

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 10 April 2024
6:30 pm

City Hall
57 Little Malop Street, Geelong 3220

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COUNCIL:

Cr T Sullivan (Bellarine Ward) - Mayor
Cr A Aitken (Windermere Ward) - Deputy Mayor
Cr J Mason (Bellarine Ward)
Cr E Wilkinson (Bellarine Ward)
Cr M Cadwell (Brownbill Ward)
Cr E Kontelj (Brownbill Ward)
Cr P Murrphy (Brownbill Ward)
Cr B Harwood (Kardinia Ward)
Cr B Moloney (Kardinia Ward)
Cr R Nelson (Kardinia Ward)
Cr S Hathway (Windermere Ward)

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Present: Crs T Sullivan (Mayor), A Aitken, M Cadwell, B Harwood (Virtual), J Mason, E Kontelj, B Moloney (Virtual), P Murrehy, R Nelson, E Wilkinson

Also Present: A Wastie (Chief Executive Officer), J Stirton (Executive Director City Infrastructure), T Edwards (Executive Director Corporate Services), T Bradley (Executive Director Placemaking), A Basford (Executive Director City Life), A Martin (Chief Governance and Risk Officer), J Douglas (Acting Manager Governance)

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Council acknowledges the Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Owners of the Land, Waterways and Skies. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are part of our Greater Geelong community today.

1.2. Apologies

Cr S Hathway

1.3. Leaves of Absence

Cr Mason moved, Cr Nelson seconded –

That Leave of Absence be granted to Cr Moloney from 17 May to 22 June 2024, inclusive.

Carried

1.4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Nil

2. REPORTS

2.1. Play Our Way Grant Opportunity

Source: City Life
Executive Director: Anthony Basford

Purpose

1. To approve the Hamlyn Park Female Friendly Change Room project for submission from the City of Greater Geelong (the City) to the Australian Government's 2024-25 Play Our Way grant program under the Facilities stream; and
2. To approve a Council co-contribution of \$200,000 for the Hamlyn Park Female Friendly Change Room project Play Our Way grant application (dependent on a successful application).

Background

3. On 19 August 2023, the Australian Government announced the \$200 million Play Our Way program (the program) to promote equitable access, build more suitable facilities, and support grassroots initiatives to engage women and girls in sport and physical activity throughout their lives.
4. Applicants can apply for a minimum of \$50,000 up to a maximum of \$1,500,000 for projects that support new and upgraded facilities, playing areas and spaces for sport and physical activity specifically for women and girls.
5. Funding for this grant opportunity is made available through two streams:
 - 5.1. Facilities; and
 - 5.2. Participation and Equipment.
6. Full details of the program can be found on the [Department of Health and Aged Care's website](#).

Key Matters

7. The grant program applications opened on 18 March 2024 and will close on 29 April 2024.
8. Only one application by an organisation per stream is allowed under the grant guidelines.
9. The City does not intend to apply for a grant under the Participation and Equipment stream; however, can support clubs through letters of support to apply for this stream who require no co-contribution from the City.
10. The grant program allows for a variety of entities/organisations to apply directly.

11. The City can provide local entities with letters of support and/or landowner consent for direct application under either stream, subject to alignment with City developed facility development plans, masterplans and/or sporting infrastructure plans and who require no co-contribution from the City.
12. City officers have reviewed the eligibility and assessment criteria of the grant guidelines, Council's strategic direction, the Social Infrastructure Plan – Generation One 2020-2023, adopted masterplans, asset condition reports, community benefit and project readiness to develop short lists and priorities of suitable projects for funding applications.
13. The Hamlyn Park Female Friendly Change Room project has been assessed by officers as best meeting the grant application criteria for the Facilities stream for the City to make an application.
14. The Hamlyn Park Female Friendly Change Room upgrade has been a priority project for female friendly facilities since 2022 for the City to obtain funding to enable the delivery of this facility.
15. A co-contribution commitment of \$200,000 is required to deliver the total project scope and to secure the potential grant of \$1,500,000.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.1

Cr Kontelj moved, Cr Wilkinson seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Approves the submission of an application of \$1,500,000 to the Australian Government's Play Our Way Program Facilities stream for Hamlyn Park Female Friendly Change Room project;**
- 2. Pre-commits co-contribution funding of \$200,000 in the 2024-25 budget;**
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to provide letters of support and landowner consent for projects that local entities wish to apply for funding under the grant program, that do not require financial commitment from the City; and**
- 4. Requests the Chief Executive Officer develop a process that considers how the City prioritises future applications to this funding program.**

Carried

Financial Sustainability

16. The total cost of the recommended project is \$1,700,000. The total grant funding request is \$1,500,000.
17. The City's expected co-contribution is \$200,000 if the application is successful.
18. There is no current budget allocation for the recommended project.
19. The decision to proceed with this funding application requires the Council to pre-commit \$200,000 to the 2024-25 budget.
20. If the project is not successful in obtaining funding via this grant opportunity the project will be placed on hold until either the City is in a position to fund from Council's budget, further grant rounds are held, or other grant opportunities are identified.
21. The City can provide local entities with letters of support and/or landowner consent for direct application under either stream, subject to alignment with City developed facility development plans, masterplans and/or sporting infrastructure plans and who require no co-contribution from the City.

Community Engagement

22. The City has consulted sporting clubs, players and participants, schools, club committees, community members and key stakeholders during the preparation of planning documents required for infrastructure projects.

Social Equity and Sustainability

23. The identified project aligns with social equity and sustainability directions of Council's Our Community Plan.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

24. There are no known legal or statutory impediments to the arrangement proposed in this report.

Alignment to Community Plan and Vision

25. This report aligns with Our Community Plan 2021-2025 strategic priority:
26. Healthy, caring and inclusive community.
27. This report aligns with the Community led 30-year Vision, "Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future" community aspiration:

An inclusive, diverse, health and socially connected community.

Conflict of Interest

28. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment

29. There is a financial risk to Council of current preliminary project costs may change/increase as detailed design and construction is complete. If this was to occur Council may be required to increase its co-contribution to complete project delivery or decrease project scope.

Environmental Sustainability

30. There are no known environmental implications.

Attachments

Nil

CLOSE OF MEETING

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.56pm on Wednesday 10 April 2024.

Signed: _____

Cr Trent Sullivan (Mayor)

Date: _____