

Confirmed minutes



Council Meeting

Minutes

Meeting Number 40
Tuesday 31 October 2023
5.30pm

Council Chamber
Level 2
Melbourne Town Hall

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp AO (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

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council
on Tuesday 28 November 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, welcomed attendees to the meeting, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land, and 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 1 November 2023.

Cr Le Liu arrived at the meeting at 5.32pm.

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 meetings

Moved: Cr Campbell

That the minutes of meeting No 38 held on Tuesday 26 September 2023 and special meeting No 39 held on Tuesday 3 October 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, 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 meetings.

Submissions/Correspondence

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

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **City of Melbourne Annual Report 2022–23:**

Item of correspondence:

- Marion Attwater.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, **Opportunity for international engagement, Councillor Philip Le Liu, China and Thailand, November 2023:**

Item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

In relation to Agenda item 7.2, **Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Funding support request, Pasko sa Melbourne: Christmas in our Hearts Festival:**

Item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

Cr Chang arrived at the meeting at 5.34pm.

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5. Reports from Committee

There were no reports from Committee.

6. Reports from management

There were six reports from management.

6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2023-388 Birrarung Marr, Batman Avenue, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise Council of a planning permit application seeking approval for the removal of native vegetation at Birrarung Marr, Batman Avenue, Melbourne.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That Council 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 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 Draft Place and Road Naming Policy – Community Consultation

The purpose of this report was to respond to a resolution of the Committee on 6 December 2022 which requested management draft a Road Naming Policy for public consultation and consideration by Council in 2023 inclusive of specific considerations.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Approves the commencement of community consultation for the proposed Place and Road Naming Policy (Attachment 3 of the report from management), subject to the Place and Road Naming Guidelines referenced in Attachment 3 being released for community consultation alongside this Policy.*
- 1.2. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make editorial changes, corrections, formatting and design necessary to the Place and Road Naming Policy prior to commencement of community consultation.*
- 1.3. *Requests management presents a report to the first Future Melbourne Committee meeting scheduled for February 2024 with outcomes of community consultation on both the Place and Road Naming Policy and the Place and Road Naming Guidelines.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

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6.3 City of Melbourne Annual Report 2022–23

The purpose of this report was to present Council with the City of Melbourne Annual Report 2022–23.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Adopts the City of Melbourne Annual Report 2022–23 and the contents contained therein (Attachment 2 of the report from management).*
- 1.2. *Authorises the Director Governance to make editorial changes, corrections, formatting and design necessary to finalise the Annual Report 2022–23 prior to its publication.*
- 1.3. *Notes that it has complied with the requirements of section 100 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

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

6.4 Royal Park Master Plan Refresh community engagement and discussion paper

The purpose of this report was to advise Councillors of planned community engagement on the Royal Park Master Plan Refresh Discussion Paper.

Moved: Cr Leppert

That Council approves management progressing the Royal Park Master Plan Refresh Discussion Paper (Attachment 2 of the report from management) to community consultation.

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.5 Recommendations for the City Economy Advisory Committee membership

The purpose of this report was to outline recommendations for the membership of the City Economy Advisory Committee (CEAC).

Cr Griffiths declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2020* due to a business relationship with a recommended CEAC member, and left the meeting at 6.18pm prior to discussion taking place.

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Approves the recommendations for the City Economy Advisory Committee (CEAC) membership as described in paragraph 9 of the report from management.*
- 1.2. *Requests the Lord Mayor writes to successful applicants, advising of their appointment to the CEAC.*
- 1.3. *Appoints Cr Campbell to the position of Chair of CEAC and Crs Louey and Chang as additional Councillor members and authorises an amendment to the Terms of Reference to provide for three City of Melbourne Councillors to be appointed to the Committee by Council.*

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- 1.4. *Adopts the CEAC Code of Conduct (Attachment 3 of the report from management).*
- 1.5. *Authorises the General Manager City Economy and Activation to make editorial changes, corrections, formatting and design necessary to finalise the Code of Conduct prior to publication.*
- 1.6. *Requests that management consult with the Victorian Government to identify a suitable representative to participate in the CEAC.*

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Cr Griffiths returned to the meeting at 6.31pm.

6.6 Schedule of Council and Future Melbourne Committee meetings 2024

The purpose of this report was to resolve the dates and times for meetings of the Council and its Future Melbourne Committee for 2024.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

That Council approves the schedule of Council and Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) meeting dates for 2024, as detailed in Attachment 2 of the report from management, subject to all listed meetings commencing at 5.30pm and not 6pm.

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

7. General business

There were two items of general business.

7.1 Opportunity for international engagement, Councillor Philip Le Liu, China and Thailand, November 2023

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for Councillor Philip Le Liu's proposal to visit China to participate in the Australian China Youth Dialogue and a program of meetings aimed at building relationships and links which foster stronger economic and cultural ties with Melbourne.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

That Council approves Councillor Le Liu's proposed travel to China for participation in the Australian China Youth Dialogue and other meetings with officials, including a visit to Thailand, between 11 and 28 November 2023 at a maximum cost to Council of \$6000.

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Funding support request, Pasko sa Melbourne: Christmas in our Hearts Festival

Moved: Cr Hakim

That Council approves allocation of a one-off grant of \$12,000 via the discretionary fund to The Empowered Australian Multicultural Society (TEAMS) for the purpose of staging the Pasko sa Melbourne: Christmas in our Hearts festival to be held at the Queen Victoria Market on 5 December 2023 and that funding be subject to the sponsorship conditions advised by management including acknowledgement of City of Melbourne (CoM) support and post-event acquittal processes.

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

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

Acknowledgement of departing General Manager – Katrina McKenzie

The Lord Mayor acknowledged Katrina McKenzie, General Manager City Economy and Activation, for her long tenure at the City of Melbourne spanning 19 years. The Lord Mayor noted the direct and significant impact Katrina has had on the organisation and on Melbourne as a city, recognising in particular Katrina's leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. Katrina has led the implementation of initiatives such as Melbourne Money and the Business Concierge service, which has become a vital function to support and partner with businesses in the City of Melbourne. The Lord Mayor noted that Katrina is somebody who makes things happen and invests in people, and thanked her for her unwavering support, generous guidance and patience. The Lord Mayor, on behalf of all Councillors, officers and the community, congratulated Katrina for her dedicated contribution.

9. Closure of meeting to the public

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. *That pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the item under the following category:*
 - 1.1. *Agenda item 14.1 as it contains private commercial information which if released would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.*

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

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 6.51pm.

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Chair
Council