

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, DAVEY STREET, FRANKSTON ON 11 DECEMBER 2023 at 7.00PM

PRESENT Cr. Nathan Conroy (Mayor)

Cr. David Asker Cr. Sue Baker Cr. Kris Bolam Cr. Claire Harvey Cr. Brad Hill

APOLOGIES: Cr. Liam Hughes (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Suzette Tayler

ABSENT: Nil

OFFICERS: Mr. Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Kim Jaensch, Director Corporate and Commercial Services

Ms. Angela Hughes, Director Communities

Mr. Cam Arullanantham, Director Infrastructure and Operations Ms. Shweta Babbar, Director Customer Innovation and Arts

Ms. Louise Bugiera, Acting Manager Governance

Mr. Sam Clements, Manager Development Services (via Zoom)

Ms. Rachna Gupta Singh, Coordinator Governance

Ms. Jenny Hill, Governance Officer

Mr. Connor Rose, Systems Support Officer Mr. Jeremy O'Rourke, Supervising Technician Mr. Josh Lacey, Supervising Technician Mr. Gerard Hook, Supervising Technician

EXTERNAL Nil

REPRESENTATIVES:

COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

Councillor Harvey made the following statement:

"All members of this Council pledge to the City of Frankston community to consider every item listed on this evening's agenda:

- Based on the individual merits of each item;
- Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and
- Disregarding Councillors' personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.

Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate or vote on the issue."

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PRAYER

Councillor Harvey read the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Councillor Harvey acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation – the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand, and paid respect to Elders past, present and future. Respect was also extended to Elders of other communities who may have been present.

The Mayor acknowledged the passing of Federal Member for Dunkley, Ms Peta Murphy MP and paid tribute to her by making the following statement:

On behalf of Council, our Executive and staff, as well as the wider community, It is with deep sadness that we honour our Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy MP, following the news of her passing.

I share our sincere appreciation for Peta's fierce determination and commitment to deliver the absolute best for our community – to the very end.

As our local Federal MP, Peta was a tenacious and inspirational representative. We were fortunate to work closely with Peta on numerous projects.

Going 'above and beyond' to advocate for Frankston City was in Peta's DNA – she was both fearless and tireless in delivering for her community.

We will also miss her wonderful personality – her compassion, smile, wit and warmth.

Peta's passing diminishes us all – yet she has also left a rich and lasting legacy that will stand the test of time.

Rest in Peace Peta Murphy MP – you've done us all proud.

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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted as being received from Cr Suzette Tayler and the Deputy Mayor, Cr Liam Hughes.

The Mayor acknowledged the resignation of Steven Hughes as Councillor of Frankston City Council and thanked him for his time and wished him all the best going forward.

2. COUNCILLOR APPRECIATION AWARDS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council Meeting No. CM18 held on 20 November 2023.

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Bolam Seconded: Councillor Harvey

That the minutes of the Council Meeting No. CM17 held on 15 November 2023, Council Meeting No. CM17A held on 20 November 2023, and Council Meeting No. CM18 held on 20 November 2023. copies of which had previously been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed, approved and adopted.

Carried Unanimously

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Two (2) people submitted questions to Council with notice and no questions were received without notice. At the request of the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer read the questions and provided responses to the questions received.

The questions received with notice with responses will be provided in the minutes of the next Council Meeting.

6. HEARING OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Nil

7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

Nil

Block Motion

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That in accordance with rule 35.2 of Council's Governance Rules, the items listed below be block resolved:

- 11.1: Planning Application 911/2022/P 89 Young Street, Frankston Construct a twenty-two (22) storey building (comprising retail, office and
 dwellings) within the Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z) and reduction to the car parking
 requirements under Clause 52.06 of the Frankston Planning Scheme;
- 11.2: Extension of Time Application Planning Permit No. 492/2017/P/F 424-426 Nepean Highway, Frankston The use and development of the land for a multi-storey building for retail, dwellings and serviced apartments;
- 11.3: Statutory Planning Progress Report for October 2023;
- 11.4: Planning Scheme Amendment C152fran (Administrative Amendment);
- 12.1: Governance Matters Report for 11 December 2023;
- 12.2: Update on Councillor Projects of interest and hot topics;
- 12.4: Youth Action Plan Review & Progress Report 2023;
- 12.6: Draft Coastal and Marine Management Plan for community consultation;
- 12.10: 2023-24 Façade Improvement Grants;
- 12.12: Award of Contract CN10988 Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium – Design Services;
- 12.13: Award of Contract CN11328 Transactional Banking Services (State Purchasing Contract);
- 13.1: Response to 2023/NOM6 Accountability Transparency Reform (ATR) III
 Public Art; and
- 13.3: Response to 2023/NOM6 Accountability Transparency Reform (ATR) III
 Independent Internal Reviews

Carried Unanimously

8. PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

Nil

9. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil

10. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Nil

11. CONSIDERATION OF CITY PLANNING REPORTS

11.1 Planning Application - 911/2022/P - 89 Young Street, Frankston - Construct a twenty-two (22) storey building (comprising retail, office and dwellings) within the Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z) and reduction to the car parking requirements under Clause 52.06 of the Frankston Planning Scheme

(SC Communities)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit in respect to Planning Permit Application number 911/2022/P to construct a twenty-two (22) storey building (comprising retail, office and dwellings) in a Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z) and reduction to the car parking requirements under Clause 52.06 of the Frankston Planning Scheme at 89 Young Street, Frankston, subject to the following grounds:

- 1. The height, setbacks, bulk, mass and scale of the development is not consistent with the strategic objectives of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Structure Plan (2015) and Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Structure Plan (2023).
- **2.** The proposed development does not represent a satisfactory urban design response consistent with the objectives of Clauses 11.03-1L-02, 15.01-1S, 15.01-2S and 15.01-5S of the Frankston Planning Scheme.
- 3. Overshadowing caused by the proposed development is not consistent with the strategic objectives of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Structure Plan (2015) and Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Structure Plan (2023).
- **4.** The proposed car parking dimensions are not consistent with Clause 52.06-9 of the Frankston Planning Scheme.
- **5.** The proposal has not demonstrated a sufficient level of compliance with Clause 58 of the Frankston Planning Scheme in respect to Clause 58.04-1 (Building setback) and Clause 58.05-3 (Private Open Space).

Carried Unanimously

11.2 Extension of Time Application - Planning Permit No. 492/2017/P/F - 424-426 Nepean Highway, Frankston - The use and development of the land for a multistorey building for retail, dwellings and serviced apartments (SC Communities)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council resolves to refuse the request for an extension of time for Planning Permit 492/2017/P/F, for the development at 424-426 Nepean Highway, Frankston issued on 18 September 2018, for a further two (2) years for commencement and completion of the development, respectively.

Carried Unanimously

11.3 Statutory Planning Progress Report for October 2023

(SC Communities)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Statutory Planning Progress Report for the month of October 2023;
- 2. Notes in the month of October, 85% of applications determined were within the statutory timeframe, above the target of 70%; and
- 3. Resolves that Attachment B (Major Development Updates) and Attachment C (General Planning Applications of Councillor Interest Updates) remain confidential indefinitely on the grounds that it contains land use planning information and private commercial information (*Local Government Act 2020, s.3(1)(c) and (g)*). These grounds apply because it contains private information and would, if prematurely released, impact the reputation of Councillors and Council.

Carried Unanimously

11.4 Planning Scheme Amendment C152fran (Administrative Amendment)

(TB Communities)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

- 1. Notes that Planning Scheme Amendment C152fran to the Frankston Planning Scheme was publicly exhibited between 28 September to 13 November 2023 for a period of six (6) weeks;
- 2. Notes that a total of five (5) written submissions were received during this time, with four (4) written submissions in support of the amendment and one (1) written submission objecting to the inclusion of a site in this amendment. The objection has been withdrawn on the basis that the site be withdrawn from this Amendment, with further work to be undertaken by officers;
- 3. Adopts the modified Frankston Planning Scheme Amendment C152fran to the Frankston Planning Scheme under section 29 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* with changes outlined in Attachment B;
- 4. Submits adopted Planning Scheme Amendment C152fran to the Frankston Planning Scheme to the Minister for Planning for approval under Section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*; and
- 5. Notes that officers will notify all submitters of its decision.

Carried Unanimously

11.5 Adoption of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Development Contributions Plan (DCP) and Authorisation request for Planning Scheme Amendment C161fran

(TB Communities)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Bolam Seconded: Councillor Hill

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Development Contributions Plan (December 2023);
- 2. Under Section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, requests authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C161fran;
- 3. Authorises the Director Communities to make changes to Planning Scheme AmendmentC161fran to meet any conditions of authorisation from the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), as well as make minor editorial changes, prior to submitting the amendment to the Minister for Planning for exhibition and the Director Communities is to inform Councillors of such change;
- 4. Notes that Amendment C161fran will seek to implement the *Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Development Contributions Plan (December 2023)* by applying the Development Contributions Plan Overlay Schedule 1 (DCPO1) to all of the land within the boundary of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre and making associated changes into the Frankston Planning Scheme;
- 5. Notes that Amendment C161fran will seek to apply the Public Acquisition Overlay to 76 Young Street (PAO10) to facilitate a future pedestrian link between Young Street and Stiebel Place; and
- 6. Notes that Amendment C161fran will seek to apply the Public Acquisition Overlay to 19 Keys Street (PAO11) to facilitate a future pedestrian link between Keys Street and Nepean Highway.

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12. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.1 Governance Matters Report for 11 December 2023

(LB Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

Council Resolution Status

- 1. Receives the Council Resolution Status update, including:
 - Notice of Motion Cost Summary and Notice of Motion Report for 11 December 2023;
 - b. Notes there are no open Urgent Business actions;
 - c. Notes there is one Notice of Motion actions reported as complete by officers and are requesting closure:
 - 2023/NOM8 Letter Under Seal for Coralie Davies
 - d. Notes since the Council Meeting, held on 20 November 2023, 19 resolution actions have been completed, as listed in the body of the report;
 - e. Notes the Briefing item on 'City Positioning' strategic umbrella and future intentions in relation to 'City Positioning' will be delayed to a Councillor Briefing no later than March 2024;
 - f. Notes that the Letter Under Seal to Cr Liam Hughes in recognition of his service as Deputy Mayor during the previous Deputy Mayoral Term will be presented to a Councillor Briefing or function in 2024; and

Councillor Briefings

2. Receives the record of Councillor Briefing meetings held since the date of last Council Meeting held on 20 November 2023 as listed in the body of the report.

Carried Unanimously

12.2 Update on Councillor projects of interest and hot topics

(PC Chief Executive Office)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

1. Notes this report to Council to provide confidence in the planning and delivery of emerging key hot topics including key councillor projects of interest, for greatest clarity in this final year of the Council's term;

City Presentation

- Acknowledges the Council's strong commitment to intensifying efforts towards beautification and maintenance, aiming to enhance the overall presentation of our city;
- 3. Notes Council has committed a substantial allocation of both one time and ongoing funds to the renewal of roundabout gardens and improvement of graffiti management following the Council meeting on 23 October 2023. These measures are vital to ensuring that Council-owned infrastructure remains clean, safe, and aesthetically pleasing:
 - a. Faster response times tailored to better address community needs.
 - Additional investments in city presentation initiatives are presently under consideration for inclusion in the 2024-25 capital works program and the Long Term Infrastructure Plan 2024-34.
- 4. Acknowledges the current recruitment process for the appointment of proactive graffiti patrol officers, a new initiative designed to enhance Council's capacity for graffiti management. It is anticipated that the proactive graffiti management program will commence in early 2024;
- 5. Acknowledges Council's ongoing advocacy efforts with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), seeking support with presentation and safety on State Government assets at key road gateways across Frankston City, to creating a welcoming sense of arrival for both visitors and residents, including better management of graffiti and removal of overgrown weeds and vegetation. Furthermore, notes the letter sent on 27 November 2023 to the Hon. Melissa Horne MP, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, expressing Council's desire to collaborate with the Victorian Government;

Key Councillor Projects of Interest

- Notes the reporting structure for the Key Councillor projects of interest, aimed at
 providing utmost clarity regarding project progress. This reporting structure also
 ensures that key issues related to the timely delivery of these projects are
 transparently highlighted, enabling councillors to make well-informed decisions;
- 7. Notes the progress being made on Councillor Capital Projects of Interest since the last report on 23 October 2023 (Attachment A);
- 8. Notes every effort is being made to ensure the successful overall delivery of the Capital Works Program, however it is important to recognise that some projects will be delayed as they need to follow Council's adopted Procurement Policy and some projects under planning and delivery are subject to receiving timely external authority approvals including utility authorities, DECCA and Department of Transport and Planning and also taking into consideration, appropriate tree

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planting seasons;

- 9. Notes the report under Attachment A also highlights the dates imposed by Council, under the recent alternative resolution (Item 12.2 Capital Work Quarterly Report Q4 April to June 2023, 2023/CM13), which are subject to similar considerations highlighted in Item 8 of this resolution;
- 10. Notes the status change of the following projects from the last reporting in 23 October 2023 Council meeting:
 - a. Frankston Revitalisation Action Plan Nepean Highway (Davey Street

 Playne Street) Median trees lighting (ID 14663) This project has
 moved from watch list to intervention due to site constrains on the
 proposed lighting solution;
 - b. Local Shopping Strip Action Plan Major improvement program (ID14348) - This project has moved from on track to watch list due to delay in design works based on community feedback for Kareela Shopping Strip project completion;
 - Seaford Wetlands unformed interface to Pen Link Trail (ID14762) -This
 project has moved from intervention to on track and the ETA is to be
 confirmed in coming reporting cycle;
 - d. Cranbourne Road Retaining wall Design (ID14880) was withdrawn as part of the Council resolution at the 23 October 2023 Council meeting;
- 11. Notes the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) in-principle agreement for proposed landscaping projects (below), is subject to Council taking responsibility of maintaining the landscaping for two years. This was a significant milestone on these project due to delays by this approval process:
 - a. Frankston North Gateway Treatment (Project ID14626);
 - b. Mornington Peninsula Freeway, Skye Road, Dandenong Road Urban Forest and Gateway Improvements (Project ID14819);
 - c. Frankston Revitalisation Action Plan Nepean Highway Grimwade Clock (Project ID 14663);
- 12. Seaford Village's Illuminate Blade Coastal Motif (Project ID14629):
 - a. Notes officers explored several options detailed in the report to increase the lux level of the existing lighting as resolved at the 23 October 2023 Council meeting;
 - b. Recommends keeping the existing lux level as it is intended. As increasing the lighting to further highlight the whole sculpture, may only highlight the stainless steel leaves and reflect light, detracting from the yellow flower within as determined by the artist. This change may also potentially create light issues for traffic and unwanted light spill to the street and nearby vegetation, which may not be in accordance with AS4282 and Dark Sky recommendations;
- 13. Frankston Revitalisation Action Plan Nepean Highway (Davey Street Playne Street) Median Revitalisation Tree Lighting (Project ID 14663):
 - a. Notes the proposal was to illuminate the trees using light poles on the central median is not feasible due to the impact on the existing tree roots:
 - b. Notes a tree lighting trial to be undertaken in Playne Street between Nepean Highway and Thomson Street will determine the alternative lighting solution along the Nepean Highway central median Trees

lighting;

c. Recommends delay of delivery of this project coincide with early works package of Nepean Boulevard to deliver coordinated best quality outcome;

Public Arts

- 14. Notes updates provided in the report.
- 15. Notes that Officers have undertaken initial scoping to acquire three fibreglass kangaroos and four mushrooms to be installed at Karingal Place Community Centre and Frankston North Community Centre within a 17K budget. The cost of the fibreglass sculptures requested equates to \$13,500, leaving only \$3,500 to cover project management, installation, transport and plinths if required. The scope will likely need to be reduced pending the total of the costs above which Officers are currently pursuing; and
- 16. Notes that the mosaic artwork on the bakery wall in Mahogany Ave, Frankston North will be restored rather than being replaced with a mural;

Other

- 17. Notes updates provided in Attachment D on Council's Accreditations project and Urban Forest Action Plan:
- 18. Resolves Attachment E, *Other Councillor Projects of interest Frankston Yacht Facility November 2023*, be retained confidential indefinitely, on the grounds that it contains 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, pursuant to the Local Government Act 2020 s3(1)(g) and would, if released, reduce Council's ability to properly perform its functions.

Carried Unanimously

12.3 Freedom of Information Annual Summary 2022-2023

(LB Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Bolam Seconded: Councillor Hill

That Council:

- 1. Notes for the item relating to Freedom of Information (FOI) in the Accountability and Transparency Reform (ATR) document, resolved by Council in 2020, a report of summary data about FOI requests is provided to Council annually;
- 2. Notes for the item relating to Freedom of Information in the Accountability Transparency Reform III document, resolved by Council in October 2023, a copy of this report will be added to the Transparency Hub; and
- 3. Notes the summary of FOI requests received in 2022/2023.

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12.4 Youth Action Plan - Review & Progress Report 2023

(TB Communities)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Youth Action Plan Progress Report 2023 (as per Attachment A) which targets services and activities to young people aged 12-25 years.
- 2. Notes the importance of the Youth Action Plan to guide how we deliver programs and services to help young people feel connected, supported and engaged.
- 3. Commends the extensive programs and services undertaken by Council's Youth Services team in response to the Youth Action Plan which has delivered widespread benefit to local young people and the broader Frankston community, including the following examples:
 - a. The delivery of the youth-led 2023 Youth Excellence awards;
 - b. The highly impactful Grade 6 Transition program in partnership with local schools, that support young people in this critical period of development;
 - c. The various youth-led advisory committees and events management programs that develop skills and give young people a voice;
 - d. The regular Project-Y outreach and referral services delivered in partnership with a range of local service providers; and The popular youth holiday programs that provide fun and engaging opportunities in a positive and safe environment.

Carried Unanimously

12.5 Housing Advisory Committee - Annual progress update and amended Work Plan and Terms of Reference

(TB Communities)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Baker Seconded: Councillor Harvey

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Committee's progress made on its Work Plan through the Annual Report 2023;
- 2. Notes the Committee's updated Work Plan for 2024;
- 3. Notes the Committee's amended Terms of Reference and further amends it to reduce the frequency of the Committee Meetings to quarterly;
- 4. Endorses the Committee's recommendations for action by Council in 2024, as outlined in the Annual Report 2023:
 - a. Develop a Draft Affordable Housing Policy;
 - b. Invest in relationship building, collaboration and key messaging to guide and facilitate good social and affordable housing outcomes;
 - c. Use the audit of vacant government-owned land to identify opportunities for partnership projects to encourage developments in suitable locations that can accommodate social and affordable housing;
 - d. Develop a community engagement campaign for delivery in 2024 to raise awareness of the anticipated housing growth and promote the benefits of a diverse housing options, including social and affordable housing, and ensuring Councillors are briefed on this before any campaign begins;
 - e. Continue support for Winter Shelter to deliver an expanded and sustainable program in 2024, enabling the provision of safe and secure overnight accommodation for people experiencing homelessness and prevention of rough sleeping.
- 5. Refers funding of \$60,000 to the 2023-24 mid-year budget process for further consideration to enable the delivery of a Draft Affordable Housing Policy by August 2024 (Item 4a);
- 6. Refers funding of \$46,250 to the mid-year budget process for further consideration to enable the delivery of continued support to the Winter Shelter (Item 4e). This sum is to be distributed as follows:
 - a. \$10k in grants for professional reports required to accompany building permit applications for temporary occupancy made by churches participating in Winter Shelter (i.e. access consultant report/s and fire engineering report/s).
 - b. \$30k in grants to enable participating churches to undertake required minor building works to upgrade their building for a temporary occupancy permit to be issued (i.e. installation of an accessible shower/s, essential safety measure upgrades, etc).
 - c. \$6,250 for in-kind support through waived building permit application fees to Council for temporary occupancy permits for five churches (\$1250 per church).
- 7. Notes the support that Council officers have provided to the Winter Shelter program during 2023, including financial support of \$2,500 for permit fees and inkind support to navigate the Temporary Occupancy Permit process including free regulatory advice, guidance and inspections.

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Extension of Time

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Hill

That Cr Baker be granted an extension of time.

Carried Unanimously

The motion was Carried Unanimously

12.6 Draft Coastal and Marine Management Plan for community consultation

(TB Communities)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the draft Coastal and Marine Management Plan for community consultation over a four week period between 1 February 2024 and 29 February 2024:
- 2. Notes that following community consultation, the draft Coastal and Marine Management Plan will be submitted to Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) for their final review;
- 3. Notes that the development of the draft Coastal Marine and Management Plan commenced with extensive community, agency and internal stakeholder consultation between February and September 2022, with this information and feedback incorporated into the draft Plan; and
- 4. Seeks a report back to Council no later than June 2024 to consider for adoption the Coastal and Marine Management Plan, taking into account any submissions received through community consultation.

Carried Unanimously

12.7 Endorsement of proposed amendments to Governance Rules

(LB Corporate and Commercial Services)

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- Notes that the Local Government Act 2020 provides for Council to amend its Governance Rules at any time, after undertaking a process of community engagement;
- 2. Notes the need to update the Election Period Policy (Chapter 8 of the Governance Rules) prior to the next general elections in October 2024;
- 3. Notes the opportunity to strengthen and improve some of the Meeting Procedure provisions in Chapter 2 of the Governance Rules particularly the provisions regarding petitions and public question time;
- Endorses the proposed amendments to the Governance Rules for public consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy, with the consultation to commence in February 2024; and
- 5. Notes that the community engagement outcomes will be presented back to Council for consideration at a future Council Meeting.

Motion

That Council:

- Notes that the Local Government Act 2020 provides for Council to amend its Governance Rules at any time, after undertaking a process of community engagement;
- 2. Notes the need to update the Election Period Policy (Chapter 8 of the Governance Rules) prior to the next general elections in October 2024;
- 3. Notes the opportunity to strengthen and improve some of the Meeting Procedure provisions in Chapter 2 of the Governance Rules particularly the provisions regarding petitions and public question time;
- 4. Endorses the proposed amendments to the Governance Rules for public consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy, with the consultation to commence in February 2024;
- 5. Notes that the community engagement outcomes will be presented back to Council for consideration at a future Council Meeting;
- 6. Notes the foreshadowed legislative changes to introduce a Model Councillor Code of Conduct and ongoing educational/ training requirements and receives an update report to Council when enacted, expecting this to occur by May 2024; and
- 7. Receives a briefing to discuss proposed amendments and additions to the Councillor Training and Development Policy by May 2024, prior to a report being taken to Council, to ensure that the requirements for Councillor induction and ongoing training and development are reflected in Council policies.

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Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Bolam Seconded: Councillor Asker

That Council:

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- 2. Notes the need to update the Election Period Policy (Chapter 8 of the Governance Rules) prior to the next general elections in October 2024;
- 3. Notes the opportunity to strengthen and improve some of the Meeting Procedure provisions in Chapter 2 of the Governance Rules particularly the provisions regarding petitions and public question time;
- 4. Endorses the proposed amendments to the Governance Rules for public consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy, with the consultation to commence in February 2024;
- 5. Notes that the community engagement outcomes will be presented back to Council for consideration at a future Council Meeting;
- 6. Notes the foreshadowed legislative changes to introduce a Model Councillor Code of Conduct and ongoing educational/ training requirements and receives an update report to Council when enacted, expecting this to occur by May 2024; and
- 7. Receives a briefing to discuss proposed amendments and additions to the Councillor Training and Development Policy by May 2024, prior to a report being taken to Council, to ensure that the requirements for Councillor induction and ongoing training and development are reflected in Council policies.

12.8 Adoption of Safer Communities Policy and Strategy

(TB Communities)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Baker Seconded: Councillor Harvey

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Draft Safer Communities Policy and Strategy 2023-2033 was publicly exhibited for community engagement over a period of four weeks from 5 October to 5 November 2023;
- Notes all community engagement feedback has been considered and, where appropriate, changes have been incorporated into the Safer Communities Policy and Strategy;
- 3. Acknowledges that the Policy and Strategy provide a strategic framework for how it will work with the community and partners to make people feel safe, well connected and empowered to participate in community life; and
- 4. Adopts the updated Safer Communities Policy and Strategy 2023-2033.

Carried Unanimously

12.9 2023-24 Invest Frankston Business Grants

(TB Communities)

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Notes the 2023-24 Invest Frankston Business Grants program was completed on 30 November 2023. The assessment panel, including independent members, has recommended the awarding of 12 grants, to a total value of \$179,904;
- Notes the Mayor or Council Officers will notify successful applicants and Council Officers will notify unsuccessful applicants of the outcome no later than 15 December 2023; and
- 3. Resolves that the attachment be retained confidential until 15 December 2023 on the grounds that it includes personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (*Local Government Act 2020, s.3(1)(f)*) and would if prematurely released might undermine public confidence and make people reluctant to submit nominations in the future, which would compromise Council's ability to run similar grants programs in the future.

Motion

That Council:

- Notes the 2023-24 Invest Frankston Business Grants program was completed on 30 November 2023. The assessment panel, including independent members, has recommended the awarding of 12 grants, to a total value of \$179,904;
- Notes the Mayor or Council Officers will notify successful applicants and Council Officers will notify unsuccessful applicants of the outcome no later than 15 December 2023;
- 3. Refers an additional \$200k recurrent for the Invest Frankston Business Grants to the 2024/25 budget considerations, including a dedicated \$40k to a new subcategory to encourage Frankston's night-time economy (i.e. performing arts acts/groups to bolster confidence, night-time offerings by/from businesses etc). This additional allocation would increase this grant offering to enable new businesses to locate to the municipality, enable existing businesses to employ additional staff and keep up with the inflation/CPI rate; and
- 4. Resolves that the attachment be retained confidential until 15 December 2023 on the grounds that it includes personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (*Local Government Act 2020, s.3(1)(f))* and would if prematurely released might undermine public confidence and make people reluctant to submit nominations in the future, which would compromise Council's ability to run similar grants programs in the future.

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Bolam Seconded: Councillor Harvey

That Council:

- Notes the 2023-24 Invest Frankston Business Grants program was completed on 30 November 2023. The assessment panel, including independent members, has recommended the awarding of 12 grants, to a total value of \$179,904;
- 2. Notes the Mayor or Council Officers will notify successful applicants and Council Officers will notify unsuccessful applicants of the outcome no later than 15 December 2023:
- 3. Refers an additional \$200k recurrent for the Invest Frankston Business Grants to the 2024/25 budget considerations, including a dedicated \$40k to a new subcategory to encourage Frankston's night-time economy (i.e. performing arts acts/groups to bolster confidence, night-time offerings by/from businesses etc). This additional allocation would increase this grant offering to enable new businesses to locate to the municipality, enable existing businesses to employ additional staff and keep up with the inflation/CPI rate; and
- 4. Resolves that the attachment be retained confidential until 15 December 2023 on the grounds that it includes personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (*Local Government Act 2020, s.3(1)(f)*) and would if prematurely released might undermine public confidence and make people reluctant to submit nominations in the future, which would compromise Council's ability to run similar grants programs in the future.

12.102023-24 Facade Improvement Grants

(TB Communities)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

- 1. Notes the 2023-24 Façade Improvement Grants program was completed on 30 November 2023. The assessment panel, including independent members, has recommended the awarding of 16 grants, to a total value of \$150,000.00;
- Notes the Mayor or Council Officers will notify successful applicants and Council Officers will notify unsuccessful applicants of the outcome no later than 15 December 2023; and
- 3. Resolves that the attachment be retained confidential until 15 December 2023 on the grounds that it includes personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (*Local Government Act 2020, s.3(1)(f)*) and would if prematurely released might undermine public confidence and make people reluctant to submit nominations in the future, which would compromise Council's ability to run similar grants programs in the future.

Carried Unanimously

12.11 Peninsula Leisure Pty Ltd Governance Documents

(KJ Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Hill

That Council:

- 1. Resolves to amend the Constitution of Peninsula Leisure as follows:
 - a) Amend the company name by removing the words 'Frankston Regional Aquatic Centre' and replacing them with the words 'Peninsula Leisure Pty Ltd; and
 - b) Amend clause 4.4 by removing the existing words and replacing them with the following:
 - 4.4 Prohibition on Borrowing

"Unless approved otherwise with the sanction of a special resolution, the Company must not borrow money or charge any property or business of the Company or issue debentures or give any other security for a debt, liability or obligation of the Company"

- 2. Endorses the amended the Management Services Agreement as per attachment B and authorises the agreement to be signed by the CEO or delegate; and
- 3. Resolves that the three attachments to this report (Attachment A Summary Table of Key Amendments for MSA, Attachment B Proposed Management Services Agreement and Attachment C Proposed Constitution) remains confidential indefinitely as they each contain private commercial information (Local Government Act 2020, s(3)(g)). These grounds apply because the information is provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking and, if released, would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage and impact the relationship between Council and Peninsula Leisure Pty Ltd.

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12.12Award of Contract CN10988 - Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium - Design Services

(VG Infrastructure and Operations)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

- Awards contract CN10988 Frankston Basketball & Gymnastics Stadium Design Services to Williams Ross Architects Pty Ltd (ABN: 96 005 624 868 & ACN: 005 624 868) for \$2,168,022.00 GST exclusive;
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contract;
- 3. Delegates approval of contract variations within the contingency amount outlined in the confidential attachment to the Chief Executive Officer; and
- 4. Resolves Attachment A to this report be retained confidential on the grounds that it contains 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, pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020 s3(1)(g)*.

Carried Unanimously

12.13Award of Contract CN11328 - Transactional Banking Services (State Purchase Contract)

(CR Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

- Awards the contract CN11328 Transactional Banking Services including services for EFTPOS and corporate credits cards to the Commonwealth Bank as part of the State Purchase Contract for an initial 3-year term with the provision for two further 2 year extensions expiring 30 September 2030, noting that this is a schedule of rates contract;
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contract;
- 3. Notes any contract variations will be assessed and approved by the relevant officer under the provisions set out in Council's Procurement Policy, noting that this is a schedule of rates contract;
- 4. Delegates approval of contract extensions to the Director Corporate and Commercial Services based on the contractors' successful performance; and
- 5. Resolves Attachment A to this report be retained confidential on the grounds that it contains 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, pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020 s3(1)(g)*.

Carried Unanimously

13. RESPONSE TO NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Response to 2023/NOM6 - Accountability Transparency Reform (ATR) III - Public Art

(TR Customer Innovation and Arts)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

- 1. Notes, where appropriate, a number of public artworks will be procured through a single Expression of Interest process;
- 2. Notes the requirement to seek the permission from artist's responding to an Expression of Interest, in order to retain their concept designs for an agreed period of time, for consideration at alternate locations and/or future projects; and
- 3. Notes the future procurement of all Public Art should adhere to the requirements of Council's Procurement Policy.

Carried Unanimously

13.2 Response to 2023/NOM6 - Accountability Transparency Reform (ATR) III - Transparency Hub

(wc Customer Innovation and Arts)

Recommendation (Director Customer Innovation and Arts)

That Council:

- 1. Notes that a report was tabled at the 6 December Briefing to provide an update on the Transparency Hub and future pipeline of works;
- 2. Notes that the streamlining of Council's website to improve the community's ease of access to the Transparency Hub has occurred (via direct hyperlinks or related measures). Further to this Council records mentioned under Council's Public Transparency Policy are centrally located under 'Documents Available' for public inspection, a link to this page from the Council's Home page is now available:
- 3. Notes that the following registers and data sets are now available on the Transparency Hub:
 - Council's developer contribution register
 - Contract register
 - Freedom of Information outcomes
 - Petition register
 - Councillor interstate travel register
 - Councillor's conduct summary
 - Councils gift register for Councillor's
 - Senior Officers Remuneration data set
 - Councillor attendance register (both briefing and ordinary meetings)
 - Consultancy register
 - Agency fee register
 - Council's existing lease register
 - Record of Councillor briefings (outlined in governance matters report)
 - Councillor's Conflict of Interest register
 - Councillor declaration forms (since the beginning of the Council term)
- 4. Notes that, due to meeting privacy, confidentiality, and legislative requirements, the following registers will be available on the Transparency Hub in January 2024:
 - Council's developer/lobbyist Quarter two data will be live in January 2024
 - Councils' legal expenses summary January 2024
- Notes the External submissions register (formally endorsed and submitted by Council) will be available online in February 2024. The external submissions register is a new register being developed; and
- 6. Notes that all Council Registers available on the Corporate Website and Transparency Hub, will be updated quarterly starting January 2024. Frequency of updates will be clearly stated on both the website and the Transparency Hub.

Motion

That Council:

- 1. Notes that a report was tabled at the 6 December Briefing to provide an update on the Transparency Hub and future pipeline of works;
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- 7. That the following registers are to be uploaded to the Transparency Hub by April 2024, and updated thereafter routinely:
 - Council complaints received per annum with comparative data, if available;
 - Councillor Requests, per Councillor, submitted per annum with comparative data, if available;
 - Customer Assistance Queries (how the complaint was received, time spent to resolve complaint, resolution of complaint to the satisfaction of customer, types of complaints etc);
 - Infringement notices received per annum with comparative data, if available

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Bolam Seconded: Councillor Harvey

That Council:

- 1. Notes that a report was tabled at the 6 December Briefing to provide an update on the Transparency Hub and future pipeline of works;
- 2. Notes that the streamlining of Council's website to improve the community's ease of access to the Transparency Hub has occurred (via direct hyperlinks or related measures). Further to this Council records mentioned under Council's Public Transparency Policy are centrally located under 'Documents Available' for public inspection, a link to this page from the Council's Home page is now available:
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13.3 Response to 2023/NOM6 - Accountability Transparency Reform (ATR) III - Independent Internal Reviews

(LB Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Baker

That Council:

- 1. Notes section 107(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 requires a review process that is independent of the person who took the action, made the decision and provided the service;
- 2. Notes the process for independent internal reviews is outlined on Council's website and referenced in Council's Complaint Handling Policy;
- 3. Notes the diagram on Council's website, outlining the independent internal review process, will be updated to reflect how it operates in the context of the Complaints Handling Policy and that complaints received, per annum, will be prepared for the Transparency Hub; and
- 4. Notes the important role that the Audit and Risk Committee provide for independent oversight and review of key matters relating to risk and governance.

Carried Unanimously

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 2023/NOM10 - Graffiti Advocacy and Invitation

(FM Customer Innovation and Arts)

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Asker Seconded: Councillor Hill

That Council:

- Notes recent correspondence in November 2023 to the Victorian Government highlighting the desire of Council to work collaboratively on improving the presentation and safety of a number of key road gateways across Frankston City. This correspondence reiterated the period of exciting transformational change currently underway in Frankston City, with Council increasingly focused on beautification and maintenance of its assets to enhance the overall presentation of our city;
- Notes that prompt response times to community and Council reports of graffiti, overgrown landscaping, poor lighting and cleanliness of road reserves (rubbish removal), will positively impact community sentiment and reputation of both Council and the Victorian Government;
- 3. Notes particular state government owned sites identified by Council include the cleanliness and presentation of Nepean Highway, Frankston-Cranbourne Road, Beach Street/McMahons Road underpass, Quinn Link Overpass Precinct, Frankston Freeway, Frankston-Flinders Road/Moorooduc Highway, Ballarto Road and Dandenong-Frankston Road;
- 4. Notes that, in addition to numerous correspondence to the Victorian Government throughout 2021-2023, Council has raised concerns with maintenance of state government owned road and gateway infrastructure with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), however have been unsuccessful in receiving a positive resolution to the increased graffiti and maintenance concerns on DTP assets;
- 5. Subsequent to this recent correspondence Council is to request a meeting with the relevant Victorian State Ministers, including the Premier, to discuss opportunities for key state government owned road gateway precinct beautification, improvements and maintenance to address growing concerns around graffiti, landscaping, lighting, cleanliness and other aspects. This invitation will include an offer to visit Frankston City to meet in person and possibly a site visit; and
- Prepares a motion for consideration at the May 2024 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council seeking a commitment from the Victorian Government to deliver improvements and increased maintenance of state government owned road gateway infrastructure assets (roads, road reserves, under/overpasses, sound walls).

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15. LATE REPORTS

Nil

16. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Council Decision

Moved: Councillor Harvey Seconded: Councillor Hill

That the Council Meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following Agenda items and all documents associated with the consideration and discussion of it, that are designated confidential information pursuant to Section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) on the following grounds:

C.1 South East Melbourne Advanced Waste Project (SEMAWP) Project Update

Agenda Item C.1 South East Melbourne Advanced Waste Project (SEMAWP) Project Update is designated confidential as it relates to private commercial information (s3(1)(g)), and confidential meeting information (s3(1)(h)), and information that was confidential information (s3(1)(l))

QUESTION TIME

Questions received with Notice

The following questions with notice were received for the Council Meeting 2023/CM18 – 20 November 2023. In accordance with the Public Submissions and Question Time Policy, the questions and response(s) are published below:

Henri Ling

Question 1

Inclusion initiatives across the peninsula (including the flying of the pride flag), what is Council doing to support Peninsula Pride and the broader LGBTIQA+ community?

Response

In accordance with Governance Rule 57.8, this question was disallowed as it deals with a subject matter already answered.

Question 2

Could Council provide and update on the work of its LGBTIQA+ Collaborative and whether any consideration has been given to developing an LGBTIQA+ Action Plan for the municipality?

Response

In accordance with Governance Rules 57.8, this question was disallowed as it deals with a subject matter already answered.

Question 3

Will Council follow the lead of Darebin and Merri-bek Councils and issue a statement of support for trans and gender diverse people in community sport?

Response

Through Frankston City Council's gender inclusive guide and self-assessment toolkit for sporting clubs, Council states that 'At Council we believe that people of all genders, sexual orientation, ability, cultural background, ethnicity, location or life stage should be able to participate in sport and physical activity in a welcoming and inclusive way.'

This is embedded into Council's Active Leisure Strategy as an outcome statement: 'Sporting clubs are welcoming and capable of supporting diverse and inclusive participation' Active Leisure Strategy pg. 21

Frankston City Council has also just closed consultation on its draft fair access policy and action plan. The draft policy details Council's requirements, roles, responsibilities and expectations to encourage a level playing field in sport and active recreation, so that all people can fully participate in and enjoy the benefits of community sport.

The draft Action Plan outlines steps and strategies Council will take to support the inclusion of women, girls and diverse groups in accessing and using community sports infrastructure. Further details can be found here: Fair Access to Sport | Engage Frankston! https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/fair-access

Lynne Williams

Question

Wondering whether council has any plans to address the graffiti that is appearing on road signs along the Moorooduc and into Frankston South - with thanks

Response

Moorooduc Highway is under the management of State Government who are responsible for the maintenance and presentation of their road. Council has been advocating including regular meetings with relevant State Government department, Department of Transport and Planning to improve the presentation of its major roads leading into Frankston, including Moorooduc Highway.

Questions received without Notice

The following questions were received without notice for the Council Meeting 2023/CM18 – 20 November 2023. In accordance with the Public Submissions and Question Time Policy, the questions and response(s) are published below:

Clive Champion & John McKenzie, on behalf of SHAC

Question 1

On Crisis Accommodation; Can Council offer a summary of the situation in Frankston with Crisis Accommodation?

Response

The Australian Government provides funding to the Victorian Government, through the National Affordable Housing Agreement, for the provision of crisis accommodation. This includes the Housing Establishment Fund, which the Victorian Government distributes to specialist homelessness services to assist people experiencing homelessness to access overnight accommodation or private rental accommodation. In Frankston City, The Salvation Army is the specialist homelessness service that is funded by the Victorian Government to provide this service.

Local government does not have a direct role in the provision of crisis accommodation or specialist homelessness services. However, Frankston City Council is proactive in working with other agencies for improved supports for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, which includes the Strategic Housing & Homelessness Alliance, Frankston Zero and Regional Local Government Charter for Homelessness and Social Housing.

Question 2

On Granny Flats; The Victorian Government's recent Housing Statement promotes expanded use of Granny Flats for affordable housing. How will Council respond to this shift in state government policy on Granny Flats?

Response

Granny flats, or dependent accommodation units are already largely unrestricted in planning regulations. These changes however no longer require the unit to be for a dependent person of occupants of the main residence or for the unit to be moveable or transportable. Once these changes are legislated, Council will ensure its planning and building advice to customers is updated to be accurate and in accord with these changes. It is understood the changes will allow for small second dwellings under 60 square metres in area on allotments over 300 square metres, provided no planning overlays or other legal restrictions apply. A building permit is still required.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8.10 pm

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