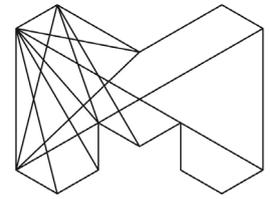


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 51
Tuesday 7 March 2023
5.30pm**

Town Hall Commons

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apologies

Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Philip Le Liu

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On Tuesday 21 March 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 a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday, 8 March 2023.
- apologies were received from Councillors Dr Ball and Le Liu.
- Councillor Campbell has notified Council of her intention to nominate as a candidate in the Aston by-election and consequently has taken an unpaid leave of absence from Council for the period leading into the election.

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 Hakim

That the minutes of meeting No 50, held on Tuesday 21 February 2023, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Doidge

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

Resident communication regarding parking

Caroline Wareham asked the following question:

I live in Carlton. I have had an ongoing discussion with Council regarding the parking. My question to Council is where to go regarding communication. We've had signage changed with no communication. I've been told things that are actually incorrect. I've got letters that have been sent to me but what actually happens is different. My question is about realistic timeframes and processes and responses. I've had lots of unanswered emails and sometimes the response has been different to the action. I really feel sad that sometimes my communication has been perceived by Council as a complaint, instead of being seen as a suggestion and working with the Council.

The Lord Mayor, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead thanked Caroline for the question and affirmed that Council's role is to serve residents in our community, and referred to officers to provide a response.

Alison Leighton, Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that a senior representative of Council will make contact with Caroline as soon as possible to thoroughly address Caroline's concerns around unanswered emails and notification with respect to signage changes. The Acting Chief Executive Officer further advised that Council takes customer service very seriously and if there is an opportunity to improve, Council would like to be notified.

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Pedestrian traffic on Little Bourke Street (between Russell and Swanston Streets)

Karl James asked the following question:

I've noticed in between Russell and Swanston Streets, on Little Bourke Street, the pedestrian traffic is a bit out of control. People struggle to get past. I've seen women on the street with prams trying to get around oncoming traffic, cyclists everywhere etc. In my ideal world this would be pedestrian only, like an extension of the Bourke Street Mall. I've noticed that there's eight parking spots and a couple of loading zones. Loading could be done in the morning. My suggestion would be to get rid of the parking spots and widen the pedestrian strip. I am wondering if Council is aware of the pedestrian problem in that area and if so, if there are any plans in the pipeline.

The Lord Mayor, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead thanked Karl for the question and advised that Little Bourke Street (amongst other 'Little' streets) has been nominated as part of a program to become a shared zone where the traffic slows to 20km/h. The Lord Mayor further advised that Council is aware of the need to consider access to off-street car parking and access for traders to be able to receive deliveries, when considering a shared zone.

The Lord Mayor advised that Council is currently undertaking discussions in relation to how available infrastructure can be more fairly shared between the various modes of transport, noting that 89 per cent of trips in the city are done on foot, and therefore being able to ensure that pedestrians have appropriate space to move is a priority for Council.

Docklands bins

Joanne Bacon submitted the following written question:

I am often observing overflowing bins in Docklands due to bags of dumped rubbish at public bins. This can often be worse when there are large events in Docklands with large crowds. Are there plans to install smart bins in Docklands to help with waste management and rubbish dumping?

The Lord Mayor, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead thanked Joanne for the question and advised that officers have been investigating the litter issue in Docklands particularly during peak times. From those investigations, the following initiatives and responses have been identified:

- There are over 200 litter bins within the Docklands precinct, which are emptied daily.
- Litter bins aren't often full or at capacity however, bags of dumped rubbish originating from commercial properties, boats on the marina or private residences are often dumped in the area.
- There have been more than 140 requests to collect dumped rubbish requests in the Docklands area since 1 January 2023.
- These occurrences are investigated to see if Council can enforce penalties for the illegal dumping of waste.

The Lord Mayor noted that the installation of Solar Smart Bins in these locations is not currently being considered, as Council is not of the view that these would assist the waste management of this area, as bags of waste would still be dumped next to the bins. The Lord Mayor advised that a new events waste management program which commenced in January 2023 is part of Council's commitment to ensuring that the city is clean and this includes litter collection services during peak event times, and extended an offer to directly discuss the matter in more detail.

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ATET question responses

Kasey Logg submitted the following written question:

Although Chapter 3, Subsection 4.12 of the Future Melbourne Committee Governance Rules permit like questions to be grouped together with a single answer provided, will Council provide specific answers to specific questions regarding ATET, including this very question?

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked Kasey for the question and advised that depending on the nature and volume of questions, a decision is made in the lead up to the meeting whether to group them in response, noting that Council wants to ensure that as many questions as possible are dealt with in the time made available and officers are available to contact those submitting questions after the meeting, particularly where answers require a level of expertise and detail. The Deputy Lord Mayor further advised that there will be an opportunity to ask specific questions and receive information about ATET at the upcoming community forum on 14 March.

Extension of Public Question Time

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 to respond to the pre-submitted questions related to the City Planning Portfolio.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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

ATET Docklands

The Deputy Lord Mayor summarised a written question received from Molly Burdett:

City of Melbourne has known that hundreds of residents of Docklands have been adversely affected by ATET for months now but continues to tow the 'compliant with planning' line. Until recently announcing the meeting on 14 March, little was done to install faith that the residents, despite the abundance of complaints lodged with police, EPA, AGCCC and CoM were being heard. Regardless of any outcome on the 14th, what assurances are being made that CoM will not permit another similar business with potential to create great adverse impact in our residential suburb?

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked Molly for the question and advised that the Melbourne Planning Scheme provides the framework for all land use decisions, and where a land use requires planning permission, Council will continue to make decisions consistent with the Planning Scheme. The Deputy Lord Mayor further advised that once a land use and development commences, Council has a role in ensuring that compliance with all applicable legislation within Council's control occurs and where it doesn't, Council will liaise with other authorities. The Deputy Lord Mayor reiterated that there will be an opportunity to ask specific questions and receive information about ATET at the upcoming community forum on 14 March.

ATET planning permit

Gene Servadei submitted the following written question:

Can Council please clarify which entity or entities planning permit TP-2021-620 and its associated amendments were issued to? Whilst the original applicant is listed as Floating Venues Pty Ltd, this entity was only registered with ASIC in December of last year, some 15 months after the original application was lodged with Council, and appears to be an unrelated venture. Therefore, for the avoidance of doubt: was this permit issued to ATET Creative Pty Ltd, Floating Spaces Pty Ltd, or their parent entity Rokaja Pty Ltd?

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked Gene for the question and advised that when a planning permit is issued for land use or development it applies to the land, not the person or party who made the application.

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6. Reports from management

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

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Ministerial Planning Referrals: TPM-2022-7 and TPM-2022-8 707 and 710 Collins Street, 731-735 Bourke Street and 44 Village Street, Docklands (Goods Shed):**

Requests to speak:

- Sarah Horsfield, Urbis
- Jessica Jordan, Walker Group
- Cian Davis, Bates Smart.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Economic Development Strategy next steps (with a focus on return of office workers):**

Request to speak & item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Zero-Carbon Jobs Summit Outcomes and Arrangements for Cluster:**

Requests to speak:

- Nigel Murphy, Chair, Victorian Cleantech Cluster and Managing Director, Earth Systems.

Items of correspondence:

- Richard Simpson
- Evannah Jayne, CEO, Terran Industries
- Peter Castellias
- Nigel Murphy, Chair, Victorian Cleantech Cluster and Managing Director, Earth Systems
- Daniel Lancefield, Victorian Cleantech Cluster.

Planning Section

The Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management where Council exercises its responsibilities under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

6.1 Ministerial Planning Referrals: TPM-2022-7 and TPM-2022-8 707 and 710 Collins Street, 731-735 Bourke Street and 44 Village Street, Docklands (Goods Shed)

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of concurrent Ministerial Planning Referrals for a planning permit application (PA2201561 and TPM-2022-8) and a development plan application (PA2201560 and TPM-2022-7) seeking approval for partial demolition to the existing Goods Shed buildings, and the construction of two towers including offices, retail, an education centre and a place of assembly (events space) at 707 and 710 Collins Street, 731-735 Bourke Street and 44 Village Street, Docklands.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Sarah Horsfield, Urbis
- Jessica Jordan, Walker Group
- Cian Davis, Bates Smart.

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Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1 *Resolves to advise the Department of Transport and Planning that the Melbourne City Council supports the applications, subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management); and*
- 1.2 *Notes that the resolution is in relation to the consideration of the Planning Permit and Development Plan applications under the provisions of the Melbourne Planning Scheme and Planning and Environment Act 1987, and is not in relation to the separate application under the Heritage Act 2017.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

The Lord Mayor assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6.2 Economic Development Strategy next steps (with a focus on return of office workers)

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement from Council for the adoption of further short to medium term measures to support the return of office workers to the city whilst supporting economic growth through initiatives that deliver on actions in the Economic Development Strategy.

Chris Thrum addressed the Committee.

Cr Chang left the meeting at 6.35pm, and returned at 6.37pm.

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee requests that management:*

- 1.1 *Pursues the following short-term measures to promote the return of office workers to the city:*
 - 1.1.1 *Include case studies of new commercial activity in the city in marketing and communications programs;*
 - 1.1.2 *Provide major city-based employers with the city's value proposition and other strategies for communication with employees;*
 - 1.1.3 *Review existing destination marketing programs and the What's On website and related communications to ensure that content targets city workers.*
- 1.2 *Continues to pursue other activities that align with the Economic Development Strategy, including:*
 - 1.2.1 *Facilitating industry events that support Melbourne's innovation and start-up economy;*
 - 1.2.2 *Delivering the Open Innovation Competition and other programs that support entrepreneurs to locate and stay in Melbourne.*
- 1.3 *Provides a report to this Committee by April 2024 setting out:*
 - 1.3.1 *A summary of progress on all of the above; and*
 - 1.3.2 *Recommendations for further communications, marketing and medium-term initiatives designed to support sustained economic growth.*

Seconded: Cr Louey

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

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6.3 Zero-Carbon Jobs Summit Outcomes and Arrangements for Cluster

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on Major Initiative 29 in the Council Plan – ‘Create an enabling environment for Melbourne businesses and universities to become the employment centre of a resilient zero-carbon economy’.

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee requests management:*
 - 1.1. *Works with stakeholders to develop and deliver further initiatives as part of the first year of the Zero-Carbon cluster’s operations, including:*
 - 1.1.1. *Establishing a work plan for the cluster*
 - 1.1.2. *Delivering an online communication platform to share information relevant to the cluster including zero-carbon initiatives, case studies and networking events*
 - 1.1.3. *Delivering a Zero-Carbon investment plan*
 - 1.1.4. *Investigating a Zero-Carbon Innovation Hub and other initiatives.*
 - 1.2. *Reports back via Briefing Paper to the Committee to provide an update on the cluster formation and work plan activities as set out at (1.1) by October 2023.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

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

6.4 Participation in upcoming local government forums

The purpose of this report was to provide for City of Melbourne (CoM) participation in upcoming local government forums, namely;

- 1.1. Municipal Association of Victoria’s (MAV) meeting of State Council which is held twice each year. Councillor Rohan Leppert is the CoM representative on the MAV.
- 1.2. Australian Local Government Association’s (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) which is held annually in June in Canberra.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee approves:*
 - 1.1 *The motions outlined in Attachment 2 of the report from management for consideration at the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting on 19 May 2023.*
 - 1.2 *Councillor participation in the Australian Local Government Association’s National General Assembly through Councillors Jamal Hakim and Rohan Leppert at an estimated cost of \$3,800 per Councillor.*

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 Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

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7. General business

There was one item of general business.

7.1 Petition calling for City of Melbourne to establish an LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee

Moved: Cr Hakim

That the petition from Andy Holsden and 10 others be received.

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 Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

9. Public questions

Excessive noise in Docklands

Daniel Lowes submitted the following written question:

On a previous question I asked if the council is planning prevention measures against noisy vehicles exiting noisy nightclubs. The police contacted me and told me they patrol which they do not as I can see from the balcony. My question is are there prevention measures to control noise in the Docklands area from nightclubs, maybe a fund to cover acoustic glass and panels.

Cr Hakim, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Deputy Portfolio Lead thanked Daniel for the question and advised that Council would take the question on notice to enable a comprehensive response to be provided within the next 14 days.

Party boats in Victoria Harbour

Allison Hislop submitted the following written question:

We the residents of apartments along board walk would like to know what restrictions are there on boats that remain tied up and yet blast their music to us all for a couple of hours before departure, and then again for another hour on arrival back to dock?

Cr Hakim, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Deputy Portfolio Lead thanked Allison for the question and noted that he had recently met with local residents to discuss this matter. Cr Hakim advised that Council's Waterways branch monitors activities on the marina including noise coming from boats. There have been a number of incidents where police have been called for noise issues. Cr Hakim took the question on notice and advised that a further response will be provided within the next 14 days.

7. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.04pm.

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


Chair
Future Melbourne Committee