

Council Meeting

Council Chamber
Civic Centre
Boxshall Street Brighton

Tuesday
17 June 2025
at 6.30 pm



Minutes

PRESENT:

Chair: Cr Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor)

Councillors: Cr Andrew Hockley
Cr Robert Irlicht
Cr Geoff Leigh
Cr Kylie McIntosh
Cr Elli Murray
Cr Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor)

Officers: Matthew Cripps – Chief Executive Officer
Kelly Archibald – Acting Director City Planning and Amenity
Tilla Buden – Director Community and Customer Experience
Jill Colson – Director Environment, Recreation and Infrastructure
Kathryn Tozer – Director Corporate Services
Rachael Bragg – Executive Manager People and Strategy
Jordan Allan – Manager Climate, Waste and Integrated Transport
Rachael Hudson – A/Manager Urban Strategy
Anita Johnstone – Manager City Assets and Presentation
Bill Shanahan – Chief Financial Officer
Jason Stubbs – Manager Commercial Services
Michelle Tipton – Manager Governance
Tom Vercoe – Manager Open Space and Recreation
Robert Lamb – Council Business Lead
Lily Bowe – Administration Support Officer

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The Mayor declared the Council Meeting open at 6.30pm and advised members of the public gallery that the meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet to enhance the accessibility of Council meetings to the broader Bayside community.

The Mayor noted that at the 10 June 2025 Special Meeting of Council, Matthew Cripps was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Bayside City Council.

Mr Cripps has been Acting CEO since March 2025. He was previously the Director of City Planning and Amenity at Bayside. Prior to this, he was the Director Planning and Economic Development at Baw Baw Shire Council and has 25 years' experience in local government in the areas of land use and development, sustainability and environment, economic development, business and change management.

The Mayor noted that he looks forward to continuing to work alongside Mr Cripps to deliver Council's 2025–29 Council Plan and ensure Bayside remains a vibrant place for our community to live, work and enjoy.

The Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Cripps expressed his honour in taking on the role at Bayside City Council, recognising the importance of supporting the municipality. Mr Cripps thanked the Councillors for their confidence and trust and looks forward to working closely with the organisation and community to deliver the shared vision for Bayside.

1. Prayer

The Mayor invited Chief Executive Officer to read the prayer at the commencement of the meeting.

O God
Bless this City, Bayside,
Give us courage, strength and wisdom,
So that our deliberations,
May be for the good of all,
Amen

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chief Executive Officer read the Acknowledgement of Country.

- ♦ Bayside City Council proudly acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging as well as any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community members with us today.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies submitted to the meeting.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest of any Councillor

There were no conflicts of interest submitted to the meeting.

5. Adoption and Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting

- 5.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Bayside City Council meeting held on 20 May 2025.

Moved: Cr Hockley

Seconded: Cr Murray

That the minutes of the Bayside City Council meeting held on 20 May 2025, as previously circulated, be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor), Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht and Andrew Hockley (7)
AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

- 5.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special meeting of Bayside City Council held on 10 June 2025.

Moved: Cr Leigh

Seconded: Cr McIntosh

That the minutes of the Special meeting of Bayside City Council held on 10 June 2025, as previously circulated, be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor), Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht and Andrew Hockley (7)
AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

6. Public Question Time

1. **Mr Leigh Funston** submitted a question related to the Suburban Rail Loop project, and Mr Funston asked:

Question

- Part 1 How much will Bayside City Council have to pay to establish and or expand the necessary infrastructure to support the Victorian State Government's five Activity Centres associated with the SRL?
- Part 2 And will the costs of such Bayside City Council infrastructure be passed on to ratepayers to pay? (eg costs of new drainage works, provision of additional open space, additional council resources to meet larger population)

Response from the CEO

- Part 1 *Council does not currently have an estimated cost on what infrastructure would be required to support the Victorian Government's Activity Centre Program or Suburban Rail Loop Cheltenham Precinct Area at this point in time.*

The Victorian Government is currently undertaking a review and reform of Infrastructure Contributions Scheme in Victoria. Council has expressed serious concern that planning for projects such as the Suburban Rail Loop and Activity Centres program are proceeding ahead of this review being finalised and a clear understanding of how development contributions will be collected to fund the significant infrastructure required to support the anticipated increase in population.

- Part 2 *It is likely that the Infrastructure Contribution Levy will be applied to landowners wishing to develop their land as a result of the State Government Infrastructure Contribution reforms. This would result in a payment to either (or both) the State Government and Local Government, depending on the type of infrastructure that is required in the specific area. Existing ratepayers' general rates may also be required to contribute towards any infrastructure to support the anticipated growth, but this is not known at this point in time.*

2. **Mr David Rothfield** submitted a question related to the Climate Emergency Action Plan, and Mr Rothfield asked:

Question

In 2019 Council adopted a climate emergency by unanimous vote and a climate emergency action plan. What has happened to change that?

Response from the CEO

Council's position on a climate emergency remains unchanged.

Bayside is committed to taking tangible environmental action as part of this budget including planting 1400 trees per annum, implementing community sustainability education, and enhancing our response to localised storm events by reviewing our drainage strategy and coastal and marine management plan. We are also implementing the wetlands project at Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve to improve biodiversity outcomes, residential amenity and reducing nitrogen levels in stormwater going into the bay. We have embedded environmental action within our plans and strategies and we will continue to work hard toward our climate objectives.

3. **Ms Kerry Thorson (on behalf of Highett Progress Association)** submitted a question related to Highett Common, and Ms Thorson asked:

Question

- Part 1 While welcoming new green open space at Highett Common, the HPA notes that recent rainfall has identified significant drainage issues and ponding. What actions are the Council taking to ensure this space is usable all year round and that drainage issues are rectified prior to the formal opening to the public?
- Part 2 If drainage issues are not rectified before formal handover/opening to the public, what timeline for rectification will be placed on the Developer

Response from the CEO

Council has recorded the standing water issues and has formally notified the developer of this defect. The developer is working with its Civil infrastructure contractor to investigate the subsoil drainage installation and to rectify the issue to ensure it functions as designed.

Council has instructed the developer to maintain the temporary fencing on the site to protect grass establishment while the subsoil drainage rectification works are undertaken. Council is working with the developer to understand the subsoil drainage issues and once we are aware of the issue, will be in a position to confirm to the community how long the rectification process will take.

4. **Ms Kerry Thorson (on behalf of Highett Progress Association)** submitted a further question related to Highett Common, and Ms Thorson asked:

Question

- Part 1 Can Council please provide us and our members an update regarding its investigations into the widening of the Highett Common Middleton Street exit?
- Part 2 What actions are the Council taking to ensure that roadway remains exit only through to the Neighbourhood residential zone.

Response from the CEO

- Part 1 *Council has advised the developer of the Highett Common that the proposed widening of the access to Middleton Street, and two-way traffic flow is not in accordance with the approved Development Plan. Should the developer wish to pursue this then a Planning Application will be required and would need to go through a full planning process.*
- Part 2 *Council will manage this issue, which we are currently dealing with via a Planning Permit process.*

5. **Mr Mark Clair** submitted a question related to the Climate Emergency declaration, and Mr Clair asked:

Question

Five years ago, the Council declared a Climate Emergency. A five-year plan was developed.

Can you please explain why there has been almost no provision made for climate related activities in the forthcoming budget, despite the Climate Emergency declaration?

Response from the CEO

Climate and environmental action have been embedded within the Council plan and strategies over the life of the Climate Emergency Action Plan, and we will continue to work hard toward our climate objectives. A number of key initiatives will be implemented in 2025–26 year, including tree planting, integrated water management, flood modelling, drainage strategy and community education.

6. **Ms Susan Thompson** submitted a question related to drainage impacted by climate change, and Ms Thompson asked:

Question

How will the Bayside City Council plan for drainage and other important requirements impacted by climate change if it hasn't allocated money for a comprehensive climate risk assessment in the current budget?

Response from the CEO

Bayside is currently collaborating with Melbourne Water on a two-year Flood Mapping Project which integrates the high-emissions RCP8.5 global warming scenario. This modelling will inform Council's next iteration of its drainage strategy which is due early in 2026. Bayside continues to invest in drainage infrastructure upgrades including over \$5.1M on the improvements to Third Street and Head St. Our four-year capital program currently includes \$14M allocated for major drainage infrastructure to support the implementation of the drainage strategy. Our other asset classes include climate change responses as a service level factor and it continues to be a key consideration in planning, designing and maintaining assets.

7. **Ms Susan Thompson** submitted a question related to Urban Forest Program, and Ms Thompson asked:

Question

How will the Council meet its goal of increasing tree canopy cover to 30% by 2040, including in identified hotspots, if the Urban Forest Program is not funded for the next 4 years?

Response from the CEO

If the budget allocated to the Urban Forest Strategy is removed as part of the finalisation of 2025–26 Council Budget, this will mean that some aspects of the Urban Forest Strategy will be discontinued, such as the accelerated tree planting on Council-owned land.

Council will however still be planting approximately 1400 trees per annum with a key performance indicator of 90% survival rate.

Actions from the Urban Forest Strategy that do not require funding, such as advocacy, can continue and Council will still be able to advocate for greener outcomes across the municipality.

The Strategy remains an endorsed Council document.

8. **Mr David Dawson** submitted a question related to Bayside's art collection, and Mr Dawson asked:

Question

Part 1 What is the estimated value, or valuation for insurance purposes, of Bayside City Council's art collection?

Part 2: What is the total approximate annual cost of maintaining the art collection, including any related costs, such as staff costs, storage, movement, security and insurance?

Response from the CEO

Part 1 The Bayside Art & Heritage Collection is comprised of the following four categories: Visual Arts Collection; Cultural Heritage Collection (which includes Memorials and Monuments located within Bayside); Local Government Collection and the Public Art Collection.

The total insurance value across these four categories is \$5,996,160.

Part 2 The approximate annual cost of maintenance of the Bayside Arts & Heritage Collection is \$80,000 which is approximately 1.3% of its value.

9. **Mr Kevin Howard** submitted a question related to Dendy Life Saving Club, and Mr Howard asked:

Question

Part 1. Can you please confirm whether car parking spaces were removed from the Keith Court car park as part of the LSC redevelopment?

Part 2. Has any additional car parking been provided within the Life Saving Club precinct to accommodate the increased numbers of visitors to the precinct, due to the commercial cafe tenancy that was created as part of the redevelopment

Response from the CEO

Part 1 The Keith Court car park currently provides 53 standard car parking bays and two accessible car parking bays. The previous layout had provision for 58 bays in total.

Part 2 There has not been any additional parking created off-street; however, Council is continuing to review and update on-street parking restrictions to manage visitor demands within the area.

10. **Mr Kevin Howard** submitted a further question related to operational efficiency, and Mr Howard asked:

Question

My question relates to Council's operational efficiency gains.

- Part 1 What cost savings per year does Council aim to achieve through operational efficiency programs?
- Part 2 Given the significant potential for cost savings and efficiency gains from generative AI tools like ChatGPT, please explain what actions Council it is taking to assess or implement these technologies in its operations

Response from the CEO

- Part 1 Council's annual budget process includes the achievement of a 0.5% efficiency saving target for each Division's budgeted expenditure as well as the identification of any additional revenue streams to ensure that the annual net cost of services increase in line with the annual rate cap.*
- Part 2 Council's current use of AI for increased efficiency and availability of information for our community is provided via BayBot AI Chatbot on our website, in conjunction with MyLot to provide natural language, contextual building and planning information to residents. Council is developing use cases to improve processes using AI including robotic process automation and agentic AI.*

7. Petitions to Council

7.1 PETITION FOR COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE PARKING CONDITIONS AT WARRISTON STREET, BRIGHTON

Corporate Services - Governance
File No: PSF/25/64 – Doc No: DOC/25/366297

Moved: Cr Irlicht

Seconded: Cr Murray

That the petition be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and response.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

7.2 PETITION FOR COUNCIL TO INSTALL A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT BARKLY STREET, BRIGHTON

Corporate Services - Governance
File No: PSF/25/64 – Doc No: DOC/25/366427

Moved: Cr Irlicht

Seconded: Cr Murray

That the petition be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and response.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

7.3 PETITION FOR COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE PARKING CONDITIONS AT ORLANDO STREET, HAMPTON

Corporate Services - Governance
File No: PSF/25/64 – Doc No: DOC/25/366554

Moved: Cr McIntosh

Seconded: Cr Murray

That the petition be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and response.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

8. Minutes of Advisory Committees

8.1 RECORDS OF MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF COUNCIL

Corporate Services - Governance
File No: PSF/25/33 – Doc No: DOC/25/342885

Moved: Cr Leigh

Seconded: Cr McIntosh

That Council notes the records of meeting/s held under the auspices of Council as required by the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules:

- 27 May 2025 Strategic Issues Discussion
- 3 June 2025 Councillor Briefing

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

8.2 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2025

Corporate Services - Governance
File No: PSF/25/33 – Doc No: DOC/25/352398

Moved: Cr Leigh

Seconded: Cr Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor)

That Council

1. notes the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting (Attachment 1) held on 26 May 2025
2. notes the results of the Audit and Risk Committee self-assessment 2025 (Attachment 2) in accordance with Section 54 (5)(b) of the Local Government Act 2020
3. notes the Audit and Risk Committee bi-annual report (Attachment 3) in accordance with Section 54 (5)(b) of the Local Government Act 2020.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

9. Reports by Special Committees

There were no reports by Special Committees.

10. Reports by the Organisation

Item 10.1		Against (A) For (F)
Council Plan and Annual Action Plan		
Requests to Speak		
1.	Ms Angela Black <i>on behalf of Highett Progress Association</i>	(A)

Item 10.2		Against (A) For (F)
Annual Budget 2025–26		
Written Statements		
1.	Mr Kevin Hennessy	(A)
2.	Ms Jo Wilsdon <i>on behalf of Hampton Community Kindergarten</i>	(A)
3.	Ms Susan Thompson	(A)
4.	Ms Elizabeth Walsh <i>on behalf of Friends of Native Wildlife Inc</i>	(A)
5.	Mr George Reynolds	(A)
6.	Mr Roger Tyler	(F)
7.	Mrs Claire Girardi	(F)
8.	Mr David Campbell and Mrs Sharon Campbell	(F)
9.	Dr Noella Kershaw and Mr Les Kershaw	(F)
10.	Mr Robert Sayer	(F)
Requests to Speak		
1.	Ms Jill Whyte	(A)
2.	Ms Helene Redding	(A)
3.	Ms Lesley Bawden	(A)
4.	Mr Trent Granger <i>on behalf of Beaumaris Concourse Traders Association</i>	(A)
5.	Ms Michelle Bentley	(F)
6.	Mr Evan Packer <i>on behalf of Hampton Street Traders Association</i>	(F)
7.	Mr Roger Tyler	(F)
8.	Mr Andrew Monotti <i>on behalf of Brighton Bathing Box Association</i>	(F)
9.	Mr Kevin Howard	(F)

Item 10.3		Against (A) For (F)
Declaration of rates and charges 2025–26		
Written Statements		
1.	Miss Dianne Anderson	(F)

Item 10.10		Against (A) For (F)
Conversion of 6A Willis Street, Hampton to public open space		
Requests to Speak		
1.	Dr Jonathan Nightingale <i>on behalf of Hampton Neighbourhood Association</i>	(F)

10.1 COUNCIL PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Corporate Services - Governance
File No: PSF/25/33 – Doc No: DOC/25/350600

It is recorded that Ms Angela Black (on behalf of Highett Progress Association) spoke for 2 minutes in relation to this item.

Moved: Cr Murray

Seconded: Cr Hockley

That Cr McIntosh be granted an additional 1 minute to conclude her debate.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Leigh

Seconded: Cr Hockley

That Council:

1. adopts the Council Plan 2025–29 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020
2. notes the final design of the Council Plan 2025–29 will be published on the Council website in July 2025
3. adopts the Annual Action Plan 2025–26, noting that progress reporting will be presented to Council for consideration quarterly and through the Annual Report
4. notes the Panel Recommendation findings and Council's response to the recommendations
5. writes to each Panel Member thanking them for their contribution and a copy of the Council Plan be forwarded to each member.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor), Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht and Andrew Hockley (5)
 AGAINST: Crs Kylie McIntosh and Elli Murray (2)

CARRIED

10.2 ANNUAL BUDGET 2025–26

Corporate Services - Finance

File No: PSF/25/28 – Doc No: DOC/25/344906

It is recorded that Mr Kevin Hennessy, Ms Jo Wilsdon (on behalf of Hampton Community Kindergarten), Ms Susan Thompson, Ms Elizabeth Walsh (on behalf of Friends of Native Wildlife Inc), Mr George Reynolds, Mr Roger Tyler, Mrs Claire Girardi, Mr David Campbell and Mrs Sharon Campbell, Dr Noella Kershaw and Mr Les Kershaw, and Mr Robert Sayer each submitted a written statement in relation to this item.

It is recorded that Ms Jill Whyte, Ms Helene Redding, Ms Lesley Bawden, Mr Trent Granger (on behalf of Beaumaris Concourse Traders Association), Ms Michelle Bentley, Mr Evan Packer (on behalf of Hampton Street Traders Association), Mr Roger Tyler, Mr Andrew Monotti (on behalf of Brighton Bathing Box Association), and Mr Kevin Howard each spoke for 2 minutes in relation to this item.

Moved: Cr Murray**Seconded: Cr McIntosh**

That Cr Hockley be granted an additional 1 minute to conclude his debate.

CARRIED**Moved: Cr Hockley****Seconded: Cr Leigh**

That Cr Murray be granted an additional 1 minute to conclude her debate.

CARRIED**Moved: Cr Hockley****Seconded: Cr McIntosh**

That Cr Irlicht be granted an additional 1 minute to conclude his debate.

CARRIED**Moved: Cr Hockley****Seconded: Cr Leigh**

That Cr McIntosh be granted an additional 1 minute to conclude her debate.

CARRIED**Moved: Cr Taylor-Haynes****Seconded: Cr Leigh**

That the Mayor Cr El Mouallem be granted an additional 1 minute to conclude his debate.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Hockley

Seconded: Cr Murray

That Council:

1. *having considered the submissions received through the community consultation process, adopts the Annual Budget for the financial year 2025–26 and three subsequent financial years 2026–27 to 2028–29 with the following amendments:*
 - *remove the capital budget of \$5.6 million allocated to Dendy Beach VMP (Green Point) in the four-year capital program and replace it with the following project budgets allocated across the capital program and operating (New Initiatives) program as appropriate:*
 - *allocate \$1.5M across years 2026–27, 2027–28 and 2028–29 of the capital program as co-contribution towards the relocation and development of a Bayside Community Information and Support Service facility*
 - *allocate \$400K towards to crime prevention and community safety initiatives in areas identified by Council*
 - *defer the \$350K upgrade to Council Chamber AV systems*
 - *allocate \$250K to create a grant fund for Bayside retailers to pay for upgrades to premises which improve access for people with disability*
 - *allocate \$100K in 2025–26 and \$150K in 2026–27 to complete the design for the Hampton Community Kindergarten and refer project construction costs to the 2026–27 budget considerations*
 - *allocate \$200K towards the creation of a Cultural Festival to be held in 2026–27*
 - *allocate an additional \$370K in total allocated across 2025–26 and 2026–27 for additional tree and vegetation planting*
 - *allocate \$175K in both 2025–26 and 2026–27 for urban forest implementation*
 - *allocate an additional \$200K in 2025–26 and \$1.3M in 2026–27 for urban design and placemaking for Hampton Street Activity Centre*
 - *allocate \$250K towards an additional changing places toilet (location to be confirmed and subject to State Government Funding)*
 - *allocate the remaining amount of \$880,000 to Activity Centre Budget allocation in 2027–28 and 2028–29*
2. *amends the Financial Plan 2025–26 to 2034–35 where required to reflect the amendments to the Budget 2025–26*
3. *amends the Revenue and Rating Plan 2025–26 to 2028–29 where required to reflect the amendments to the Budget 2025–26*
4. *amends the Council Plan 2025–29 where required to reflect the amendments to the Budget 2025–26*
5. *authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make immaterial administrative changes to the Budget documentation as a result of the above amendments*

6. *adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges attached to the Annual Budget 2025–26.*

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Moullem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.3 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2025–26

Corporate Services - Finance

File No: PSF/25/58 – Doc No: DOC/25/345031

It is recorded that Miss Dianne Anderson submitted a written statement in relation to this item.

It is recorded that Councillor Leigh left the Meeting at 9.06 pm. Councillor Leigh returned to the Meeting at 9.10 pm.

Moved: Cr Leigh

Seconded: Cr Irlicht

That Council formally declares the Rates and Charges for the 2025–26 Rating Year as follows:

1. Total Rates

1.1 That an amount of \$118.914 million be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by General Rates, Municipal Charge, Annual Service Charge and an amount in lieu of General Rates (in accordance with the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*) described later in this Resolution, which amount is calculated as follows:

General Rates	\$92,310,193
Municipal Charge	\$8,429,289 (excluding CRLA properties)
Annual Service Charge (Waste)	\$17,871,427
Amount in lieu of General Rates in accordance with Cultural and	
Recreational Lands Act	\$303,458
TOTAL	\$118,914,366

2. General Rates

2.1 That a General Rate be applied at a uniform rate of 0.103218 cents for each dollar of Capital Improved Value be declared in respect of the 2025–26 Financial Year.

2.2 That in accordance with the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963, the amounts payable as rates be the amounts set out in the attached “Cultural and Recreational

Lands Summary” in respect of the 2025–26 Financial Year for all land to which that Act applies.

3. Municipal Charge

3.1 That a Municipal Charge is declared in respect of the 2025–26 Financial Year.

3.2 That the Municipal Charge is declared for the purpose of covering some of the administrative costs of Council.

3.3 That a Municipal Charge in the sum of \$173.46 for each general rateable land (or part thereof) in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied is declared in respect to the 2025–26 financial year.

3.4 That it is confirmed that the Municipal Charge is declared in respect of all general rateable land within the municipal district in respect of which a Municipal Charge may be levied.

4. Annual Service Charges

4.1 That pursuant to the provisions of Section 162 of the Local Government Act 1989, an Annual Service Charge relating to Waste Management be declared for each rateable property:

4.1.1 The Annual Service Charge is charged on each rateable property (excluding Advertising Signs, Electricity Substations, Telecommunication Towers and Bathing Boxes) in the sum of \$510.32 for a 240-litre mobile garbage bin or \$411.55 for a 140-litre mobile garbage bin or a shared 240-litre mobile garbage bin or \$312.78 for an 80-litre mobile garbage bin or a shared 140-litre mobile garbage bin or \$214.01 for a shared 80-litre mobile garbage bin.

4.1.2 That an amount of \$93.30 be charged as a waste contribution if no waste service is available.

4.1.3 That an amount of \$93.30 be charged as a waste availability service charge where no waste service is provided by Council but such a service is available.

4.1.4 That an amount of \$98.77 be charged for each additional 80-litre waste bin, \$197.54 for each additional 140-litre waste bin, and \$296.31 for each additional 240-litre waste bin on each rateable property.

4.1.5 That an amount of \$81.51 be charged for each additional recycling bin on each rateable property, or the first recycling bin if no waste bin is provided.

4.1.6 That an amount of \$99.00 be charged for each additional food and green waste bin on each rateable property, or the first food and green waste bin if no waste bin is provided.

4.1.7 The Annual Service Charge is declared in respect of the 2025–26 Financial Year.

4.2 That pursuant to the provisions of Section 221 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, an Annual Service Charge relating to Waste Management is declared on each non-rateable property where the service is provided:

4.2.1 The Annual Service Charge is levied on each non-rateable property in the sum of \$510.32 for a 240-litre mobile garbage bin or \$411.55 for a 140-litre mobile garbage bin or a shared 240-litre mobile garbage bin or \$312.78 for an 80-litre mobile garbage bin or a shared 140-litre mobile garbage bin or \$214.01 for a shared 80-litre mobile garbage bin.

4.2.2 That an amount of \$98.77 be charged for each additional 80-litre waste bin, \$197.54 for each additional 140-litre waste bin, and \$296.31 for each additional 240-litre waste bin on each non-rateable property.

4.2.3 That an amount of \$81.51 be charged for the second or subsequent recycling bin on each non-rateable property, or the first recycling bin if no waste bin is provided.

4.2.4 That an amount of \$99.00 be charged for the second or subsequent green waste bin on each non-rateable property, or the first green waste bin if no waste bin is provided.

4.2.5 The Annual Service Charge is declared in respect of the 2025–26 Financial Year.

5. Incentives

An incentive is given at the rate of 1.75 percent (1.75%) discount in relation to the total amount payable for the sum of the Rates, Municipal Charge and Annual Service Charges if full payment is received by 31 August 2025.

6. Rate Payments

6.1 Rates are payable in four instalments due by 30 September 2025, 30 November 2025, 28 February 2026 and 31 May 2026.

6.2 Where the first instalment has not been paid by 30 September 2025, rates are due in a lump sum and payable by 15 February 2026.

7. Consequential

7.1 It be recorded that Council requires any person to pay interest on any amounts of rates and charges which:

- that person is liable to pay
- have not been paid by the date specified for their payment.

7.2 The Revenue Coordinator is authorised to levy and recover the rates, municipal and annual service charges and interest described earlier in this Resolution in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor), Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht and Andrew Hockley (5)
 AGAINST: Crs Kylie McIntosh and Elli Murray (2)

CARRIED

10.4 FINANCIAL PLAN 2025–26 TO 2034–35

Corporate Services - Finance

File No: PSF/25/28 – Doc No: DOC/25/357702

It is recorded that Councillor Murray left the Meeting at 9.24 pm.

Moved: Cr Hockley

Seconded: Cr Irlicht

That Council, having considered the community engagement feedback, adopts the Financial Plan 2025–26 to 2034–35.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht and
Andrew Hockley (6)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

It is recorded that Councillor Murray was not present in the meeting when the vote was taken on the above item.

10.5 REVENUE AND RATING PLAN 2025–26 TO 2028–29

Corporate Services - Finance

File No: PSF/25/58 – Doc No: DOC/25/344975

It is recorded that Councillor Murray returned to the Meeting at 9.26 pm.

Moved: Cr Hockley

Seconded: Cr Irlicht

That Council, having considered the submissions received through the community consultation process, adopts the Revenue and Rating Plan 2025–26 to 2028–29.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

Moved: Irlicht

Seconded: Murray

That the meeting be adjourned at this time for a period of 5 minutes.

CARRIED

It is recorded that the meeting was adjourned at 9.31pm.

Moved: McIntosh

Seconded: Hockley

That the meeting be resumed.

CARRIED

It is recorded that the meeting was resumed at 9.38 pm.

10.6 ASSET PLAN 2025–26 TO 2034–35

Environment, Recreation and Infrastructure - City Assets and Presentation

File No: PSF/25/65 – Doc No: DOC/25/308276

Moved: Cr Leigh

Seconded: Cr McIntosh

That Council adopts the Asset Plan 2025–26 to 2034–35.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.7 MUNICIPAL WIDE TREE PROTECTION

City Planning and Amenity - Urban Strategy
File No: PSF/25/52 – Doc No: DOC/25/355921

Moved: Cr Murray

Seconded: Cr McIntosh

That Council:

1. instructs Council officers to prepare a Planning Scheme Amendment to introduce an Environmental Significance Overlay on all trees currently listed on Council's Significant Tree Register
2. writes to the Minister for Planning to seek authorisation to commence public exhibition
3. pauses consideration of a Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment for a Municipal Wide Vegetation Protection Overlay for 12 months or until there is further understanding of the implementation of Action 12 in the Victorian Government's 'Plan for Victoria'
4. receives a report from officers at a future Council meeting advising of any updates on Action 12 in the Victorian Government's 'Plan for Victoria' and next steps for a proposed Planning Scheme Amendment for the Vegetation Protection Overlay Bayside Planning Scheme.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Moullem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.8 REVIEW OF DELEGATIONS

City Planning and Amenity - Development Services
File No: PSF/25/33 – Doc No: DOC/25/357532

Moved: Cr Irlicht

Seconded: Cr Leigh

That Council:

- 1) endorses the S5 Instrument of Delegation from the Council to the CEO
- 2) endorses the S6 Instrument of Delegation from Council to members of Council staff, with the revised condition/limitation under Section 61(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to be read as follows:
The power to make a decision by Council officers, on a planning permit application cannot be exercised in relation to:
 - 1) *an application that is 'called in' by a Councillor*
 - 2) *an application where twelve or more objections have been received and Council officers are recommending that a notice of decision to grant a permit be issued*
 - 3) *any planning application that is not deemed to fully comply with the Bayside Planning Scheme (including Clause 55, and any proposed changes to Clause 54 following gazettal) and where there are no other permit triggers*
 - 4) *where Council is a party to a proceeding at VCAT, the Director (DCPA), Department Manager (MDS), Statutory Planning Coordinator (SPC) and Principal Statutory Planner (PSP) have the power to make a decision relating to the conduct of a proceeding including a decision to settle the proceeding (i.e. agree to a consent order) where there are less than six objector parties to the appeal. This includes S87A applications lodged with VCAT*
- 3) signs and affixes the common seal to the Instruments of Delegation and notes that upon fixing the common seal, the Instruments of Delegation come in to force immediately, with previous versions revoked
- 4) dissolves the Planning and Amenity Committee effective 1 September 2025 and revokes the Instrument of Delegation to the Planning and Amenity Delegated Committee (Delegated Committee of Council)
- 5) cancels the 22 July 2025 Planning and Amenity Delegated Committee meeting and receives a further report at the July 2025 Council meeting specifying if the August 2025 Planning and Amenity Delegated Committee meeting is required or if any scheduled matters can be dealt with through the subsequent Council meeting
- 6) receives weekly reporting on lodged planning applications to allow Councillors to call in planning applications of interest.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.9 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT 2023–24

City Planning and Amenity - Urban Strategy
File No: PSF/25/52 – Doc No: DOC/24/484526

Moved: Cr McIntosh

Seconded: Cr Murray

That Council notes the Bayside Urban Forest Strategy Annual Report 2023–24.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.10 CONVERSION OF 6A WILLIS STREET, HAMPTON TO PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

City Planning and Amenity - Urban Strategy
File No: PSF/25/54 – Doc No: DOC/25/357575

It is recorded that Dr Jonathan Nightingale (on behalf of Hampton Neighbourhood Association) spoke for 2 minutes in relation to this item.

Moved: Cr Murray

Seconded: Cr Irlicht

That Council:

1. commences the detailed design process to facilitate the conversion of 6A Willis Street, Hampton in to public open space
2. notes the funding update on the delivery of the Hampton Hub project.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.11 BAYSIDE COASTAL AND MARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Environment, Recreation and Infrastructure - Open Space and Recreation

File No: PSF/25/54 – Doc No: DOC/25/357829

Moved: Cr McIntosh

Seconded: Cr Murray

That Council:

1. adopts the Coastal and Marine Management Plan 2025 (the plan)
2. submits the plan to the Minister for Environment for approval.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.12 BRIGHTON GOLF COURSE STRAY GOLF BALL MITIGATION

Corporate Services - Commercial Services
File No: PSF/25/63 – Doc No: DOC/25/364096

Moved: Cr Hockley

Seconded: Cr Leigh

That Council notes the update on the status of mitigation works at Brighton Golf Course.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.13 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - 338 - SECURITY IN MAJOR ACTIVITY CENTRES

Environment, Recreation and Infrastructure - City Assets and Presentation
File No: PSF/25/33 – Doc No: DOC/25/365824

Moved: Cr Hockley

Seconded: Cr Murray

That Council notes the update on the response to NOM 338 – Security of Major Activity Centres and receives the substantive report at the 29 July 2025 Council Meeting.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.14 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - 341 - ACTIVITY CENTRE PRESENTATION

Environment, Recreation and Infrastructure - City Assets and Presentation
File No: PSF/25/65 – Doc No: DOC/25/351237

Moved: Cr Murray

Seconded: Cr Leigh

That Council notes the update on the response to NOM 341 – Activity Centre Presentation and receives the substantive report at the 29 July 2025 Council Meeting.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.15 FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GOLDSTEIN - LETTERS UNDER SEAL OF COUNCIL

Corporate Services - Governance
File No: PSF/25/33 – Doc No: DOC/25/355628

Moved: Cr Leigh

Seconded: Cr Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor)

That Council authorises the use of the Council seal on the following letters:

- Letter of Congratulations to the elected Federal Member for Goldstein, Tim Wilson.
- Letter of Appreciation to the immediate past Federal Member for Goldstein, Zoe Daniel.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

**10.16 S11A INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT TO AUTHORISED OFFICERS
UNDER THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987**

Corporate Services - Governance

File No: PSF/25/33 – Doc No: DOC/25/354781

Moved: Cr McIntosh**Seconded: Cr Leigh**

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by s 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, resolves that:

1. the members of Council staff referred to in the Instrument attached be appointed and authorised as set out in the Instrument
2. the Instrument comes into force immediately after the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it
3. the Instrument be sealed.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.17 EXTENSION TO CONTRACT CON/20/55 - PROVISION OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT

Corporate Services - Commercial Services
File No: PSF/25/65 – Doc No: DOC/25/301841

Moved: Cr Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor) Seconded: Cr Irlicht

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation to extend the Contract CON/20/55 Provision of Facility Maintenance Services for the period 15 December 2025 to 15 December 2027 and notify Programmed Facility Management (ABN 66 005 585 811).

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
and Andrew Hockley (7)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

10.18 COUNCIL ACTION AWAITING REPORT

Corporate Services - Governance

File No: PSF/25/33 – Doc No: DOC/25/342886

Moved: Cr Leigh

Seconded: Cr Murray

That Council notes the Council Action Awaiting Report.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

11. Reports by Delegates

1. **Association of Bayside Municipalities** – The Director Environment, Recreation and Infrastructure advised that there was no meeting of the Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM) held since the last Council meeting.

It was recorded that Councillor Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor) left the Meeting at 10.43 pm.

2. **Metropolitan Transport Forum** – Cr Geoff Leigh advised that the Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF) held its fifth meeting of the year for 2025.
 - The meeting was attended by George Konstantopoulos, Director of Bus Networks Planning and Reform, Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). Mr Konstantopoulos provided a comprehensive overview of new and improved bus services, this included bus investments in Clarinda, Casey and Hume and projects updated across the wider Melbourne network.
 - Bayside City Council advocated for live tracking to be provided to all bus companies which is under investigation by the DPT digital team.
 - Councils were also provided with bus stop and interchange guidelines which detailed the requirements of planning and design of bus stops infrastructure for public transport.
 - The MTF is finalising its Strategic Transport Advocacy which will be presented to members in July 2025.
 - Presentations were shared by Kingston and Manningham councils, focusing on level crossing removals developed by EV charging policy and to integrate the transport policy for the Doncaster Road Corridor.
 - Cr Leigh raised concerns regarding local roads and traffic lights, in particular Balcombe Road and how Council can work with Kingston Council collectively to investigate.
3. **Municipal Association of Victoria** – The Mayor, Cr Hanna El Mouallem advised that no meeting has been held since last Council meeting.
4. **Inner South Metropolitan Mayors' Forum** – The Mayor, Cr Hanna El Mouallem advised that no meeting has been held since last Council meeting.
5. **South East Councils Climate Change Alliance** – Cr Kylie McIntosh advised that no meeting has been held since the last meeting.

Councillor Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor) returned to the Meeting at 10.45 pm.

Moved: Cr Hockley

Seconded: Cr Murray

That the Reports by Delegates be received and noted.

The Motion was PUT:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Cr Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor), Crs Andrew Hockley, Robert Irlicht, Geoff Leigh, Kylie McIntosh, Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor) (7)
AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

12. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

13. Notices of Motion**13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - 345 - WARM WATER POOL PROJECT**

Corporate Services - Governance
File No: PSF/25/54 – Doc No: DOC/25/366508

Moved: Cr McIntosh

Seconded: Cr Hockley

That Council

1. investigates the costs associated with a simplified design build of the proposed Warm Water Pool on Brighton Golf Course to reduce the now substantial cost of this project but allow this to still be delivered in a timelier manner than that implied by the current proposed indefinite deferral. Any simplified design must however maintain accessibility for all residents and requisite toilet facilities, including a changing places toilet
2. investigates/reinvestigates possible access, including regaining access, to existing Warm Water Pools in and around the Bayside area, including at the Hampton East School, as an interim measure until a temporary or permanent facility is available for use in Bayside
3. investigates the cost, feasibility and timing of constructing a temporary Warm Water Pool facility on a Council-owned site in Bayside as an interim measure, and in the event of a suitable site being identified, to provide a report at a future Council meeting providing this information.

The Motion was PUT and a **DIVISION** was called:

DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Kylie McIntosh, Geoff Leigh, Hanna El Mouallem (Mayor),
 Elli Murray, Debbie Taylor-Haynes (Deputy Mayor), Robert Irlicht
 and Andrew Hockley (7)
 AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - 346 - AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE CHARTER

Corporate Services - Governance

File No: PSF/25/33 – Doc No: DOC/25/366512

It is recorded that Cr Leigh formally withdrew Notice of Motion – 346 – Audit and Risk Committee Charter.

Withdrawn

That a report be presented at the September 2025 Council Meeting to consider the planned review of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter (the Charter) including an amendment to section 14.4 of the Charter to reflect that the opportunity to be a member of the selection panel for any appointment to the Audit and Risk Committee be extended to the Mayor; and at least 1 appointed councillor representative of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter (with the panel appointments to be determined by the Director Corporate Services in conjunction with the Audit and Risk Committee Members.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.56pm.