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Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Number 31
Tuesday 18 April 2023
5.30pm

Council Chamber
Level 2
Melbourne Town Hall

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp (Chair)
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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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 a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday 19 April 2023.
- apologies were received from Councillors Chang and Doidge.

ATET Update

The Lord Mayor read the following statement:

Ahead of tonight's scheduled business Council would like to provide an update to residents regarding our Community Information Session in March.

Thank you for expressing your feedback, raising questions and sharing your concerns regarding the ATET venue in Docklands.

At the community information session held on 14 March 2023 at Marvel Stadium, we committed to responding to all questions raised.

Since then, Council has been coordinating responses to all questions with the various agencies, including the EPA, Victoria Police and Liquor Control Victoria. This afternoon we provided the full list of questions and responses to everyone who attended the Community meeting, all those who asked questions, and ATET management.

We have also published the complete list of questions and responses on the Docklands Neighbourhood Portal via our website.

Council and the EPA have been conducting regular noise monitoring since the information session, including over the Easter period. As noted at the information session, these investigations are expected to conclude in May. The EPA and Council will provide further updates as they become available. Docklands residents will be the first to know if anything changes regarding ATET's tenancy in North Wharf.

We have heard the concerns and experiences of Docklands residents and appreciate your patience. We will continue working with other agencies and the venue operator to seek a resolution. This includes exploring actions by the venue operator, such as further noise mitigation and/or alternate locations for the venue.

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: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the minutes of meeting No 30 held on Tuesday 28 March 2023 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.

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Submissions/Correspondence

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

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Shopfront vacancies - progress and future direction:**

Items of correspondence:

- Phillip Gao, City Precinct Traders Association
- Phillip Mansour, Carlton Inc.
- Angela Simons, Renew Australia
- Daniel Hibberd, Docklands Chamber of Commerce.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, **Opportunity for international engagement, Deputy Lord Mayor, China:**

Item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

5. Reports from Committee

There were no reports from Committee.

6. Reports from management

There were two reports from management.

6.1 Shopfront vacancies - progress and future direction

The purpose of this report was to present the final outcomes of the Shopfront Activation Program and to seek endorsement from Council for the adoption of initiatives designed to address the shopfront vacancies.

Moved: Cr Louey

1. That Council:

- 1.1. *Notes the success of the Shopfront Activation Program in activating vacant shopfronts in the CBD, Docklands and Lygon Street, Carlton and contributing to reducing the city's shopfront vacancy rate.*
- 1.2. *Requests that management:*
 - 1.2.1. *aligns the Business Concierge Service to provide better and more streamlined support services for attracting retailers and also develop closer relationships with commercial real estate agencies*
 - 1.2.2. *continues to develop the Melbourne Economic Snapshot to expand its offer by providing businesses with greater insights and data on how the city is functioning*
 - 1.2.3. *explores the establishment of a grant program for 2023–24, providing direct support to businesses that operate at shopfront level*
 - 1.2.4. *in May 2024 provide a report to Council with an update on shopfront vacancy initiatives and support.*

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.

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6.2 Contract extension Street Cleaning Services (3441) and Graffiti Management (100091)

The purpose of this report was to seek approval to enter into:

- Agreements with Spotless Services Pty Ltd for street cleaning services, for a contract period of six months with the option of a month by month extension for a maximum period of 12 months.
- An agreement with Calcorp Services Pty Ltd for graffiti management services. This will be for a contract period of six months with the option of a month by month extension for a maximum period of nine months.

Cr Campbell declared a general conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 127 of the *Local Government Act 2020* due to having provided legal services to Spotless Facility Services Pty Ltd, and left the meeting at 5.43pm.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. That Council:

- 1.1. Awards the contract for the provision of street cleaning services to Spotless Services Pty Ltd for a term of six months commencing 1 July 2023, with an option to extend the contract term by up to a further 12 month period on a month to month basis in accordance with the negotiated terms and conditions of the contract.*
- 1.2. Awards the contract for the provision of graffiti management services to Calcorp Services Pty Ltd for a term of six months commencing 1 October 2023, with an option to extend the contract term by up to a further nine month period on a month to month basis in accordance with the negotiated terms and conditions of the contract.*

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

Cr Campbell returned to the meeting at 5.47pm.

7. General business

There were two items of general business.

7.1 Opportunity for international engagement, Deputy Lord Mayor, China

The purpose of this report was to seek Council approval for the Deputy Lord Mayor to participate in a business delegation to China led by the Australia China Business Council. The delegation will also include undertakings to re-establish relations that foster ongoing business and cultural connections.

Moved: Cr Louey

1. That Council:

- 1.1. Approves the Deputy Lord Mayor's proposed participation in the Australia China Business Council delegation to China and to undertake other meetings to re-establish relations that foster ongoing business and cultural connections at a cost to Council of \$15,900.*
- 1.2. Notes that the Deputy Lord Mayor will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.*

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 Participation at Preventive Health Conference, Adelaide, May 2023

The purpose of this report was to seek Council approval for Councillor Dr Olivia Ball to travel to Adelaide to attend the Preventive Health Conference 2023 and pre-Conference workshop between 1 and 4 May 2023.

Moved: Cr Hakim

That Council approves participation by Councillor Dr Olivia Ball in the Preventive Health Conference in Adelaide between 1 and 4 May 2023 at an estimated cost to Council of \$2,723.

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.

8. Urgent business

There was one item of urgent business.

8.1 Discretionary funding requests: African Music and Cultural Festival Autumn Festival and Aussie Pops Orchestra Mother's Day Concert

Moved: Cr Hakim

That the matter of discretionary funding requests to the African Music and Cultural Festival Autumn Festival and Aussie Pops Orchestra Mother's Day Concert meets the criteria for consideration as an item of urgent business as it has arisen since the distribution of the agenda, and cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Committee or Council meeting.

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.

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That Council approves:*

1.1. *the allocation of \$10,000 from the 2022/23 discretionary budget to the African Music and Cultural Festival Autumn Festival on Sunday 21 May 2023.*

1.2. *the allocation of \$10,000 from the 2022/23 discretionary budget to the Aussie Pops Orchestra event Mother's Day with the Aussie Pops on Sunday 14 May 2023, conditional on this funding being used to subsidise tickets for people from a multicultural background, the elderly, and people experiencing disadvantage.*

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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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 items 14.1, 14.2 and 14.3 as they contain private commercial information which if released would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.*
 - 1.2 *Agenda item 15.1 as it contains Council business information which if released would prejudice Council's position in commercial negotiations.*

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.

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 6:07pm.

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Chair
Council