

**Melbourne City Council**

**Meeting No 14  
Tuesday 9 December 2025  
5:30 pm**

**Council Chamber  
Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building**

**Unconfirmed Minutes**



**Present**

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece (Chair)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell  
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball  
Councillor Rafael Camillo  
Councillor Davydd Griffiths  
Councillor Owen Guest (Zoom)  
Councillor Philip Le Liu  
Councillor Gladys Liu  
Councillor Kevin Louey  
Councillor Andrew Rowse  
Councillor Mark Scott

## 1 Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5:30 pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, welcomed attendees to the meeting, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land governed by the City of Melbourne, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong / Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin, and advised that:

- the meeting was being streamed live and a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website.
- Councillor Dr Owen Guest joined the meeting remotely via Zoom.

The Lord Mayor also acknowledged the State apology to First Peoples delivered in the Victorian Parliament earlier that day and read an extract of the Statewide Treaty.

## 2 Disclosure of conflicts of interest

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

## 3 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Cr Camillo

That the minutes of meeting No 13 held on Tuesday 25 November 2025 be confirmed.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

## 4 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

## 5 Reports from Committee

There were no reports from Committee.

## 6 Reports from management

There were four reports from Management.

### 6.1 Community Engagement Policy and Practice Review

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), Councils must adopt and maintain a community engagement policy. This policy must be developed in consultation with the municipal community.
2. City of Melbourne is reviewing its current Community Engagement Policy (the Policy). This review will inform updates to the Policy as well as the development of practice guidelines.

3. As part of this review, broad engagement was conducted from 4 August to 10 September 2025 to understand community preferences, motivations and barriers with regard to community engagement. This broad engagement also included extensive consultation with Councillors and City of Melbourne staff.
4. The Draft Community Engagement Policy (the draft Policy) has been developed based on feedback gathered during the initial round of engagement.
5. A second round of community engagement will take place from 12 January to 27 February 2026. During this period, community will have the opportunity to review the findings from the initial engagement and provide feedback on the draft Policy.
6. The final updated Policy will be presented to Council for endorsement in April 2026.

Moved: Cr Liu

1. That Council resolves to:

- 1.1. Requests that management include in the draft Community Engagement Policy (Attachment 1 of the report from management) the following:
  - 1.1.1. An annual programme of Councillor listening posts as a formal component of the community engagement process.
  - 1.1.2. A commitment to enhanced processes to better engage with multicultural communities.
  - 1.1.3. Explore use of the Annual Valuation and Rates Notice as an opportunity to incorporate surveys or provide feedback to Council before the FY 2026/27 Rates Notice is issued.
- 1.2. Endorse the draft Community Engagement Policy, including item 7.1 above.
- 1.3. Authorise the Policy for community engagement from 12 January to 27 February 2026; and
- 1.4. Authorise the General Manager Community and City Services to make any further minor editorial changes prior to publication.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

## 6.2 Quarterly performance reporting Finances and Capital Program Q1 2025-26

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. This report provides an overview of Council performance and delivery against the draft Council Plan 2025–29, the Council Works Program, and the Budget 2025–26 as at 30 September 2025.
2. As at 30 September 2025, the Council Plan 2025–29 had only been adopted as draft for community consultation; throughout this report, it is therefore referred to as the draft Council Plan. The key activities for delivery in 2025–26 had been adopted in the Budget 2025–26. They have since been confirmed in the Council Plan 2025–29 (Appendix A, middle column), as adopted on 28 October 2025.

3. Of the 31 key activities included in the Budget 2025–26 and in the draft Council Plan 2025–29, twenty-nine (94 per cent) are in progress and two (six per cent) are set to commence in quarter two.
4. At the end of the first quarter, delivery of the 2025–26 Council Works Program is tracking well, with \$51.5 million delivered against a planned \$50.8 million, representing 101 per cent of planned budget.
5. The underlying surplus variance is \$0.3million favourable, with an actual of \$6.8million compared to a budget of \$6.5 million. This indicates our performance is on track with expectations. Some of the factors include a better-than-expected performance of \$2.7 million in parking meter occupancy rates. However, this has been offset by a \$2.6 million overspend in Material and Services expenses that will need to be contained over the remainder of the year.
6. As of 30 September 2025, Council's available cash is \$52.8 million. Investment cash is \$112.0 million consisting of a \$89.5 million Future Fund and the balance being term deposits placed with the proceeds from the Parkade and Citywide waste asset sales. Current borrowings total \$130 million, consisting of a \$20 million short term debt maturing in October 2025 and \$110 million long term debt. As per the Council endorsed Budget 2025–26, Council's borrowing limit is capped at \$212 million.
7. The net effect of supplementary valuations for the July to September 2025 period is an increase of \$2.04 million in general rates and waste service charges.
8. Reporting on Council Plan Strategic Indicators will transition from quarterly to bi-annually.

Item of correspondence was received from:

- Chris Thrum

Moved: Cr Dr Guest

1. That Council resolves to:

- 1.1. Note the progress against the draft Council Plan key activities as included in the Budget 2025–26 (Attachment 1 of the report from management).
- 1.2. Note the 2025–26 first quarter Financial Performance Report and supplementary valuations information (Attachments 2 to 4 of the report from management).
- 1.3. Note the 2025–26 Council Works program quarter one summary report (Attachment 5 of the report from management).
- 1.4. Approve the program adjustments in the Council Works Program (Attachment 6 of the report from management).

Seconded: Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

### 6.3 Procurement Solar Compactor Bins

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The purpose of this report is to award a Contract for Solar Compactor Bin (SCB) services for a period of 5 years commencing 1 July 2026, with an extension option of up to 5 years.

2. The procurement pathway has included a market sounding process, a two-stage expression of interest (EOI), which included a trial of SCBs, and an invitation to Tender.
3. The SCB service provided an opportunity for collaborative procurement, and five other M9 Councils have participated with the City of Melbourne (CoM) acting as lead agent.
4. Six Tender submissions were received for evaluation. The EOI, SCB Trial and Tender Submissions were assessed and scored as part of the evaluation process.
5. Capital purchase and leasing cost options were assessed as part of the Tendering process.
6. Two short listed Tenderers were asked to submit a best and final offer (BAFO), which was used to complete a final financial analysis. The Evaluation Panel selected the preferred supplier based on the results of the evaluation process, and the overall best outcome for CoM over the term of the Contract.
7. Leasing of the SCBs is the most favourable option and would result in a saving of approximately \$1.3 million over ten years as compared to the current operating budget.
8. Leasing will remove the requirement on upfront capital expenditure, resulting in the cost of the assets being recovered through council waste charge levy.

Moved: Cr Camillo

1. That Council:

- 1.1. Awards the contract for the provision of Solar Compactor Bin Services, contract number CN101719 to Supplier B for a term of five years commencing 1 July 2026 with an option to extend the contract term by up to a further five years for the contract sum listed in Attachment 1 (Confidential), section 9 and otherwise in accordance with the negotiated terms and conditions of contract.
- 1.2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award an extension period as applicable.
- 1.3. Authorises management to release the name of the successful tenderer following the execution of the contract by the relevant parties.

Seconded: Cr Liu

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

#### 6.4 Proposed travel, Cr Rafael Camillo

Cr Camillo declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. Cr Camillo is the beneficiary of the proposed internal travel. Cr Camillo left the meeting at 6.31pm prior to discussion taking place.

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. To provide approval for Councillor Rafael Camillo to undertake meetings with officials whilst on personal international travel in the first quarter of 2026.

Item of correspondence was received from:

- Chris Thrum

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. That Council:

- 1.1 Approves participation by Councillor Rafael Camillo in meetings with officials in the Cities of Milan, São Paulo, New York, London and Zurich whilst on personal travel in the first quarter of 2026.
- 1.2 Notes that Councillor Camillo will provide a post travel report within 60 days of return.

Seconded: Cr Liu

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

Councillor Camillo returned to the meeting at 6.38pm.

## 7 General Business

There were no items of general business.

## 8 Urgent Business

There was one item of urgent business.

### 8.1 Improvements to stops along Tram Route 57

#### **Procedural Motion – Urgent Business:**

Moved: Cr Rowse

1. That the improvements to stops along Tram Route 57 meets the criteria for consideration as an item of Urgent Business as it has arisen since the distribution of the agenda and cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Council meeting.

Seconded: Cr Camillo

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

Moved: Cr Rowse

1. That Council:

- 1.1. Acknowledges the proposal by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to undertake improvements to stops along Tram Route 57 which extends which operates from West Maribyrnong to Flinders Street, via Flemington, North Melbourne and the CBD.
- 1.2. Notes that the proposal:
  - 1.2.1. Intends to consolidate seven sets of existing stops into four in North Melbourne.
  - 1.2.2. Is currently open to community consultation which closes 24 December 2025.
  - 1.2.3. Involves improvements which are proposed to be delivered in close timing with delivery of two City of Melbourne projects in the precinct (namely, Victoria Street housing and Errol Street park) and recognises the potential loss of net 106 carparks.
  - 1.2.4. That the current proposal of works is not for universally accessible tram stops.
- 1.3. Requests management to continue to work closely with DTP to rework the proposals to:
  - 1.3.1. Minimise heritage impact.
  - 1.3.2. Minimise reduction of car parks within the proximity of the Errol St shopping precinct (which includes the Queensberry and Victoria Street sections).
  - 1.3.3. Investigate 30km/h speed limits in this precinct, as a means to alleviate the need for additional traffic calming infrastructure.
  - 1.3.4. Ensure DTP are aware of the proposed closure of Errol Street north and Victoria Street carpark, and have appropriate changes to the proposal taking this into account.
  - 1.3.5. Embrace innovative technologies such as video processing and signal priority to alleviate the need for multiple additional hook turns.
- 1.4. Asks the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Transport Infrastructure to extend the timeframe for community feedback on the proposal, and urge the Minister to include universally accessible stops in future upgrades.
- 1.5. Requests management
  - 1.5.1. Provide a briefing to council, on the value of developing an Errol St Precinct masterplan to ensure future proposed improvements are considered and guided by a strategic framework and long-term vision for the area.
  - 1.5.2. Engage the City of Yarra to understand and learn about their new 30km/h shared zones to alleviate the need for separated bike lanes, thus removing some of the constraints of this design problem.

- 1.5.3. Ask that DTP allow Council, as a key stakeholder time to finalise our submission and extend the required submission date to end of January 2026.
- 1.5.4. Ask DTP provide Council with an interim consultation report to inform Council's submission.
- 1.5.5. Share council's submission via the Neighbourhood Portal.

Seconded: Cr Camillo

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

## 9 Closure of Meeting

Moved: Cr Camillo

That pursuant to section 66(1) and section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act), the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the agenda items titled:

- 14.1 Private Commercial Information
- 14.2 Council Business Information
- 14.3 Private Commercial Information
- 14.4 Private Commercial Information
- 14.5 Private Commercial Information

These agenda items are confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 because:

- a. Agenda items 14.1, 14.3, 14.4 and 14.5 contain private commercial information being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage (section 3(1)(g)).
- b. Agenda item 14.2 contains council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)).

Seconded: Cr Rowse

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 6:59 pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 24 February 2026.

Chair  
Council