

# Confirmed minutes



**CITY OF MELBOURNE**

## **Future Melbourne Committee Minutes**

**Meeting Number 60  
Tuesday 1 August 2023  
5.30pm**

**Town Hall Commons**

### **Present**

Lord Mayor Sally Capp AO (Chair)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece  
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball  
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge  
Councillor Davydd Griffiths  
Councillor Philip Le Liu  
Councillor Rohan Leppert  
Councillor Kevin Louey

### **Apologies**

Councillor Roshena Campbell  
Councillor Jason Chang  
Councillor Jamal Hakim

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On Tuesday 15 August 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 a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday 2 August 2023.
- apologies were received from Councillors Campbell, Chang and Hakim.

## **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 Griffiths

*That the minutes of meeting No 59 held on Tuesday 11 July 2023 be confirmed.*

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, Doidge, Griffiths, 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**

Below is a summary of public questions and responses. The full version can be heard in the recording of the meeting located on Council's website at <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings/meeting-archive/pages/Future-Melbourne-Committee-1-August-2023.aspx>

### **NASA / Climate Mitigation**

Chris Thrum asked Council to reach out to NASA's Chief Scientist Dr Kate Calvin to share knowledge and gain an understanding on climate science.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead thanked Chris for the question and advised that Council's key climate change projects have focused on responding to local impacts of climate change, referring to initiatives related to cooling the city, renewable energy and community resilience.

Cr Leppert noted that Council is proud to share lessons and has an open data policy both to demonstrate transparency and to help universities, entrepreneurs and the broader community to drive research and innovation. Council continues to collaborate locally and around the globe and if an opportunity to connect with Dr Calvin or her colleagues arises, Council would be interested in doing so.

### **Cost shifting from state government**

Dean Hurlston submitted a written question asking Council to provide the dollar amount of "cost shifting from state government" estimated to have been incurred in the 2022–23 financial year.

Cr Le Liu, Finance, Governance and Risk Portfolio Lead thanked Dean for the question and noted that there is significant cost pressure on local government due to declining government grants and services funding. Cr Le Liu advised that the question would be taken on notice and a response provided after the meeting.

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## Supervised Injecting Room

Hani Akkawi asked what Council intends to do to stop the supervised injecting room being put in the Bourke Hill Precinct, and if Council would reconsider its previous position on an injecting room anywhere in the CBD.

The Lord Mayor thanked Hani for the question and reiterated that the location of a medically supervised injecting room is a Victorian Government decision, noting that no decision has been made as yet. The Lord Mayor further advised that Council, in its resolution of May 2021, called on the Victorian Government to commit to a thorough consultation process with residents, traders and other stakeholders once an announcement is made, and that Council will continue to be a champion for our community and ensure that the voices of constituents are heard.

Hani also asked if the report that was issued on the Richmond facility would be considered by Council before a decision is made on the supervised injecting room in the CBD.

The Lord Mayor advised that Council will review the report on the Richmond facility and the report by Ken Lay once an announcement is made by the Victorian Government.

## 6. Reports from management

The Lord Mayor advised that no submissions had been received.

### 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 Planning Permit Application: TP-2023-168 602-606 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a planning permit application seeking approval for partial demolition, external alterations, buildings and works to the existing building at 602-606 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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

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 Dr Ball, Doidge, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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

#### 6.2 Annual progress update on the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020–24 and Inclusive Melbourne Strategy Implementation Plan 2022–24

The purpose of this report was to receive an update on key achievements and actions undertaken in 2022–23 for the Inclusive Melbourne Strategy Implementation Plan 2022–24 and Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020–24, as well as an overview of the process to consider a new approach to the inclusion plans.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1. *Notes the key achievements and actions undertaken in 2022–23 to deliver on the Inclusive Melbourne Strategy Implementation Plan 2022–24 and the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020–24.*

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- 1.2. *Requests management to report back to Councillors in October 2023 with a recommendation on the future approach to the Inclusive Melbourne Strategy Implementation Plan, the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and the Women's Safety and Empowerment Action Plan, and that this be accompanied by a concise account of progress towards the outcomes and indicators set out in the Inclusive Melbourne Strategy.*

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 Dr Ball, Doidge, Griffiths, 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.

### **9. Public questions**

There were no further public questions.

### **10. Closure of meeting**

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.13pm.

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Chair  
Future Melbourne Committee