



CITY OF MELBOURNE

Council Meeting

Minutes

**Meeting Number 28
Tuesday 13 December 2022
5.30pm**

**Council Chambers
Melbourne Town Hall**

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apologies

Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge

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on Tuesday 28 February 2023

Unconfirmed minutes

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that:

- the meeting is 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
- the agenda comprises of ten reports from management, of which seven were confidential, and three items of general business.
- apologies were received from Councillors Chang and Doidge

180 Years of Council

The Lord Mayor advised that this week marks the 180th anniversary of the first 'business' meeting of the City of Melbourne, and read the following:

In 1842 the Port Phillip District of New South Wales, as Victoria was then known had a population of under 24,000.

There were 1,025 births, 413 deaths and 515 marriages registered in that year. There were just 3 post offices in the whole District.

The Town of Melbourne Council was created early in 1842 and following elections the first business meeting of the Council was held on 15 December 1842. We formally became a City in 1849.

The Council Meeting was held at the Royal Hotel in Collins Street, which thanks to some research by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, we think once stood close to the corner of Queen Street on the South side. This was close to the centre of Town at the time, close to the Customs House (now the Immigration Museum).

180 years later, here in our beautiful Town Hall we are continuing to deliver for Melburnians and make our City a better, fairer and safer place.

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 Campbell

That the minutes of meeting No 27, held on Tuesday 29 November 2022, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

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

Submissions/Correspondence

The Lord Mayor advised that the following submissions had been received.

Agenda item 7.2, **Notice of Motion: Cr Hakim, Funding request to support pop-up Docklands Neighbourhood House:**

Item of Correspondence:

- Ariel Valent, Director, The Centre.

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Agenda item 7.3, **Post travel report – Councillor Hakim, public art, creative and social programs, New Zealand:**

Item of Correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

5. Reports from Committee

There were no reports from Committee.

6. Reports from management

There were three reports from management.

6.1 Global Entrepreneurship Congress - Melbourne 2023

The purpose of this report was to seek Council's support for the 2023 Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC), to be held from 1-4 May in Melbourne.

Moved: Cr Griffiths

1. *That Council:*

1.1. *Requests that management undertake the following activities in order to maximise opportunities arising from Melbourne hosting the Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC) in May 2023:*

1.1.1. *Seek to have CoM staff on the GEC steering committee in order to promote Council's policy priorities;*

1.1.2. *Nominate subject-matter experts to GEC working groups where this aligns with Council policy;*

1.1.3. *Provide tourism information about Melbourne at the GEC via a visitor desk staffed by our volunteers;*

1.1.4. *Hold a welcome event at Melbourne Town Hall for VIP delegates, hosted by the Lord Mayor and/or Councillors;*

1.1.5. *Offer 'innovation tours' for delegates to showcase Melbourne's leading infrastructure, research and workforce; and*

1.1.6. *Promote to delegates a diverse range of local entrepreneurial events occurring that week.*

Seconded: Cr 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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.2 Governance Rules (Early Release) Amendment

The purpose of this report was to present to Council the Governance Rules for adoption, following a period of community consultation on a proposed amendment to release significant and complicated reports early, to allow members of the public time to read and consider their contents.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

That Council adopts the amended Governance Rules (Attachment 2 of the report from Management).

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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6.3 Regent Management Company Pty Ltd: Trading Results to 30 June 2021

The purpose of this report was to inform the Council of the financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2021 of Regent Management Company Pty Ltd (the Company). Good governance practice dictates that an organisation monitors performance of all entities in which it holds an equity interest.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

That Council notes the trading results of the Regent Management Company Pty Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There were three items of General business.

7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Review of Local Planning Policy for Licenced Venues

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That Council seeks a report from management, to be presented to the Future Melbourne Committee by the end of March 2023, providing an opinion on whether the Melbourne Planning Scheme requires amendment in relation to planning permission for licensed premises. The report should consider:*
 - 1.1. *The function of Clause 13.07-1L-04 (Licensed Premises), the land use terms and table of uses in the Schedules to the Capital City Zone and Docklands Zone, and related provisions;*
 - 1.2. *The extent to which the above planning provisions are facilitating state and local planning policies and their objectives to offer entertainment uses in the Central City (while limiting unreasonable amenity impacts);*
 - 1.3. *Whether the cessation of the 'freeze' for new late night Liquor Licence applications from 1 July 2023 might create or exacerbate issues with the operation of the above planning provisions; and*
 - 1.4. *If the opinion is that the above planning provisions require amendment, what options there are to partner with the State Government (as the agent of change to the regulatory framework) to co-fund and fast-track a formal study and any resultant planning scheme amendment.*

Seconded: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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7.2 Notice of Motion: Cr Hakim, Funding request to support pop-up Docklands Neighbourhood House

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That Council:*
 - 1.1. *Acknowledges the commitment of the local community in Docklands to build community connections and support through facilities such as the pop-up Docklands Neighbourhood House (DNH).*
 - 1.2. *Notes that the current operation of the DNH is at risk due to lack of funding support.*
 - 1.3. *Approves an allocation of \$20,000 from the 2022/23 discretionary budget towards continued operation of the DNH and that the allocation be supported by a funding agreement which includes key performance indicators.*
 - 1.4. *Requests that management advise the DNH that any future needs will be considered as part of the next phase of the City of Melbourne's Neighbourhood Model and work being undertaken to better understand and support community priorities.*
 - 1.5. *Notes that the DNH is also seeking funding support through the Victorian Government.*

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

7.3 Post travel report – Councillor Hakim, public art, creative and social programs, New Zealand

The purpose of this report was to report to Council on the travel undertaken by Councillor Jamal Hakim to Auckland and Christchurch, New Zealand to explore initiatives and strategies supporting public art, creative, cultural and social programs.

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That Council notes:*
 - 1.1. *The report by Councillor Jamal Hakim on key observations, commitments and opportunities associated with his travel to New Zealand between 22 and 27 August 2022 at a cost to Council of \$5961.*
 - 1.2. *That ongoing dialogue and exchange between officers at City of Melbourne and Cities of Auckland and Christchurch will occur on policies, issues and programs of mutual interest and benefit.*

Seconded: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

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9. Closure of meeting to the public

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020 (Act), the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the items under the following categories:*
 - 1.1 *Agenda item 14.1 as it contains private commercial information which if released would unreasonably expose the property owner to disadvantage by disclosing the rates at which the owner is willing to negotiate the Lease.*
 - 1.2 *Agenda item 14.2 as it contains information that was confidential for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989. The responses contain various design and commercially sensitive approaches to the site response, including financial modelling, and confidentiality is required to protect commercially sensitive negotiations that are yet to take place.*
 - 1.3 *Agenda items 14.3 and 14.5 as they contain private commercial information, which if prematurely released, prejudices the Council's position in commercial negotiations.*
 - 1.4 *Agenda item 14.4 as it contains private commercial information, which if released, would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.*
 - 1.5 *Agenda items 14.6 and 14.7 as they contain personal information, which if released, would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about a person or their personal affairs.*

Seconded: Cr Campbell

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

The Lord Mayor wished everyone all the best for the festive season and happy holidays. On behalf of the Council, the Lord Mayor acknowledged the efforts of the team at the City of Melbourne for a stupendous 2022 and expressed her appreciation to the team for all the positive outcomes being delivered to the community which reflect the hard work and dedication of the team. The Lord Mayor also thanked Councillors for their professionalism, care, and commitment over the course of the year.

The Lord Mayor thanked members of the public for their interest, attendance, and submissions, and noted the appreciation and respect that Council has for the community with their efforts to engage over the course of the year, particularly through the Future Melbourne Committee meetings.

The Lord Mayor wished everybody all the best over summer and stated she is looking forward to 2023.

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 6.12pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 28 February 2023.

Chair
Council