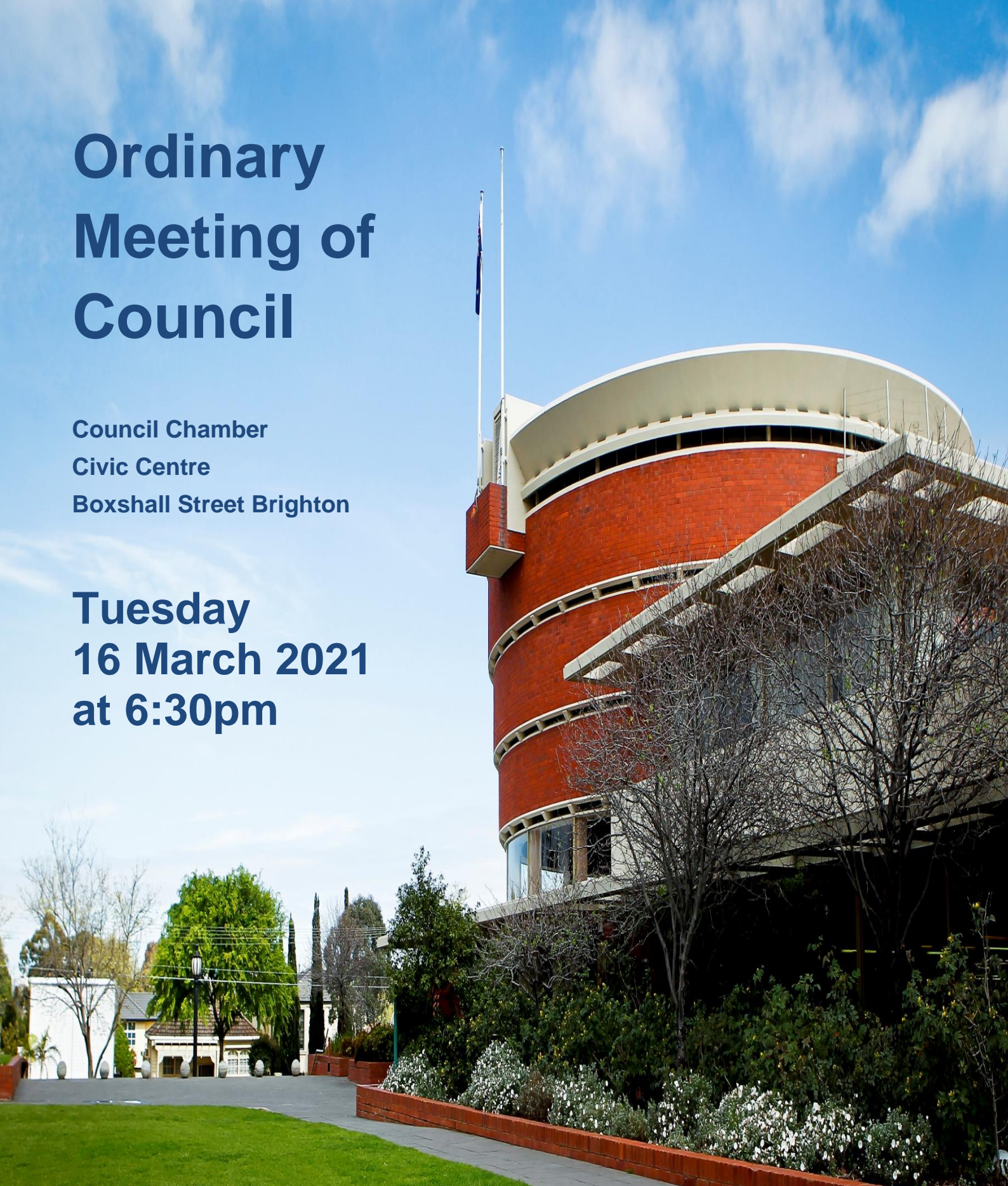


Ordinary Meeting of Council

Council Chamber
Civic Centre
Boxshall Street Brighton

Tuesday
16 March 2021
at 6:30pm



Late Agenda

Chair: Cr Laurence Evans OAM (Mayor)

Councillors: Cr Sonia Castelli (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Alex del Porto
Cr Hanna El Mouallem
Cr Clarke Martin
Cr Jo Samuel-King MBBS
Cr Fiona Stiffold

Important Notice

Council is closely monitoring the State Government's directives in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to density and distancing requirements for indoor public spaces, temporary meeting procedures remain in effect whereby **Council and Committee meetings will be held without members of the public present; however, meetings will be live-streamed via Council's website:**

Live Council Meetings

This protocol will continue to be reviewed in line with changing restrictions and government advice.

Alternative arrangements are in place for members of the community to **be heard** in relation to eligible items listed on the agenda, or to **submit a public question**, via the following links:

Requests to be heard (Provide a Written Statement)

Ask a question at an Ordinary Meeting of Council

For further queries, please speak with the Governance office on 9599 4444

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10.11 MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA - STATE COUNCIL MEETING - CALL FOR MOTIONS

Corporate Services - Governance
File No: PSF/21/23 – Doc No: DOC/21/69402

Executive summary

Purpose and background

To advise Council of the State Council Meeting of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and to confirm motions to be put forward to the State Council Meeting which were the subject of previous Council resolutions.

The MAV will be convening its State Council Meeting on Friday 21 May 2021. The State Council is the body comprising all the representatives of councils which are financial members of the MAV, and the role of the State Council is to set high-level strategic directions for the MAV.

The State Council enables member councils to put forward motions for consideration; however, motions must have a state-wide significance to local government, and the motion must relate to the MAV Strategic Plan priorities.

Only Council's appointed representative is able to vote on its behalf at the State Council meeting. Council's MAV representative is Cr Alex del Porto and the substitute representative is the Deputy Mayor, Cr Sonia Castelli.

Key issues

It is suggested that Council put forward three key motions for consideration at the State Council Meeting.

Aged Care Services

Proposed Motion

That the MAV to advocate to the Commonwealth Government on behalf of all councils to:

- ensure older Victorians have access to high quality services when and where they need them*
- ensure older Victorians experiencing vulnerability are provided with additional support to access services*
- recognise the significant role that local government has in planning for its older residents regardless of whether they have a service provider role.*

Rationale

All Australians should be able to age with dignity. For nearly three quarters of a century Victorian councils have been planning, providing advocacy and supporting the health and wellbeing of our communities, particularly for the most vulnerable members.

The opportunity presented by the final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety provides the Victorian local government sector with a window to advocate for meaningful change to improve the lives of our communities, particularly our older residents.

A unified sector-wide response lead by the Municipal Association of Victoria is a central element of this advocacy.

SECCCA – Climate Change policy and advocacy development

Proposed Motion

That the MAV formally engage and work with SECCCA (South East Councils Climate Change Alliance) in the development of a robust policy and advocacy program relating to a sector-driven Climate Change policy and strategy position.

Preamble

The current MAV Climate Change policy and strategy is developed without formalised integration with the Climate Change Alliance's positions. This creates confusion, doubling up of resources and ineffective advocacy. It is proposed that the MAV and SECCCA join together to develop and robust policy position on climate change for the sector and instigate an appropriate advocacy program.

Planning Controls

Proposed Motion

That the MAV call upon the State Government to reform the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Planning Scheme Amendment process to provide councils with greater ability to determine the mandatory built form planning requirements for its local communities.

Preamble

The development within our urban activity centres and villages continue to be the focus of large scale and high density development. It is this development pressure which is not consistent with community expectation and our strategic planning policy and controls. Councils are expending significant amounts of dollars to provide greater planning certainty to their communities and developers, through the use of planning policy and mandatory height and setback controls, to have them regularly undermined by the State Government.

As such, there is a need to call on the State Government to reform the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* or the Planning Scheme Amendment Process to provide councils with greater ability to determine the planning outcomes for its local communities.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the following motions to be put forward at the MAV State Council Meeting to be held on 21 May 2021:

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Support Attachments

Nil

Considerations and implications of recommendation

Liveable community

Social

There are no social impacts associated with this report.

Natural Environment

There are no natural environment implications associated with this report.

Climate Emergency

There are no climate change implications associated with this report.

Built Environment

There are no built environment implications associated with this report.

Customer Service and Community Engagement

It is intended that the proposed motions will be circulated amongst member councils prior to the State Council Meeting and Bayside will seek support from neighbouring councils to support the proposed motions.

Councillors will be advised of the adopted motions following the MAV Meeting.

Human Rights

The implications of this report have been assessed and are not considered likely to breach or infringe upon the human rights contained in the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Governance

Officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest.

Legal

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Finance

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Links to Council policy and strategy

The proposed motions relate to Council's Goal 7 – Community Participation.