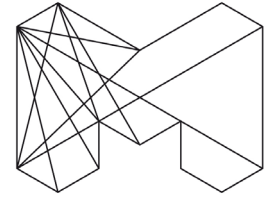


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**CITY OF MELBOURNE**

## **Future Melbourne Committee Minutes**

**Meeting Number 49  
Tuesday 7 February 2023  
5.30pm**

**Town Hall Commons**

### **Present**

Lord Mayor Sally Capp (Chair)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece  
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball  
Councillor Roshena Campbell  
Councillor Jason Chang  
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge  
Councillor Davydd Griffiths  
Councillor Jamal Hakim  
Councillor Philip Le Liu  
Councillor Rohan Leppert  
Councillor Kevin Louey

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee  
On Tuesday 21 February 2023

# C o n f i r m e d m i n u t e s

## 1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that:

- the meeting was being streamed live and that an audio and video recording would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday, 8 February 2023.
- the agenda comprises of six reports from management

The Lord Mayor advised that prior to commencing formal proceedings, Councillors wished to acknowledge the contribution of three former Councillors of the City of Melbourne.

### Condolence Statement – Wellington Lee

The Lord Mayor read the following statement:

*In early January we learnt with sadness of the passing, on 25 December, of former Councillor and Deputy Lord Mayor Wellington Lee.*

*Wellington was one of longest serving Councillors at the City of Melbourne having served five terms spanning the 1970s, '80s and '90s and as Deputy Lord Mayor in 1999/2000.*

*As a Councillor who lived and ran a business in Melbourne's CBD, Wellington had a personal appreciation of the challenges facing our residents and business owners.*

*Today, we are the beneficiaries of his work as a champion of small business and advocate for a safer, more engaged and welcoming city.*

*The breadth of his contribution in many aspects of community life can be seen in the long list of positions he held over his career and the awards bestowed upon him. The impressive list shows a life of commitment and service to the nation, state and city in areas of business, health, education, multiculturalism, safety and the environment.*

*I thank Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece for representing the City of Melbourne at Wellington's funeral and invite him to share some reflections.*

The Deputy Lord Mayor acknowledged the significant impact of Wellington's service on Melbourne and the wider community and highlighted further key achievements, in particular acknowledging his role as one of the first members of the Asian community to be elected to public office. The Deputy Lord Mayor concluded by expressing Council's deepest condolences to Wellington's family and friends.

### Australia Day honours list

The Lord Mayor read the following statement:

*I was incredibly pleased to hear Dr Cathy Oke and Beverley Pinder, who I had the pleasure of serving with during the previous Council term, were recognised with the Medal of Order of Australia for their contribution to community life.*

*The award for Cathy recognised her contribution to local government and the environment. Cathy's commitment to the community and the environment can be seen through her contribution in more than 20 years of professional roles and public office which included 12 years as Councillor of the City of Melbourne between 2008 and 2020. During this period, the breadth of her experience saw her hold the Environment portfolio for a significant period of time on Council.*

*Many of the sector leading strategies, initiatives and programs we have in Melbourne today, have benefitted from Cathy's leadership and vision in climate change mitigation and sustainability. Cathy was instrumental in encouraging the City of Melbourne to take quick and decisive action on climate change and city resilience, and her strong advocacy led our Council to declare a Climate and Biodiversity emergency.*

*The award for Beverley recognised her contribution to the community through various organisations. Beverley has a long history of community support and volunteering through various roles. The experience and commitment to help others and build stronger and better connected communities placed her well to take on the role of Councillor at the City of Melbourne which she served for two terms between 2012 and 2020. As the People City portfolio lead, we had the benefit Beverley's experience and commitment which today sees community programs supporting a more diverse and inclusive Melbourne.*

*Beverley's work on Council helped the City of Melbourne forge stronger ties with our international student cohort, many of whom regularly benefit from the Salvation Army's Couch program which Beverley was instrumental in delivering.*

*On behalf of the City of Melbourne, I thank Cathy and Beverley for their contribution and offer our congratulations on their award and recognition through the Australia Day honours.*

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## Turkey and Syrian Earthquake

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the tragic earthquake in Turkey and Syria which has resulted in significant loss of life and destruction of community infrastructure and homes, and expressed the City of Melbourne's support. The Lord Mayor encouraged the local community to get in contact to determine how the City can help. The Lord Mayor offered deepest sympathies to those impacted, including friends and family who are in Melbourne.

## 2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

## 3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Jamal Hakim

*That the minutes of meeting No 48, held on Tuesday 6 December 2022, be confirmed.*

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

## 4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

## 5. Public questions

### ATET Docklands

The Lord Mayor advised that 16 public questions have been received, of which 12 are about issues in the Docklands area, primarily related to ATET at North Wharf, Docklands.

The Lord Mayor noted that four questions will be asked in person, and given that the other eight questions received on this matter are similarly related, the Deputy Lord Mayor as City Planning Portfolio Lead will read a combined summary of the questions and concerns raised, and a detailed single response be provided.

Gene Servadei asked the following question:

*Is now the time to finally and holistically reconsider TP-2021-620 and its associated amendments, given levels exceeding 60dB can still be measured in neighbouring apartments, even despite a council-approved noise limiter being installed? Can residents - and indeed voters - be confident that they will no longer be subjected to this entirely-preventable torture, and that Melbourne City Council will act in its duty of care to protect its residents and constituents?*

Becky Monroe asked the following question:

- 1. What is the status of ATET moving to the original intended location?*
- 2. Regarding ATET's compliance to noise levels, we notice noise levels going up and down significantly, is the noise monitoring system measured in an aggregate/average, or in real time?*
- 3. Apart from ATET, is there a plan to address the noisy party boats that don't seem to be held to the same standard as ATET?*

Dr Stella Barber asked the following question:

*Does Council still intend to change the regulations to allow 3am trading? Why won't you listen to us, meet with us, empathise with us. We are not anti-business; we just want to sleep at night. Council opened a primary school to encourage families to live in Docklands. How do you think parents get their kids to sleep on Sunday nights for school the next day when ATET operates on Sundays? Why does Council not allow us to submit our own noise registers? Residents do not have a legal right to give their opinion on new developments, a planning rule that was put in place when there were very few residents in Docklands. There are now 16,000 of us. What are Councillors intending to do to protect our future? What steps will you take to preserve the positive mental health of Docklands residents in the light of your support of late-night operations such as ATET?*

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Benjamin Ball asked the following question:

*The City of Melbourne has identified the operation of a night-time economy as important to our recovery from COVID-19. However, City of Melbourne has not provided night-time staffing to support these extended operations or to monitor compliance of local laws in real-time. This means that night-time businesses, most especially entertainment venues and vessels, are operating without the type and level of support that is available during standard (daytime) business hours.*

*This has resulted in the situation where issues identified as important to residents cannot be dealt with as they occur, but are only able to be channelled into a complaints mechanism. If City of Melbourne wishes to support a holistic approach to the city's night-time economy, will you support the extension of staff operations to correspond to night-time economy hours? In relation to Docklands, we specifically ask for:*

- 1. On-site staff at the Yanonung Quay (Harbour Esplanade) at times coinciding with docking and disembarkation of patrons from party boats.*
- 2. On-site staff undertaking real-time monitoring of venues identified by residents as problematic, including breaching their planning permit conditions and anti-social behaviour.*

*In addition, will the Council support the appointment of two resident representatives to the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee?*

The Deputy Lord Mayor summarised a further eight questions which were submitted in writing:

Melissa Black raised issues with the noise impacting mental and physical health, and the incompatibility of the venue in a residential location.

Joanne Bacon submitted 4 questions that asked Council's reasons for pursuing a 24/7 night time economy in Docklands, what policies will be introduced to improve mental health and meet commitments under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act, whether ratepayer money was given to ATET and what Council is doing to support ratepayers who have been displaced from their homes as a result of the noise pollution caused by ATET?

Brett Pund raised concerns with antisocial behaviours and highlighted that residents feel they are not being heard, or that the impacts on mental and physical health and wellbeing are not being considered by Council.

Assaf Dekel advised that the current planning, noise limits and enforcement need to be improved and asked if Council has a plan to enforce strict noise limits that will address residents' needs, and enable high quality of living during the day.

Bill Thompson raised concerns with the EPA Noise Protocols and asked if City of Melbourne will implement a noise regulatory framework on ATET, and requested that any solution is also applied to other entertainment venues to avoid future disturbance.

Helen of Docklands asked why Council is ignoring ratepayer complaints, and giving preferential treatment to a nightclub that is causing mental health damage to residents, lowering property values in buildings, and splitting the community.

Richard Whalebone asked if Council has plans in place to ensure the health and wellbeing of the Docklands community and to resolve the ongoing friction, other than monitoring compliance with the planning permit.

Ross Malcomson asked if Council have sought to protect their position and reputation by sighting any of the appropriate insurances for the Barge operation including public liability, WorkSafe and others of importance?

The Deputy Lord Mayor thanked all of the submitters for their questions, and assured submitters that Councillors are listening to the concerns of all residents, and are spending significant time in dealing with the matter. The Deputy Lord Mayor advised that given the complexity of this issue Council has asked management to prepare a response to the matters raised, and referred to officers.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 5.57pm.

Public Question Time exceeded the 15 minutes provided for under the Governance Rules, and a procedural motion was considered to extend Public Question Time.

Moved: Cr Davydd Griffiths

*That public question time be extended to hear all questions and response on the ATET matter.*

Seconded: Cr Jason Chang

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

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Cr Le Liu returned to the meeting at 6.03pm.

Katrina McKenzie, General Manager City Economy and Activation advised Council seeks residential representation on the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee (NTEAC) and will continue to do so. Katrina noted that the NTEAC is not the only way of providing feedback to Council, and officers and Councillors are more than happy to meet with residents and hear feedback.

Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change, provided the following response:

*The City of Melbourne is continuing its work on delivering the neighbourhood priorities for Docklands. We appreciate the concerns raised by residents and are working closely with all stakeholders to enable residents and businesses to work together and support a positive environment for everyone.*

*While the night time economy is a priority for the City of Melbourne, Docklands is not of greater or lesser focus for night time activity. The City of Melbourne will continue to work with the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, residents and others in the community to ensure that Docklands remains a vibrant, active waterfront area with a mix of commercial, residential and innovation uses.*

*The planning framework for Docklands also envisions a vibrant, active waterfront comprised of a mixture of commercial, entertainment, residential and other innovative uses.*

*The ATET venue was granted planning approval as the use met the vision for the area and satisfied the relevant planning requirements. Since the venue opened, compliance with the requirements has been heavily monitored by Council. The opening weekend was the cause of significant community concern and this was met with appropriate action by Council, requiring the venue to cease trading until compliance could be demonstrated.*

*Since that time, complaints have reduced by more than 75% as a result of actions taken by the City of Melbourne, including:*

- 1. Multiple sound and noise testing from different experts*
- 2. Installation of noise monitoring and limiting device*
- 3. Request for logs on separate occasions to confirm compliance*
- 4. Arranged for additional security patrols along the wharf (up until 11pm)*
- 5. With the support of our Deputy Lord Mayor, we facilitated a meeting with senior representatives of the Victorian Government, including Development Victoria, and the operator regarding relocation. We understand the relocation further west is reliant on the completion of structural works to North Wharf. All going to plan, these works are envisaged to be completed around the middle of 2023.*
- 6. Work with other regulatory authorities to support their investigations including:*
  - The Environment Protection Authority who will undertake a noise monitoring and testing strategy to assess the noise against the State protocol and requirements of the Environment Protection Act 2017 which was ready to commence until the recent fire occurred*
  - Victoria Police and Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission to monitor operating hours and liquor licence compliance.*

*All complaints have and continue to be investigated and as compliance is being achieved, there is no ongoing breach of the planning requirements. This avenue of investigation and compliance has now been closed out, unless any new information arises.*

*There are also nuisance provisions under Victorian Health and Wellbeing legislation that deal with nuisances arising from noise, amongst other matters. Council is currently investigating the best course of action from a nuisance perspective, given our responsibilities under this legislation. We take all complaints very seriously, particularly those with potential to impact on people's health and wellbeing.*

*In 2021, new legislation was introduced which provides the Victorian Government's Environment Protection Authority (EPA) with powers to ensure businesses reduce the risk of harm from their activities to human health and the environment from pollution and/or waste. This is called a General Environmental Duty (GED). There is more information available on the EPA website. Management is continuing to work with the EPA and provide support.*

*We understand the concerns being expressed and Council has and will continue to act impartially while taking all action within our control to seek a fair resolution to the matter.*

## **C o n f i r m e d   m i n u t e s**

### **6. Reports from management**

The Lord Mayor advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's Governance Rules.

#### **Submissions/Correspondence**

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Planning Permit Application: TP-2021-855 86-98 Collins Street, Melbourne:**

##### **Requests to speak:**

- Frank Lonetti, Mirvac
- Brendan Rogers, Urbis
- Nicky Drobis, Fender Katsalidis.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-408 2 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank:**

##### **Requests to speak:**

- Tony Penna, President, Southbank Residents Association
- Coula Panagis, Secretary, International Dark-Sky Association, Victoria Chapter.

##### **Items of Correspondence:**

- Beverley McPhail
- Pamela Usher
- Christopher Walter
- Tony Penna, President, Southbank Residents Association
- Judith Bailey, President, International Dark-Sky Association, Victoria Chapter.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-561 5-7 Rankins Lane, Melbourne:**

##### **Requests to speak and items of correspondence:**

- Wayne Coles-Janess
- Paige Aubort, High Tide.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, **Opportunity for international engagement – Business Partner Cities Network Roundtable, Manila:**

##### **Request to speak and item of correspondence:**

- Chris Thrum.

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## City Planning Portfolio

The Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider four reports from management in relation to the City Planning Portfolio.

### 6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2021-855 86-98 Collins Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise of planning permit application TP-2021-855 for the land located at 86-98 Collins Street, Melbourne.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Frank Lonetti, Mirvac
- Brendan Rogers, Urbis
- Nicky Drobis, Fender Katsalidis.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

*That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).*

Seconded: Cr Rohan Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### 6.2 Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-408 2 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank

The purpose of this report was to advise of a planning permit application seeking approval for the construction and display of internally-illuminated, high-wall business identification signage on the land located at 2 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Tony Penna, President, Southbank Residents Association
- Coula Panagis, Secretary, International Dark-Sky Association, Victoria Chapter.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

*That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Planning Permit subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).*

Seconded: Cr Rohan Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### 6.3 Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-561 5-7 Rankins Lane, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise of a planning permit application TP-2022-561 at 5-7 Rankins Lane, Melbourne, for the use of the ground floor for an Adult Sex Product Shop (Section 2 Use).

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Wayne Coles-Janess
- Paige Aubort, High Tide.

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Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

*That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).*

Seconded: Cr Rohan Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### **6.4 Protection of Exceptional Trees Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C379**

The purpose of this report was to present the recommendations of the independent planning panel on the Protection of Exceptional Trees Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C379 (the Amendment) and to recommend Council adopt the Amendment.

Cr Jason Chang left the meeting at 7.18pm, and did not return.

The Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece declared a Material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(d) of the *Local Government Act 2020* due to his employment by University of Melbourne, who is affected by the proposal, and left the meeting at 7.18pm.

Cr Rohan Leppert assumed the Chair as Deputy Lead City Planning Portfolio.

Cr Campbell left the meeting at 7.18pm.

Moved: Cr Rohan Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee recommends Council:*

- 1.1. *Notes the recommendation of the Panel in its report at Attachment 2 of the report from management.*
- 1.2. *Adopts Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C379 (the Amendment) as shown in Attachments 3 and 4 of the report from management.*
- 1.3. *Submits the adopted Amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.*

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp and Councillors Dr Ball, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

The Deputy Lord Mayor and Cr Campbell returned to the meeting at 7.22pm.

The Lord Mayor resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.



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### **6.5 Opportunity for international engagement – Business Partner Cities Network Roundtable, Manila**

The purpose of this report was to seek Committee approval for Councillor Kevin Louey (as Chair of the Business and Global Opportunities portfolio) to represent City of Melbourne at the Business Partner Cities (BPC) Network Roundtable in Manila, Philippines which will be held on 17 March 2023.

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Chris Thrum

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Approves participation by Councillor Kevin Louey at the Business Partner Cities Network Roundtable in Manila, Philippines at an estimated cost to Council of \$6880.*
- 1.2. *Notes that Councillor Louey will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.*

Seconded: Cr Philip Le Liu

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### **6.6 Opportunity for international engagement – Partnerships for Healthy Cities Summit, London**

The purpose of this report was to seek Committee approval for Councillor Dr Olivia Ball to represent City of Melbourne at the Partnership for Healthy Cities (PHC) Summit in London between 14 and 16 March 2023.

Moved: Cr Jamal Hakim

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Approves participation by Councillor Dr Olivia Ball at the Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit in London between 14 and 16 March 2023 at a cost to Council of \$400.*
- 1.2. *Notes that Councillor Dr Ball will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.*

Seconded: Cr Davydd Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

## **7. General business**

There were no items of general business.

## **8. Urgent business**

There were no items of urgent business.

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### 9. Public questions

#### **Basketball facilities in Parkville**

Michael Thwaites submitted the following written question:

*The recent decision to demand the removal of a resident-provided basketball hoop on the northern side of Park St, Parkville will once again mean that there is no hard-standing activity area anywhere within, or near, the Parkville Estate area for children over the age of approx. 7 to partake in recreational activities. While the many grass areas are great, they are not practical after heavy rains, nor suitable for a range of activities. All hard-standing recreational areas such as basketball courts, skate parks etc. are in neighbouring municipalities and are not easily accessible to youths due to distance and major road networks. With the ongoing building of more residential housing within the Estate area, what plans does Council have to rectify the lack of accessible areas that allow and encourage the health, wellbeing, and socialising of younger generations?*

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead thanked Michael for the question and noted that the basketball hoop was requested for removal following safety concerns about its position. Cr Dr Ball thanked the owner for removing the hoop upon request. Cr Dr Ball noted the 2 major skate park facilities in the City, and advised of Council's investments into the health and wellbeing of our community through Major Initiative 36 - Increasing and upgrading accessible sports facilities. Cr Dr Ball commented on works on 3 new sports pavilions in Royal Park; Western Pavilion (complete), Brens Pavilion (under construction) and Ryder Pavilion (to commence later in 2023), and highlighted the new state-of-the-art Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre which is also under construction.

#### **Hooning in Docklands area**

Daniel Lowes submitted the following written question:

*During the night, mostly on weekends, but also weekdays, when night-time economy events are held, 'hooners' arrive and circle the Docklands precincts creating excessive noise. This noise interrupts my and my family's sleep causing me health issues. This in turn puts my work at risk, as I arrive late to work and underperform due to lack of sleep. In the UK, they have used acoustic and speed limit cameras, which act as an effective deterrent. Is there a plan to add them to docklands intersections as a deterrent? Police need more resources to tackle such issues which impact negatively on residents such as myself. It is time the council starts looking after rate paying residents.*

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead thanked Daniel for the question and noted that the acoustic cameras is something Council is considering. Cr Dr Ball advised that Council's Director City Safety Security and Amenity will discuss this matter with Victoria Police and make contact with Daniel in the next 14 days.

#### **Tram kerbing in Spring Street**

Sydney Low submitted the following written question:

*This is a follow up to my 6 December question. I have had contradicting information about "consultation" with residents regarding the tram kerbing that blocks a right hand turn at Spring Street from Throssell Lane.*

- *Has the Council obtained legal advice that the duty to consult under the Act does not apply to the tram separation kerbing?*
- *If it has no legal advice, will it seek advice and remove the section of barrier until advice confirms that the Act does not apply; and*
- *Will Council undertake a process of public consultation, regardless of whether the Act applies or not in the interest of ratepayer relationship?*

The Lord Mayor, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead thanked Sydney for the question and advised that Council did obtain legal advice that confirmed the obligations of the *Road Management Act 2004* had been met. Yarra Trams did not have a duty to consult with the public due to the classification of the works, however Yarra Trams did still notify residents of its plans to install tram separation barriers, took resident and service user feedback on board, and as a result commissioned further turning movement analytics. The Lord Mayor advised that the City of Melbourne is satisfied with Yarra Trams' approach to establish the median opening at 25-31 Spring Street rather than Throssell Lane, and noted that as previously offered, Council's Director City Infrastructure is happy to meet on site to discuss concerns with the trams separation kerbing.

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### **Queen Victoria Market developments**

Bob Evans submitted the following written question:

*I have questions about two important developments relating to the Queen Victoria Market in the break between Christmas and New Year.*

- 1. The first was the announcement of Council's acceptance of Lendlease as the preferred developer of the Southern Development Site. Can you give us any details about the features of the Lendlease proposal that contributed to its successful bid? What in Lendlease's proposal most closely aligns with Council's priorities for the Southern Development Site?*
- 2. Can you explain how the Lendlease proposal is now valued at over \$1-plus billion compared to the figure of \$520 million which has been frequently quoted by Council.*
- 3. The second newsworthy development over Christmas was the appointment of Matt Elliott as CEO of the Vic Market. What are the key results that Council expects him to achieve in terms of the operation of the market and its renewal according to this year's timetable?*
- 4. Finally, can you explain to traders and customers of the Vic Market why the traders in H and I Sheds on the eastern side of Queen Street have been "temporarily relocated" for three or four years while the work to restore their existing premises is only supposed to take six months?*

The Lord Mayor, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead thanked Bob for the question and advised that whilst there has been much media speculation, the appointment of a preferred developer is still subject to negotiations and is commercial in confidence. An announcement of the successful developer is expected by June 2023. The Lord Mayor noted that the \$1 billion value represents the total development value including land purchase, whilst the previous \$520 million value referred to the estimated construction value.

The Lord Mayor advised that QVM Pty Ltd is a separate company that is run as a subsidiary of City of Melbourne with its own Board which delivers corporate governance in order to manage outcomes for Council, the market and community benefit, and employment of the QVM CEO is delegated to the Board of QVM P/L who will set the priorities on an annual basis, including strategic, operational and renewal considerations as well as having a focus on customers, traders, employees, the shareholder (Council) and key stakeholders.

The Lord Mayor advised that the final stage of the Shed Restoration program involving H & I Sheds commenced in January and will take approximately six months to complete, and construction of the new Trader Shed at G Shed (adjacent to H & I Sheds) is due to commence in mid-2023, and is expected to take around two and a half years to complete. The Lord Mayor noted that works will include excavation to 20 metres, piling, and the relocation and installation of services, and will require a large lay-down area for equipment and materials and the operation of a tower crane.

The Lord Mayor further advised that a thorough construction planning process was undertaken in 2022 to determine the most appropriate construction staging process and to meet safety and construction requirements, and ensure the efficient and effective delivery of the project with minimal disruption to market operations, it was determined that it would not be possible for traders to remain in H & I Sheds during the delivery of Market Infrastructure works, and noted that works to construct the new Trader Shed can only commence once the restoration of H & I Sheds is complete, meaning traders will be relocated for a total period of around three years.

### **Quarantine zones in the City**

Wayne Coles-Janess asked the following question:

*Following the discussions this evening on noise issues, and the issues associated with sound or noise curfews - with specific reference to City hot zones, waste collection and emissions from hospitality venues and air conditioning units on footpaths, should Council consider quarantine areas and/or times?*

The Lord Mayor noted the EPA's current review of its noise standards and took the question on notice to provide a detailed response to Wayne.

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Public Question Time exceeded the 15 minutes provided for under the Governance Rules, and a procedural motion was considered to extend Public Question Time.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

*That public question time be extended for a further 15 minutes.*

Seconded: Cr Davydd Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert, Le Liu and Louey.

Cr Campbell left the meeting at 7.58pm, and did not return.

### ATET Docklands

Helen of Docklands asked the additional following question:

*Why doesn't Council know that ATET is reopening on Friday?*

*How do residents get appointed to the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee?*

*How will Council engage the community to participate in the community meeting?*

The Lord Mayor referred to Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change, who advised that the Friday opening date was provided by ATET as an aspirational date and has not yet been confirmed, but once reopened Council will continue its monitoring.

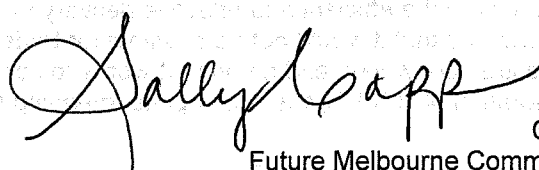
Katrina McKenzie, advised that an expression of interest process is undertaken for Committee members, but noted the urgency of this matter and referred to the planned community forum as a more immediate way to receive feedback.

The Lord Mayor advised that Council has many channels for engaging with its community and highlighted the neighbourhood portals, the community Facebook pages and the neighbourhood partners.

### 10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday, 21 February 2023.



Chair  
Future Melbourne Committee