



## **Melbourne City Council**

### **MINUTES**

**Meeting Number 18  
Wednesday, 26 April 2006  
5.30pm**

#### **PRESENT**

Lord Mayor, John So  
Deputy Lord Mayor, Gary Singer  
Councillor Brindley  
Councillor Jetter  
Councillor Shanahan  
Councillor Snedden (arrived 5.35pm)  
Councillor Wilson

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Clarke  
Councillor Ng

To be confirmed at the meeting of  
Council on 30 May 2006.

## 1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND APOLOGIES

The meeting commenced at 5.33pm.

The Lord Mayor, John So, read the following acknowledgment statement:

*"I welcome Councillors, Management and members of the public in attendance to the City of Melbourne. We respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Kulin Nation. This special place is now known by its European name of Melbourne. Today, Melbourne is one of the great multicultural cities of the world, a significant meeting place. For the great Kulin Nation, Melbourne has always been an important meeting place and location for events of social, educational, sporting and cultural significance."*

The Chair advised that:

- the agenda comprised nine reports from Committee, one of which was confidential; and
- apologies had been received from Councillors Clarke and Ng.

## 2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or conflicts of interest.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

*Resolved:*

*That the minutes of the open meeting No 17, held on Tuesday, 14 March 2006, be confirmed.*

*Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Gary Singer*

*Seconded: Cr Jetter*

*Carried unanimously*

Cr Snedden arrived at the meeting at 5.35pm.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

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

## 5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 5)

### Submission/Items of Correspondence

The Chair advised that no submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's *Conduct of Meetings Local Law 2001*.

### Status of Confidential Item

The confidential item was not brought forward for consideration in the open session of the meeting.

### Finance and Governance Committee

#### 5.1. Tender Evaluation Report: Provision of Travel Management Services

The purpose of this report was to seek Council's approval to award a contract to FCm Travel Solutions for the provision of Travel Management Services and to provide information on the arrangements between the Council and the service provider as a consequence of this contract.

*Resolved:*

*1. That Council:*

- 1.1. award the contract for the provision of Travel Management Services to FCM Travel Solutions on a Schedule of Rates basis for a three year period, with an option to extend for a further two years, and otherwise in accordance with the negotiated terms and conditions of the contract;*
- 1.2. by instrument of delegation sealed by the Council under section 98(1) Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") delegate to the Chief Executive Officer, or the persons from time to time acting in that position, the authority to enter into the contract and to do all things incidental and ancillary to the same;*
- 1.3. under section 98(3) of the Act, authorise the instrument of delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, or the person from time to time acting in that position, to empower him or her to delegate any power, duty or function delegated to him or her under the paragraph above, to a member of Council staff; and*
- 1.4. resolve that the instrument of delegation referred to in paragraph 1.2 above will cease and be of no further effect upon the completion of all necessary steps and the execution of all necessary documents to enter into the contract with the successful tenderer.*

*Moved: Cr Shanahan*

*Seconded: Cr Wilson*

*Carried unanimously*

**5.2. Re-Appointment of Independent Audit Committee Member**

The purpose of this report was to request that Council appoint an independent member to the City of Melbourne Audit Committee.

*Resolved:*

*That Council note the report and that a recommendation for the appointment of a preferred candidate as an independent member of the Melbourne City Council Audit Committee will be considered in the confidential session.*

*Moved: Cr Shanahan*

*Seconded: Cr Snedden*

*Carried unanimously*

**5.3. Ombudsman's Report**

The purpose of this report was to:

- invite the Ombudsman to meet with the Councillors to discuss the recommendations/findings of his Report; and
- request the administration to prepare a report updating Council on actions taken to implement the recommendations/findings of the Report.

*Resolved:*

*1. That Council:*

- 1.1. invite the Ombudsman to meet with the Councillors to discuss the report in order that the report's recommendations/findings can be implemented to its fullest extent; and*
- 1.2. request the administration to prepare a report updating Council on actions taken by the administration to implement the recommendations/findings of the Ombudsman's report.*

*Moved: Cr Shanahan*

*Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Gary Singer*

*Carried unanimously*

## **Community Services Committee**

### **5.4. 2006 Arts Grants Program – North Melbourne Town Hall (Round 2)**

The purpose of this report was to provide a summary of the second round of the 2006 Arts Grants for the North Melbourne Town Hall category and to seek approval for the allocation of grants, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Management Report.

*Resolved:*

*That Council approve the second round of the 2006 Arts Grants for the North Melbourne Town Hall to the applicants and for the amounts identified in Attachment 1 to the Management Report.*

*Moved: Cr Wilson*

*Seconded: Cr Jetter*

*Carried unanimously*

### **5.5. City Library Status Report – July to December 2005**

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with the Joint Venture City Library Six Monthly Operational Report for July to December 2005 and the Financial Report for July to December 2005, incorporating the Mid Year Budget Review.

*Resolved:*

- 1. That Council approve the Joint Venture City Library:*
  - 1.1. Six Monthly Operational Report for July to December 2005; and*
  - 1.2. Financial Report for July to December 2005 which incorporates the Mid Year Budget Review.*

*Moved: Cr Wilson*

*Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Gary Singer*

*Carried unanimously*

### **5.6. Yarra-Melbourne Regional Library Corporation Progress Report – July to December 2005**

The purpose of this report was to present to Council the Yarra-Melbourne Regional Library Corporation progress reports.

*Resolved:*

- 1. That Council endorse the Yarra-Melbourne Regional Library Corporation:*
  - 1.1. Second Quarter Report on Annual Service Plan 2005-2006;*
  - 1.2. Statistical Data and Activity Report July to December 2005; and*
  - 1.3. Half-Yearly Financial Report July to December 2005.*

*Moved: Cr Wilson*

*Seconded: Cr Snedden*

*Carried unanimously*

## **Marketing and Events Committee**

### **5.7. TEAMelbourne and Wei-G'Day China: Melbourne/Tianjin - City of Melbourne and Melbourne FC Project Partnership**

The purpose of this report was to propose a 3 year project partnership between the City of Melbourne and the Melbourne Football Club (MELBOURNEfc) for two projects comprising conducting AFL exhibition matches and training clinics in Tianjin, and to become a Foundation member of TEAMelbourne.

Cr Jetter moved the following motion:

*That the Council Report lay on the table pending receipt of further information in relation to the proposal.*

Cr Wilson seconded Cr Jetter's motion. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

## **Planning Committee**

### **5.7.a. Planning Issues Relating to the Melbourne Convention Centre (Plenary Hall) Development**

The purpose of this report was to seek Council's position on a proposed Amendment to the Melbourne Planning Scheme to grant planning consent to the Melbourne Convention Centre development.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Gary Singer moved the recommendation contained in the Council Report. Cr Jetter seconded the Deputy Lord Mayor, Gary Singer's motion.

Cr Brindley foreshadowed the following alternative motion:

1. *That Council recommend:*

- 1.1. *to the Minister for Planning that the Planning Scheme Amendment (the Incorporated Document) not proceed until resolution of the following issues:*
  - 1.1.1. *that the design of the new pedestrian bridge and the public areas to be funded by the Council subject to a Section 173 Agreement, or similar agreement, with the Council;*
  - 1.1.2. *that a study be undertaken regarding the proposed bridge, its likely usage, positive attributes and negative impacts;*
  - 1.1.3. *the development and implementation of a public transport strategy which should include improved access to existing public transport services in Clarendon Street, Normanby Road and Flinders Street extension, and might include consideration of a tram or light rail diversion into the site itself;*
  - 1.1.4. *that the on-site car parking is managed to service the Convention Centre and the associated retail, hotel and residential uses rather than as a commuter car park;*
  - 1.1.5. *public access by pedestrians and cyclists is maximised both to and through the site, and to the new bridge and waterfront;*
  - 1.1.6. *any third party promotional signage is subject to a separate signage strategy which will ensure that it does not detract from the architecture, the precinct and the experience of the public realm;*
  - 1.1.7. *further development of the proposal to resolve the interface between the new commercial retail and residential buildings, and the existing South Wharf buildings;*
  - 1.1.8. *that the detailed design of all spaces between buildings be revised to ensure good amenity and connectivity between the site and the rest of the city;*
  - 1.1.9. *all of those more detailed issues listed in Paragraph 36 of this report.*

Cr Shanahan seconded Cr Brindley's foreshadowed motion.

Discussion ensued in relation to:

- consultation processes;
- the nature of ownership of the land;
- mechanisms in place which will provide Council with certainty in relation to the design phase of the proposed development, particularly in relation to the pedestrian bridge and public areas; and
- the Ministerial timeframes involved.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Gary Singer's motion was put and carried with the Lord Mayor, John So, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Gary Singer, Councillors Jetter and Wilson voting in favour of the motion and Councillors Brindley, Shanahan and Snedden voting against the motion.

Resolved:

*1. That Council:*

- 1.1. recommend to the Minister for Planning that the Planning Scheme Amendment (the Incorporated Document) include the following:*
  - 1.1.1. that the design of the new pedestrian bridge and the public areas to be funded by the Council subject to a Section 173 Agreement, or similar agreement, with the Council;*
  - 1.1.2. that a study be undertaken regarding the proposed bridge, its likely usage, positive attributes and negative impacts;*
  - 1.1.3. the development and implementation of a public transport strategy which should include improved access to existing public transport services in Clarendon Street, Normanby Road and Flinders Street extension, and might include consideration of a tram or light rail diversion into the site itself;*
  - 1.1.4. that the on-site car parking is managed to service the Convention Centre and the associated retail, hotel and residential uses rather than as a commuter car park;*
  - 1.1.5. public access by pedestrians and cyclists is maximised both to and through the site, and to the new bridge and waterfront;*
  - 1.1.6. any third party promotional signage is subject to a separate signage strategy which will ensure that it does not detract from the architecture, the precinct and the experience of the public realm;*
  - 1.1.7. further development of the proposal to resolve the interface between the new commercial retail and residential buildings, and the existing South Wharf buildings;*
  - 1.1.8. that the detailed design of all spaces between buildings be revised to ensure good amenity and connectivity between the site and the rest of the city;*
  - 1.1.9. that the above matters be subject of further consultation with the Council to the satisfaction of the Minister; and*
  - 1.1.10. all of those more detailed issues listed in Paragraph 36 of the attached Management report.*

Cr Brindley's foreshadowed motion duly lapsed.

## **6. REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT**

There were no Reports from Management to be considered.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

There were no items of General Business to be considered.

## **8. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Urgent Business to be considered.

## **9. CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETING**

The Council moved into closed session with the following resolution:

*Resolved:*

*"That pursuant to section 89(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1989, the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for consideration of Agenda item 5.8, because it contains information in relation to personnel matters."*


*Moved: Cr Shanahan*

*Seconded: Cr Snedden*

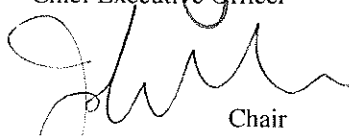
*Carried unanimously*

The Chair declared the meeting closed to members of the public at 6.10pm.

Confirmed in open Council on 30 May 2006.



Chief Executive Officer



Chair  
Town Hall, Melbourne

The reports considered in the decision making process (summaries of which are incorporated in these minutes) can be found at [www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/committees](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/committees).