



**COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 22 MAY 2023**

**7:00PM**

**TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS**

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**Minutes** of the  
**COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**  
held on Monday, 22 May 2023  
**at 7:00PM**  
at the Town Hall Broadmeadows

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Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Joseph Haweil	Mayor
		Cr Jarrod Bell	
		Cr Jodi Jackson	
		Cr Naim Kurt	
		Cr Jack Medcraft	
		Cr Sam Misho	
		Cr Jim Overend	
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
		Ms Rachel Dapiran	Director City Planning and Places
		Ms Anne Mallia	Acting Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Mr Carl Muller	Director Customer & Strategy
		Ms Fiona Shanks	Chief People Officer
		Mr Fadi Srour	Chief Financial Officer
		Mr Chris Bradbury	Acting Manager Governance
		Ms Joanne Grindrod	Senior Governance Officer
		Ms Jane Mikaele	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 reminded the gallery that Council's Governance Rules 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, they will invite members of the gallery to speak, for up to three minutes either in support of or against an officer's recommendation.

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**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**

The Mayor read the following:

Hume City's religious diversity strengthens and enriches community life and supports the wellbeing of the citizens of Hume City, and Hume City Council acknowledges the importance of spiritual life. Father Mahir Murad of the Chaldean Catholic Church in Campbellfield, a newly ordained priest, has been invited by Hume City Council to lead this evening's prayer.

Cr Sam Misho – Father Mahir Murad Introduction

Tishbohta lalaha bamrome al ara shlama sowea tawa lolaynasha. (Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will).

Heavenly Father, in obedience to your word, we make intercession on behalf of those who are in positions of authority in our city, state and nation; so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. We pray for the prime minister and all state, and national leaders. We pray for our Mayor, Joseph Haweil and our city council members and all other local leaders. We pray that the decisions made by our political leaders will be inspired and directed for the good of the communities. Lord Jesus, we ask you to fill our city, state, and national political leaders with wisdom, understanding, discernment, and knowledge. Grant them favor, increase their faith, and prepare them to pursue your excellence. Please place people in their paths that will provide scriptural, sound and godly counsel. Impart Your wisdom and revelation to them about leadership and help them to lead. Holy, are you, the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is and is to come. You alone are God. You are subject to none, yet all are subject to you. Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. In Jesus' Name.

Amen.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Cr Karen Sherry, Cr Trevor Dance, Cr Carly Moore and Cr Chris Hollow were apologies for this meeting.

**MINUTES**

**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.

Cr Jim Overend noted on item 8.4 Quarterly Capital Works Report - March 2023, that whilst he is a board member of Selwyn Neighbourhood House, he does not need to declare a conflict of interest in this matter as this report relates to the council forward capital works program and it is only for noting.

**5. CONGRATULATIONS & CONDOLENCES**

**5.1 Departing Chairperson Audit and Risk Committee – David Nairn**

For service to Hume City Council as Independent Member and Chair of the Hume City Council Audit and Risk Committee since 2015.

Council acknowledges and appreciates your expertise and guidance, especially during a most challenging period.

On behalf of Hume, Council would like to sincerely thank you for your contribution in supporting Council to fulfil its oversight responsibilities and wishes you every success for your future endeavours.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 8 May 2023, including Confidential Minutes.

**Moved** Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 8 May 2023 including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**PQ976 PUBLIC QUESTION – CHRIS O’NEIL**

Over the past 10 years and including the 23/24 budget how many dollars have been spent upgrading or building new sports, aquatic, leisure centres, sporting grounds or similar. Please provide a break down per ward?

**RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Over the past 10 years, the amount spent on upgrading or building new sports, aquatic, leisure centres, sporting grounds or similar is as follows:

1. Aitken Ward \$99.10m
2. Jacksons Creek Ward \$24.19m
3. Meadow Valley Ward \$59.14m

In addition, a further amount of \$13.34m was spent across the entire municipality including sports ground lighting, fencing and drainage upgrades, the replacement of gym equipment at the various leisure and aquatic centres and maintaining the various skate parks and BMX tracks for the general public to use for free under Council’s Skate, Scooter and BMX Plan.

It is important to note that a significant proportion of the works relating to the Aitken and the Meadow Valley wards relate to projects that were mandated by the precinct structure plans or funded through other S173 agreements with developers.

**PQ977 PUBLIC QUESTION – CHRIS O’NEIL**

In the 23/24 draft budget what is the percentage breakdown per ward of rates incoming, please supply by ward only.

**RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The percentage breakdown of rates per ward is as follows:

1. Aitken Ward 37%
2. Jacksons Creek Ward 25%
3. Meadow Valley Ward 38%

**PQ978 PUBLIC QUESTION – MELINDA O’NEIL**

In the 23/24 draft budget what is the percentage of total rates being spent in each ward, please list by ward?

**RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The percentage of rates being spent in each ward on capital works in 2023/24 is as follows:

Ward	% of gross expenditure	2023/24 total Capital Works expenditure	Less external funding (grants, developer contributions)	Net from Rates	% Net from Rates
AITKEN	26%	33,638,402	(23,166,620)	10,471,782	13%
JACKSONS	22%	27,723,175	(17,400,441)	10,322,734	13%
MEADOW VALLEY	16%	21,067,813	(6,155,705)	14,912,108	19%
CITYWIDE	36%	45,816,179	(1,081,135)	44,735,044	56%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>128,245,569</b>	<b>(47,803,901)</b>	<b>80,441,668</b>	<b>100%</b>

The projects under CITYWIDE are the amounts spent across the entire municipality and are not specific to any one ward including our local road resurfacing program, installing indented parking on narrow streets, replacing broken footpath bays, developing new walking and cycling tracks, upgrading our vast network of open space and playgrounds, the installation public toilets, fleet renewal program, IT annual program, FOGO bins rollout program and continually updating our library stock.

Please note that the Councils operating budget is not allocated per ward and this split is not available.

**PQ979 PUBLIC QUESTION – MELINDA O’NEIL**

In the 23/24 draft budget what efficiency can rate payers be delivered from the computer system upgrade, I.e. How many staff will be cut by its implementation?

**RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The proposed computer system upgrade will take approximately 3 years to fully implement. Following implementation Council is expected to realise efficiency benefits in that it will be able to better absorb and manage growth, provide better customer service and better maintain its asset base across the municipality without the need to continually add staff at the same rate. In 2023/24 no staff will be cut as a result of its implementation.

**PQ980 PUBLIC QUESTION – DAVID NEWTON**

Can council provide an overview of the current issues at the SALC including the fault, time for repair, time pool will remain closed, total cost to ratepayers for the repairs including the cost of refunding memberships for the period of time?

**RESPONSE: ACTING DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING**

The indoor 25m pool at the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre has experienced a leak in an underground pipe that runs alongside the pool shell. The leak has been isolated, and repairs commenced today. We expect the pool to be closed for 2 weeks from today.

Estimates indicate a total cost of \$45,000. The repairs cost approximately \$30,000, and the cost of refunding memberships is approximately \$15,000.

**PQ981 PUBLIC QUESTION – DAVID NEWTON**

Can council please provide a list of all expenditure on aquatic centres council wide over the past 10 years, including upgrades and construction of new facilities, please provide a breakdown per ward.?

**RESPONSE: ACTING DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING**

Over the past 10 years Council has spent \$70.7m on aquatic facilities across Hume.

Expenditure per ward was: Aitken Ward	\$42.3m
(including the construction of Splash)	
Jacksons Creek Ward	\$6.1m
Meadow Valley Ward	\$18.7m
City Wide	\$3.6m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70.7m</b>

**PQ982 PUBLIC QUESTION – SHERINE KODSI**

We note that Port Patrick Court has been identified as a 'narrow street' and is eligible for council-funded parking indents for over 5 years. Where is Port Patrick Court's position on this waitlist?

**RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS**

Parking surveys were conducted on Port Patrick Court in 2018 and 2021, both surveys identified that Port Patrick Court met warrants for street length indented parking bays in line with the 'Hume City Parking on Narrow Streets Policy'. Based on its priority the street may be listed for funding consideration as early as 2025/26. Please note that this timing is subject to change based on the results of other surveys and the priority of competing projects.



**PQ983 PUBLIC QUESTION – SHERINE KODSI**

We note that 'Port Patrick Court is on the list of streets for construction of indented parking but this is subject to funding and ranking based on demand for other streets', what constitutes a high priority scenario? What is the criteria?

**RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS**

In line with the Policy, the priority ranking for street length indented parking bays is based on the ratio of on-street parking demand and on-street parking capacity.

**PQ984 PUBLIC QUESTION – LOCHIE**

This question relates to the Annandale Road improvements.

For quite some time now, Annandale Road has been suffering from various issues that have significantly impacted its safety, cleanliness, and overall amenity. I kindly request that the Town Meeting acknowledges the urgency of this matter and my question to council is what are the immediate steps council will take to address the concerns raised?"

**RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS**

Due to the detailed nature of the question Officers will complete a review of the information provided and provide a written response. This response will also be provided at the next Council meeting.

**8. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	<b>Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions) Third Quarter Progress Report</b>	7

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

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during discussion on item 8.1 Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions) Third Quarter Progress Report, the time being 7:25pm.

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting during discussion and prior to the vote on item 8.1 Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions) Third Quarter Progress Report and the time being 7:28pm.

**That Council notes the progress of:**

**2.1 actions and indicators of the *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions)* [refer Attachments One and Two]**

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	<b>Adoption of Community Infrastructure Plan</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Sam Misho, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Jack Medcraft <b>That Council:</b> <b>Endorses the Community Infrastructure Plan in Attachment 1</b>	57
<b>CARRIED</b>		
Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	<b>Quarterly Finance Report - March 2023</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Sam Misho, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Jarrod Bell <b>That the quarterly finance report for the nine months ended 31 March 2023 be received and noted.</b>	133
<b>CARRIED</b>		
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8.4	<b>Quarterly Capital Works Report - March 2023</b>  Cr Jim Overend noted on item 8.4 Quarterly Capital Works Report - March 2023, that whilst he is a board member of Selwyn Neighbourhood House, he does not need to declare a conflict of interest in this matter as this report relates to the council forward capital works program and it is only for noting.  <b>Moved</b> Cr Jarrod Bell, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Jack Medcraft <b>That Council receive and note the report.</b>	163
<b>CARRIED</b>		
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8.5	<b>Sunbury South and Lancefield Road Infrastructure Contributions Plan Revaluation of Inner Public Purpose Land</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Jack Medcraft, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Jarrod Bell <b>That Council:</b> <b>Accept the submitted estimate value of the inner public purpose land for Property SS-56, SS-59 and SS-75 in the Sunbury South and Lancefield Road ICP in accordance with Section 46GS of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>.</b>	211
<b>CARRIED</b>		

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.6	<b>Statutory Planning Monthly Report - Dec 22 to Mar 23</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Jarrod Bell, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Jack Medcraft <b>That the report be noted</b>	221
		<b>CARRIED</b>
8.7	<b>2023 Arts Grants - Allocation to Grant Categories</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Jarrod Bell, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Sam Misho <b>That Council:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 endorses the distribution of \$47,150.00 to the 2023 Arts Grants Program categories in the following manner: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) \$10,000 (total) for 1 application for Creative Project Grants (Attachment 2 - Table 1).</li> <li>(b) \$37,150.00 (total) across 14 applications for Creative Activity Grants (Attachment 2 - Table 2).</li> </ol> </li> <li>2.2 notes that dispersal of funds identified in 2.1 will be subject to satisfactory acquittals and resolution of any outstanding eligibility requirements.</li> <li>2.3 approves the carry forward of the remaining \$2,850 to the 2024 Arts Grants Program.</li> </ol>	243
		<b>CARRIED</b>
8.8	<b>Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - March and April 2023</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Jim Overend, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Naim Kurt <b>That Council notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament.</b>	259
		<b>CARRIED</b>
8.9	<b>Response to NOM23/007 - shipping container permits</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Jack Medcraft, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Sam Misho <b>That Council notes the information contained in this report.</b>	282

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.10	Request for Authorisation of Council Officers under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and update to section 224 in Local Government Act 1989	284

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Naim Kurt

That under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council authorises officers listed in Attachments 1 - 11 be authorised officers under that act.

CARRIED

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 9.1 NOM23/015 - Cr Joseph Haweil

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, Seconded Cr Naim Kurt

That Council:

#### 1.1 Writes to the Victorian Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation to:

- Express its significant concern that the Victorian Community Benefits Scheme providing a tax break to Club-based poker machine operators of 8.33% is being widely abused by poker machine operators in Hume City and around Victoria to legally minimise tax liabilities under the pretext of philanthropic, charitable or benevolent causes.
  - Advise that Hume City Council analysis of Community Benefits Statements (CBS) over the last 5 financial years confirms that the overwhelming majority of claimed “community benefits” have been for operating costs (primarily wages and salaries) and that no Clubs claimed under the Class C (a) category for “the provision of responsible gambling measures and activities but excluding those required by law” in the 2021/22 financial year.
  - Advocate Council’s concerns around the distribution of community benefits and the need for real direct benefits back into communities where losses are incurred.
- d. Call on the State Government to evaluate the redistribution provisions that currently apply to the community benefits program, particularly in light of the challenging fiscal environment and the ongoing misuse of the Scheme’s intended outcomes by operators.

#### 1.2 Officers provide a breakdown summary of the community benefits statements that have been submitted by Hume City sporting clubs over the last five years to inform Council on what/how “community benefits” have been directed back into the community and advocate for greater direct benefits into communities.

CARRIED

**9.2 NOM23/016 - Cr Naim Kurt****Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell**That Council:**

**The Council officers investigate options for hosting an Anzac Day Service at the Broadmeadows War Memorial at the Broadmeadows Town Park in 2024.**

CARRIED

**9.3 NOM23/017 - Cr Jarrod Bell****Moved** Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft**That Council:**

- 1.1 Recognize the current and future growth of the Sunbury community and the expected demands this growth will place on infrastructure and transport networks.**
- 1.2 Confirm that access to a safe, reliable, and useful public transport system is essential for the present and future liveability of our City.**
- 1.3 Acknowledge:**
  - a) That the Sunbury bus network has not undergone significant review or changes for more than ten years.**
  - b) That the current bus service does not meet the needs of many users especially members of the community with differing abilities and needs.**
  - c) Recent appreciated and welcomed investments and planned upgrades by the Victorian State Government of the Sunbury bus terminus provides the perfect opportunity for a network wide renewal of the bus offering in Sunbury.**
- 1.4 Council write to the Hon Ben Carroll MP, the Minister for Public Transport, and Josh Bull MP, the Member for Sunbury, noting the above and seeking a review of the Sunbury bus network. This review should examine:**
  - a) Route coverage**
  - b) Service frequency**
  - c) Utilization**
  - d) Service delivery models, and**
  - e) Options to extend services beyond the current service end time, including consideration of the introduction of a limited on-demand style service.**
- 1.5 That Council should, where possible using its own expertise and data and research, advocate for improvements to public transport access for all in our community.**

CARRIED

**10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED**

Nil

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**12. DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cr Joseph Haweil reported that the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) held its State Council on Friday afternoon at the Melbourne Town Hall. Cr Joseph Haweil and Hume City Council CEO Sheena Frost attended this conference.

**13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

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

**Moved** Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

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

**13.1 Contract No. 30 23 3421 - Provision of Electrical Services for Hume City Council**

**Item 13.1 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 it contains information relating to contractual matters.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:33pm.

The meeting was not reopened to the public.

**14. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8:38pm.