



Minutes

Unscheduled Council Meeting

Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 7pm

Council Chamber,
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang



**City of
Whittlesea**

Councillors

Cr Aidan McLindon, Mayor	Kirrip Ward
Cr Daniela Zinni, Deputy Mayor	Bundoora Ward
Cr Nic Brooks	Thomastown Ward
Cr Blair Colwell	Mill Park Ward
Cr Lawrie Cox	Ganbul Gulinj Ward
Cr Deb Gunn	Painted Hills Ward
Cr Stevan Kozmevski	Lalor Ward
Cr Jarrod Lappin	Mernda Ward
Cr David Lenberg	Epping Ward
Cr Christine Stow	North Ward
Cr Martin Taylor	South Morang Ward

Executive Leadership Team

Craig Lloyd	Chief Executive Officer
Jacinta Stevens	Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

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1 Opening

1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions

The Mayor, Cr McLindon opened the meeting at 7pm.

“Welcome to this Unscheduled Council Meeting of 4 February 2025 which is being held in person in the Council Chamber at Civic Centre, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang and also being live streamed.

I would also like welcome fellow Councillors and members of the Executive Leadership in attendance tonight.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Zinni, Cr Brooks, Cr Colwell, Cr Cox, Cr Gunn, Cr Kozmevski, Cr Lappin, Cr Lenberg, Cr Stow and Cr Taylor.

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 Jacinta Stevens, Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO and will be joining us during the meeting.”

1.2 Apologies

Nil

1.3 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement

The Mayor, Cr McLindon read the following 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.”

1.4 Diversity and Good Governance Statement

The Mayor, Cr McLindon 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.”

2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations.

3 Officers' Reports

Nil

4 Urgent Business

Refer to item 5 – Confidential Business

5 Confidential Business

Under section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* a meeting considering confidential information may be closed to the public. Pursuant to sections 3(1) and 66(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Recommendation

THAT the Mayor recommends that the meeting be closed to the public for the purpose of considering details relating to the following confidential matter in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as detailed.

5.1 Potential breaches of the Model Councillor Code of Conduct by the Mayor, Cr McLindon

COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
Moved:	<i>Cr Kozmevski</i>
Seconded:	<i>Cr Gunn</i>

THAT Council adopt the recommendation to close the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

VOTING		
FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
<i>Cr Zinni</i> <i>Cr Brooks</i> <i>Cr Colwell</i> <i>Cr Cox</i> <i>Cr Gunn</i> <i>Cr Kozmevski</i> <i>Cr Lappin</i> <i>Cr Lenberg</i> <i>Cr Stow</i> <i>Cr Taylor</i>		<i>Cr McLindon</i>

6 Closure

There being no further business the Mayor formally closed the open meeting at 7:03pm.

Confirmed this 18th day of February 2025.

Cr Aidan McLindon
 Mayor