



# City of Whitehorse

## MINUTES

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### **Special Committee of Council Meeting**

**Held in the  
Council Chamber  
Whitehorse Civic Centre**

379 Whitehorse Road Nunawading

on

**Monday 8 May 2017**

at 8.00pm

**Members:** Cr Denise Massoud (Mayor) , Cr Bill Bennett,  
Cr Raylene Carr, Cr Prue Cutts, Cr Andrew Davenport,  
Cr Sharon Ellis, Cr Tina Liu, Cr Andrew Munroe,  
Cr Ben Stennett

**Ms Noelene Duff**  
Chief Executive Officer





## GUIDELINES SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

### OBJECTIVE

To enhance the consultative process and facilitate public participation and involvement of the community in Council decision making in accordance with Council's Corporate Plan strategies – good governance.

### PURPOSE OF GUIDELINES

To facilitate public participation and involvement in meetings of the Special Committee. These Guidelines complement Council's Meeting Procedures and Common Seal Local Law 2013.

### PROVISION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public has two opportunities to participate in this meeting – either by a submission which may be heard at the start of the meeting, (i.e. **Public Submissions**, refer below) or if the item is on the agenda, immediately prior to consideration of the item, and by **Public Comment** later in the meeting. There is no public interjection during the meeting and speakers are heard in an orderly manner.

#### **Public Submissions:**

A submission may be made on any matter, providing it is not in contravention of Council's Meeting Procedures and Common Seal Local Law 2013.

A maximum of 10 speakers will be permitted to make a submission and they will be determined in order of registration.

No individual submission shall exceed three minutes.

Where submissions have been made, under the provisions of any statutory process, further submissions shall not be heard, unless the matter is listed as an item of business on the Special Committee of Council agenda.

#### **Procedures for Public Submissions:**

Persons wishing to make a submission to the Special Committee on matters other than land planning matters must directly notify the Committee Clerk, Civic Services Department by 4pm on the day of the meeting and register to speak, by telephoning 9262-6337. The person who registers to speak shall be the person who will make the submission to the Special Committee.

Persons wishing to make a submission to the Special Committee on any land use planning matter must directly notify the Committee Clerk, Civic Services Department, at least five working days prior to the day of the meeting and register to speak by telephoning 9262-6337. The person who registers to speak, shall be the person who will make the submission to the Special Committee.

At the time of registering to speak, that person must indicate whether he or she will be speaking in support of or opposition to any planning permit application or Planning Scheme Amendment (or proposed planning permit application or proposed Planning Scheme Amendment). The Special Committee must not listen to or read anything said by that person unless it is satisfied that, at least four working days before the day of the Special Committee Meeting, a member of Council staff has contacted the person(s) whose interests are inimical to the person who has registered to speak (eg has contacted the planning permit applicant if the person who has registered to speak has indicated that he or she will speak in opposition to the grant of a planning permit application) and invited the first-mentioned person (or a person authorised by him or her) to also register by 4pm on the day of the meeting to attend the Special Committee Meeting and speak.

Persons wishing to table written material must provide 15 copies to the Committee Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting to enable distribution to Councillors prior to the start of the meeting. No material will be distributed during the meeting by any person, including Council staff.

Requests to speak will be registered strictly in the order of receipt. Speakers for topics not listed on the Special Committee Agenda for the meeting will be heard first, then speakers who wish to cover more than one topic (3 minutes in total, not 3 minutes per topic).

In instances where a number of persons wish to address the Special Committee on the same matter, the Chairperson at his or her discretion may request they nominate a speaker/speakers to represent them.

In accordance with Clause 48.5 of Council's Meeting Procedures and Common Seal Local Law 2013. It is not necessary for Standing Orders to be suspended to allow a person to address the Special Committee, subject to compliance with these Guidelines.

**Public Comment:**

After the "Other Business" Section of the meeting has concluded, the Mayor will invite members of the gallery to indicate by show of hands if they wish to make a comment. *Only matters pertaining to this evening's meeting are to be commented on, (i.e. a Council Officer report or presentation, and any "Other Business" matters) and a 3 minute period per speaker applies.* A maximum period of 15 minutes shall be provided for public comment. The Mayor will call individuals forward to be heard and they should begin by clearly stating their name. This is a period for comment, not questions or debate *and there is no opportunity for any further **Public Submissions***

**ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF THESE GUIDELINES**

These guidelines were adopted by resolution of Council dated 19 August 2013 and may be further amended by resolution of Council from time to time. The Chairperson at his or her discretion may vary procedures under these Guidelines, at any meeting of the Special Committee.

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

Present: Cr Massoud (Mayor), Cr Bennett, Cr Carr, Cr Cutts, Cr Davenport,  
Cr Ellis, Cr Liu, Cr Munroe, Cr Stennett

## 1 PRAYER

### 1a Prayer for Council

*We give thanks, O God, for the Men and Women of the past whose generous devotion to the common good has been the making of our City.*

*Grant that our own generation may build worthily on the foundations they have laid.*

*Direct our minds that all we plan and determine, is for the wellbeing of our City.*

***Amen.***

### 1b Aboriginal Reconciliation Statement

*"In the spirit of reconciliation, Whitehorse City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present."*

## 2 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor welcomed all

APOLOGIES: Nil

## 3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

None disclosed

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Special Committee Meeting 10 April 2017

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Bennett, Seconded by Cr Ellis

***That the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting 10 April 2017 having been circulated now be confirmed.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5 PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

*Interested parties who wish to address the Special Committee of Council during the Public Submissions period of the Special Committee Meeting must register with the Civic Services Department by telephoning 9262 6337 by 4pm on the day of the meeting.*

*Persons speaking will be identified and recorded for Council Minutes and become part of a permanent record of the Council. Please indicate if you do not wish your name to be recorded.*

*Persons wishing to make a submission to the Special Committee on any land use planning matter must directly notify the Committee Clerk, Civic Services Department, at least five working days prior to the day of the meeting and register to speak by telephoning 9262-6337.*

Nil

## 6 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Nil

## 7 OTHER BUSINESS

### 7.1 Major Projects Councillor Reference Group

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Davenport, Seconded by Cr Cutts

1. *That Council establish a Major Projects Councillor Reference Group, to be chaired by the Mayor, comprising all Councillors, for the currently approved projects, including the Whitehorse Centre and the Nunawading Community Hub.*
2. *That the purpose of the Major Projects Councillor Reference Group be to:*
  - *Monitor progress on overall implementation against approved project plans*
  - *Provide strategic and financial oversight*
  - *Receive reports on approved project expenditure including contingency allocations*
  - *Receive updates on project risks including the impact on existing tenants and relocation plans*
3. *That the Councillor Reference Group meet at least quarterly and receive reports on the projects as outlined above.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 7.2 Interim Extension to Significant Landscape Overlay

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Ellis, Seconded by Cr Carr

*That Council request the Minister for Planning to approve an amendment, without exhibition, to extend the Significant Landscape Overlay to all residential zoned land in the municipality on an interim basis while Council pursues permanent controls to protect trees in the municipality in accordance with Council's resolution at its meeting on 18 July 2016.*

**CARRIED**

A Division was called.

#### Division

##### For

Cr Bennett  
Cr Carr  
Cr Cutts  
Cr Ellis  
Cr Liu  
Cr Massoud  
Cr Stennett

##### Against

Cr Davenport  
Cr Munroe

On the results of the Division the motion was declared **CARRIED**

## 7.3 Municipal and Industrial Landfill Levy

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Bennett, Seconded by Cr Davenport

*That Council:*

- a) *Write to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change requesting that funding generated through the collection of the Municipal and Industrial Landfill Levy be constrained to the purposes for which the Levy was introduced;*
- b) *Copy the letter to Members of Eastern Metropolitan Region, and the Member for Burwood, Forest Hill, Ringwood and Box Hill;*
- c) *Issue a media release to the local newspapers outlining the impact on Whitehorse ratepayers, by not having funds available for landfill management within the City of Whitehorse*
- d) *Write and publish a story on Council's website and the Whitehorse News on the topic raised in (c).*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8 PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Nil

**9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**10 CLOSE MEETING**

Meeting closed at 8.38pm

**Confirmed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017**

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**CHAIRPERSON**