



Minutes

Hearing of Submissions Committee
Monday 6 May 2024 at 6pm

Council Chamber at Civic Centre,
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Attendance

Administrators

Lydia Wilson, Chair of Council

Christian Zahra AM, Administrator

Officers

Craig Lloyd, Chief Executive Officer

Agata Chmielewski, Director Community Wellbeing

Sarah Renner, Director Customer & Corporate Services

Janine Morgan, Executive Manager Public Affairs

Jacinta Stevens, Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Apologies

Peita Duncan, Administrator

Emma Appleton, Director Planning & Development

Debbie Wood, Director Infrastructure & Environment

Opening

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Meeting Opening and Introductions

The Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson opened the meeting at 6pm.

“Welcome to this Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting for the draft Budget 2024-25 and draft Community Plan Action Plan 2024-25 which is being held in person in the Council Chamber at Civic Centre, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang. The meeting is also being livestreamed.

I am Lydia Wilson, Chair of Council and I would also like to introduce my Panel colleague, Administrator Christian Zahra. I would also like to introduce our Chief Executive Officer, Craig Lloyd and ask that he in turn introduce the members of the Executive Leadership Team in attendance today.”

“Good evening everyone, we also have with us:

Agata Chmielewski, Director Community Wellbeing;

Sarah Renner, Director Customer & Corporate Services;

Janine Morgan, Executive Manager Public Affairs; and

Jacinta Stevens, Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO.

These members of the Executive Leadership Team as well as officers in attendance will join us during the meeting.

I will now hand over to the Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson.”

Apologies

I note we have apologies from:

Administrator Peita Duncan;
Emma Appleton, Director Planning & Development; and
Debbie Wood, Director Infrastructure & Environment.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement

The Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson read the following Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement:

"On behalf of Council, I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.

I would also like to acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging."

Diversity and Good Governance Statement

The Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson read the following statement:

"At the City of Whittlesea we are proud of our diversity and the many cultures, faiths and beliefs that make up our community. We strive to be an inclusive welcoming City that fosters active participation, wellbeing and connection to each other and this land. We commit as a Council to making informed decisions to benefit the people of the City of Whittlesea now and into the future, to support our community's vision of A Place For All."

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

The Chair of Council asked those in attendance the following question: *"Does any Administrator or Officer have a conflict of interest in any matter on the agenda today?"*

No declarations.

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Before the submitters present speak to their submission, the Chair of Council briefly explained the submissions process.

During the public consultation period, Council received 14 submissions in relation to the draft Budget 2024-25 and the draft Community Plan Action Plan 2024-25. Of the 14 submissions, officers received a request from the Northern Auslions and West Lalor Tennis Club to speak in support of their submissions, which we will hear from shortly.

Following tonight's meeting, all 14 submissions, including what has verbally been presented tonight, will be taken into consideration by officers who will in turn brief Administrators on the submissions.

The 2024-25 Budget and Community Plan Action Plan will formally be presented at the 21 May Council meeting for consideration and approval. I welcome you all to attend the Council meeting or watch the meeting via Council's live streaming.

In the week following the Council meeting everyone who provided a written or verbal submission, and who indicated they would like to receive a response, will formally hear back from officers with the outcome of their submission.

Submitters Speaking to their Submission

Submitters in Attendance

- Chinthaka Dodampegamage, President, NorthernAus Lions Cricket Club
- Manju Fernando, Vice President, NorthernAus Lions Cricket Club
- Laxman De Silva, Secretary, NorthernAus Lions Cricket Club
- Frank Dias, Treasurer, NorthernAus Lions Cricket Club
- Sanjeewa Liyanage, Past President, NorthernAus Lions Cricket Club
- Andrew MacNeill, President, West Lalor Tennis Club
- Rodney Cornwall, Social Secretary, West Lalor Tennis Club
- Matthew Devlin, Competitions Coordinator, West Lalor Tennis Club

Extension of Speaking Time

In accordance with Governance Rule 35.5, the Chair of Council exercised her discretion to extend speaking time for up to 4 minutes for each submitter.

Submitter 1:

NorthernAus Lions Cricket Club Submission

At the 4-minute mark, Chair of Council sought a procedural motion to extend the speaking time for up to an additional 2 minutes.

PROCEDURAL MOTION	
Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Chair of Council Lydia Wilson</i>

THAT the speaking time be extended for up to an additional 2 minutes.

CARRIED

Submitter 2:

West Lalor Tennis Club Submission

At the 4-minute mark, Chair of Council sought a procedural motion to extend the speaking time for up to an additional 2 minutes.

PROCEDURAL MOTION	
Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Chair of Council Lydia Wilson</i>

THAT the speaking time be extended for up to an additional 2 minutes.

CARRIED

The Chair of Council thanked those submitters in attendance for taking the time to attend and present.

1 Reports from Officers

1.1 Proposed Budget 2024-25 and Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2024-25 Submissions

Director/Executive Manager: Director Customer & Corporate Services

Report Author: Unit Manager Financial Development & Accountability

In Attendance: Chief Financial Officer
Unit Manager Financial Development & Accountability
Manager EPMO & Change

This attachments have been designated as confidential in accordance with sections 66(5) and 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* on the grounds that they contains personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for the Hearing of Submissions Committee (the Committee) to hear all the submitters that wish to speak and want to elaborate on their written submission to the submissions Council has received regarding the Proposed Budget 2024-25 (Proposed Budget) and the Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2024-25 (Proposed Plan).

The Committee also has the opportunity ask questions to the submitter to seek clarification if required.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT the Hearing of Submissions Committee:

1. Hear from two submitters wanting to provide a verbal submission relating to the Proposed Budget 2024-25.
2. Note all submissions made regarding the Proposed Budget 2024-25 (Attachment 3) and the Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2024-25 (Attachment 4).
3. Refer all submissions received to the Scheduled Council Meeting on 21 May 2024 for consideration as part of the Proposed Budget 2024-25 and the Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2024-25.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Chair of Council Lydia Wilson</i>

THAT the Hearing of Submissions Committee:

- 1. Hear from two submitters wanting to provide a verbal submission relating to the Proposed Budget 2024-25.**
- 2. Note all submissions made regarding the Proposed Budget 2024-25 (Attachment 3) and the Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2024-25 (Attachment 4).**
- 3. Refer all submissions received to the Scheduled Council Meeting on 21 May 2024 for consideration as part of the Proposed Budget 2024-25 and the Proposed Community Plan Action Plan 2024-25.**

CARRIED

2 Close Meeting

There being no further business the Chair of Council declared the Hearing of Submissions meeting closed at 6:38pm.

Confirmed this day 21st day of May.