-General regarding the Financial and Performance Statements 2023/24.

2.2 considers and endorses the Hume City Council 2023/24 Annual Report.

CARRIED

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9.2	Naming of Highlander Community Centre	217

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

That Council approves the name Highlander Community Centre, for the new community centre located at 141 Highlander Drive, Craigieburn.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.4	Request for Authorisation of Council Officer under the Planning and Environment Act 1987.	231

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

That under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council authorises the officer listed in Attachments 1 be an authorised officer under that act.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.3	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes - 23 August 2024	219

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

THAT Council notes the Minutes of Hume City Council's Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 23 August 2024.

CARRIED

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9.5	CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee	235

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council note the report and following attachments:

- 2.1 **CEO Self-Assessment (Confidential Attachment 1).**
- 2.2 **Report of the Independent Member and the median score assessment (Confidential Attachment 2).**
- 2.3 **Minutes of the CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee relating to the CEO Performance Review for the period 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 (Confidential Attachment 3).**
- 2.4 **Notes the Strategic Performance Objectives as outlined in Confidential Attachment 4.**

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
10.1	NOM24/54 - Cr Carly Moore	

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

Background information:

In July 2024, Council approved the meeting schedule, which set the Statutory Meeting for November 27, 2024. At that time, there was uncertainty regarding the announcement of election results. However, the Victorian Electoral Commission has since confirmed that results will be announced by November 15, 2024. This Notice of Motion aims to facilitate a prompt transition for successful candidates, allowing them to take the oath of office and begin serving the community as soon as possible.

That the date of the 2024 Statutory Meeting be rescheduled from November 27th, 2024, to November 19th, 2024.

CARRIED

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

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

11. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

NIL

12. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

13. DELEGATES REPORTS

NIL

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

That the meeting be closed.

The meeting closed at 8:59pm