



City of Whitehorse

MINUTES

Special Committee of Council Meeting

In accordance with the COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Bill 2020 – Amendment of Local Government Act 2020.

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on

Monday 11 May 2020

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

Mr Simon McMillan
Chief Executive Officer

Recording of Meeting and Disclaimer

Please note every Special Committee of Council Meeting (other than items deemed confidential under section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act 2020) is being recorded and streamed live on Whitehorse City Council's website in accordance with Council's Live Streaming and Recording of Meetings Policy. A copy of the policy can also be viewed on Council's website.

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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 21 August 2017 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.

- ❖ ***Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions Whitehorse City Council has implemented the shut-down of various facilities announced by the Premier, and the advanced social distancing announced by the Prime Minister.***

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Members of the public are invited to register a submission on any issue or matter that they would like to present to Council at <https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/about-council/what-we-do/meetings/public-submissions-questions-petitions/public-submissions>.

Guidelines for Public Submission are as follows.

An online registration form must be completed and submitted, a maximum 10 submission are permitted at any meeting, registration is determined in order of receipt*, each submission is allocated a 3 minute time slot and the submission will be read out by a member of Council staff at the meeting.

****Please note that the Chairperson retains the right to vary the order where deemed appropriate***

The meeting opened at 7:00pm

The Mayor adjourned the Special Committee of Council meeting at 7.20pm due to technical issues which interrupted the live streaming of the meeting.

The meeting resumed at 7.40pm from the commencement of proceedings.

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

One Minute's Silence

The Mayor announced that the Special Committee of Council would observe one minute's silence in memory of four Victoria Police Officers.

"The Whitehorse community was shocked and saddened by the devastating loss of four Victorian Police Officers last month. On behalf of Council I wish to express our deepest condolences to the Victoria Police community. Two of the officers were members of Nunawading Highway Patrol.

Our thoughts are with Victoria Police and the member's families through this difficult time.

Victoria Police work tirelessly to keep our community safe and we greatly appreciate and value the important role members play in what can be a challenging environment.

We will now have a minute's silence in memory of the four officers:

Leading Senior Constable Lynette Taylor, Senior Constable Kevin King, Constable Joshua Prestney, and Constable Glen Humphris."

The meeting observed one minute's silence.

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.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

None disclosed

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Special Committee of Council Meeting 14 April 2020.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Stennett, Seconded by Cr Bennett

That the minutes of the Special Committee of Council Meeting 14 April 2020 having been circulated now be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

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Interested parties who wish to submit to the Special Committee of Council during under the Public Submissions section of the Special Committee Meeting must register online at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/about-council/what-we-do/meetings/public-submissions-questions-petitions/public-submissions by 4pm on the day of the meeting.

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In completing the online public submission form a member of Council staff will inform you whether your registration was successful and the submission will then be read out at the meeting.

The following submission was received for the Special Committee of Council meeting 11 May 2020. The submission was read out by Council's Executive Manager Governance and Customer Service Mr Tony De Fazio, on behalf of the submitter.

- 5.1 Mr B Pearson, Mitcham registered a submission in relation to Council's priorities in economic and societal recovery.

6 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Nil

7 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8 PUBLIC COMMENT

Nil

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

10 CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed at 7.57pm

Confirmed this 9th day of June 2020

CHAIRPERSON