



City of  
**Moonee Valley**

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# **Special Meeting of Council**

Tuesday, 18 April 2017 at 6.02pm

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# Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 18 April 2017 at 6.02pm  
held at the Moonee Valley Civic Centre

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## PRESENT :

**Members:** Cr Andrea Surace Mayor  
Cr Samantha Byrne  
Cr Jim Cusack  
Cr Rebecca Gauci Maurici  
Cr Richard Lawrence  
Cr Narelle Sharpe  
Cr John Sipek

**Officers:** Mr Bryan Lancaster Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Kendrea Pope Director Organisational Performance  
Mr Petrus Barry A/Director Planning & Development  
Ms Kate McCaughey A/Director Planning & Development  
Ms Natalie Reiter A/Director City Services  
Mr Lee McSweeney Coordinator Governance

## 1. Opening

The Mayor, Cr Surace, opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the Council Meeting of Tuesday, 18 April 2017.

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

The Mayor then recited the Councillor Creed:

“We commit to making positive strategic decisions for the future, remembering we are here to collectively deliver on the broader vision for Moonee Valley in a fair and equitable manner, always showing respect for one another.

Through strong leadership and maturity, we will engage in robust, intelligent debate before coming to informed, evidence-based decisions, being respectful

of the outcome once the votes are cast. We will ensure we focus on policy, always mindful our role is to serve our local community.”

**2. Apologies**

Cr Nation and Cr Marshall have a Leave of Absence for this meeting.

**Leave of Absence**

**Minute No:** 2017/78

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Sipek, seconded by Cr Byrne, that a Leave of Absence be granted to Cr Marshall for the period 18 April to 8 May 2017 inclusive.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Bryan Lancaster, Chief Executive Officer declared an indirect interest in item 4.1 as he is the owner of a property in close proximity to the proposed site development.

**Election of Temporary Chairperson**

**Minute No:** 2017/79

**Council Resolution**

Moved by Cr Lawrence, seconded by Cr Byrne that Cr Sharpe be elected as Temporary Chairperson.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor, Cr Surace vacated the Chair to move Item 4.1 at 6.06pm.

Cr Sharpe, appointed Temporary Chairperson took the Chair at 6.06pm.

## 4. Reports

### 4.1 Advocacy for Improved Solution to Buckley Street Level Crossing Removal

**File No:** FOL/17/11

**Author:** Natalie Reiter  
Director Planning & Development

**Directorate:** Planning & Development

**Ward:** Buckley

At its Ordinary meeting on 11 April 2017 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 18 April 2017.

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**Minute No:** 2017/80

#### Council Resolution

Moved by Cr Surace, seconded by Cr Gauci Maurici that Council:

1. Confirm work is being undertaken to advocate Council's position of a rail under road includes but is not limited to:
  - a) Promotion of key messages via banners, corflute signs, advertising and advertorials.
  - b) Funding for the community consultation sessions including a major panel forum session at the Clocktower session on 29 April 2017 with invitations to all local politicians and the Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA)
  - c) Write to relevant Ministers requesting the State Government reconsider the road under rail solution at Buckley Street in favour of a more appropriate solution.
2. Authorise expenditure up to \$50,000 to undertake the necessary advocacy and support activities to advance Council's preferred position of a rail under road solution for the Buckley Street level crossing removal, including funding for 1a) and b) above.
3. Request LXRA provide Council with a detailed response on how traffic concerns for the precinct are expected to be resolved.
4. Receive a report on the work undertaken by Council to advocate for a superior outcome for the Buckley Street Level Crossing Removal.
5. That in the event that the government does not agree with Moonee Valley and the communities' preferred position and indicates its preparedness to proceed with road under rail, a report is prepared for Council that identifies progressive options that Council can advocate to mitigate the impact of such a decision. This would include but is not limited to seeking additional funds or in-kind contributions to promote short and long term solutions for residents, community, retailers and public transport users that can be implemented in an area that is wider than the worksite.

**For:** Crs Surace, Cusack, Gauci Maurici, Lawrence

**Against:** Crs Byrne, Sharpe, Sipek

**CARRIED**

Cr Sharpe vacated the Chair at 6.51pm.  
The Mayor, Cr Surace resumed the Chair at 6.51pm.

**5. Close of Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 6.52pm.

**CR ANDREA SURACE  
CHAIRPERSON**