

Minutes

Special Meeting of Council

Thursday, 30 January 2020

6.00pm

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council

Thursday, 30 January 2020 at 6.00pm
held at the Moonee Valley Civic Centre

Present

Members:	Cr Samantha Byrne	Mayor
	Cr John Sipek	Deputy Mayor
	Cr Jim Cusack	
	Cr Richard Lawrence	
	Cr Nicole Marshall	
	Cr Narelle Sharpe	
	Cr Andrea Surace	
Officers:	Bryan Lancaster	Chief Executive Officer
	Kendrea Pope	General Manager Operations
	Vincent Cammell	General Manager City Development
	Allison Watt	Executive Manager Corporate Governance
	Colin Harris	Senior Project Manager, Infrastructure and Land Use Developments

1. Opening

The Mayor, Cr Byrne, opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the Special Meeting of Council Thursday, 30 January 2020.

The Mayor clarified that the Special Meeting of Council had been called to consider an urgent item of business in relation to the heritage-listed tree at the Newmarket Railway Station.

The Mayor respectfully acknowledged the traditional custodians of this land - the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, their spirits, ancestors, elders and community members past and present, and also extended this respect to the elders and descendants of other Aboriginal peoples here today.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Gauci Maurici and Cr Nation.

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Council Resolution

Moved by Cr Marshall, seconded by Cr Lawrence that Cr Gauci Maurici and Cr Nation's apologies be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil

4. Reports

4.1 Newmarket Station proposed tree removal

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Business Unit: Planning

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Council Resolution

Moved by Cr Cusack, seconded by Cr Marshall that Council resolves to:

- a. Write to the Chief Executive of Metro Trains Melbourne requesting that:
 - i. Council is advised in writing by midday 5 February 2020 that no works will be undertaken in relation to the removal of the river red gum tree.
 - ii. MTM and DoT work with Council to achieve an outcome for the upgrade of Newmarket Station that includes the most appropriate engineering solution to facilitate the retention of the river red gum tree.
- b. Write to the Minister for Public Transport requesting information in relation to the ongoing role of the Department with regards to the management of rail infrastructure within the municipality.

- c. Allocate funding (up to \$25,000) to allow Council officers to identify engineering solutions that would allow retention of the river red gum tree, including the methodology for ensuring the ongoing required maintenance to ensure the longevity of the tree, and funding requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Close of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6.24pm.

**CR SAMANTHA BYRNE
CHAIRPERSON**