

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

**Meeting Number 65
Tuesday 1 October 2019
5.30pm**

**Council Meeting Room
Level 2
Melbourne Town Hall**

Present

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood
Councillor Nicolas Frances Gilley
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey
Councillor Cathy Oke
Councillor Beverley Pinder-Mortimer
Councillor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Susan Riley
Councillor Jackie Watts

To be confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On 15 October 2019

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 an audio and video recording would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business tomorrow
- the agenda comprised of two reports from management and one item of general business
- no apologies had been received from Councillors.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, advised that conflicts of interest would be disclosed as they arose.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Oke

That the minutes of meeting No 64, held on 17 September 2019, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Riley

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

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

5. Public questions

Bea McNicholas asked the following questions relating to the Melbourne Observatory:

What responsibility does City of Melbourne have to protect the heritage values of the Observatory?

What is the City of Melbourne's role in curbing activities which may be for a short term monetary gain, for example Circus Oz, that threaten to degrade Melbourne Observatory and its grounds?

Would the City of Melbourne undertake to advocate to the State Government and the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Royal Botanic Gardens of Victoria Board, in support of the Observatory?

Will the City of Melbourne support a UNESCO world heritage application?

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that the questions would be taken on notice.

Mary Drost asked a question in relation to the decision by Council to request a review by the Heritage Council of the heritage permit refusal for works in Fawkner Park.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that the matter was debated at the September Council meeting and that Council is dedicated to the greening of our city and balancing the needs of the all users of our parks. The Lord Mayor suggested Ms Drost listen to the audio of that meeting to get an understanding of why Council made its decision.

Stephen Mayne asked a question relating to why Council has underspent on capital works over a number of years.

Stephen Mayne also asked a question relating to Council's relationship with the AFL and asked how many Grand Final tickets were provided to Council.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that both questions would be taken on notice.

Jennifer McDonald asked a question about Circus Oz being granted a permit to perform on the lawn of the Melbourne Observatory.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that the question would be taken on notice.

Barry Clarke asked if Council would consider turning off street lighting in certain areas after midnight to reduce greenhouse emissions in line with a study conducted by a number of English municipalities.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp asked Mr Clarke if he could send the details of the study he referred to so we could consider it and advised that the question would be taken on notice.

6. Reports from management

Submissions/Correspondence

There were no submissions or items of correspondence.

Planning Portfolio

Cr Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the Planning Portfolio.

6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2018-872, Reserve 113-115 Epsom Road and 8-32 Howlett Street, Kensington

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of an application for planning permit which seeks to change the status of land to reflect the as built conditions located at 8-32 Howlett Street, Kensington and the adjoining Council Reserve at 113-115 Epsom Road, Kensington.

Moved: Cr Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that a Planning Permit be issued subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the management report).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Reece, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley and Watts.

Finance and Governance Portfolio

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to one report from management in relation to the Finance and Governance Portfolio.

6.2 Ratification of Future Melbourne Committee meeting dates 2020

The purpose of this report was to ratify the dates, times and venue for meetings of the Future Melbourne Committee in 2020.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

That the Future Melbourne Committee ratifies the schedule of meeting dates, times and venue as outlined in Attachment 2 to the report from management.

Seconded: Cr Oke

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

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

7. General business

There was one item of General business for consideration.

7.1 Post travel report by Councillor Philip Le Liu, Beijing, China, July 2019

The purpose of this report was to report on the travel undertaken by Councillor Philip Le Liu, Chair International Engagement portfolio to Beijing, China to participate in a series of meetings and delegations led by Melbourne Airport with the People's Republic of China (PRC) Ministry of Culture and Tourism for the period 3 to 7 July 2019.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the report by Councillor Philip Le Liu in participating in a series of meetings and delegations led by Melbourne Airport in Beijing, China in July 2019.

Seconded: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

9. Public questions

Scott Bacon asked a question in relation to what support Council has provided to the Richmond Football Club and whether Council could put pressure on Richmond to end their investment in poker machines.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised the question would be taken on notice.

Stephen Mayne asked a question relating to a donation of \$80,000, made to 'Team Doyle' during the 2016 election campaign by a Chinese restaurant chain, querying why the restaurant had made such a large donation and why the donation was provided.

Cr Riley advised that all campaign donations were disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act and encouraged Mr Mayne to lodge his concerns with the Local Government Inspectorate.

Cr Louey sought clarification from Mr Mayne as to whether he was asking his question as a potential candidate for next year's election, as a freelance journalist or on behalf of CBD News, Docklands News and Southbank News. Cr Louey referred to an email received from Mr Mayne dated 17 September 2019 in relation to the matter and advised that the former Lord Mayor had previously provided an answer to this question.

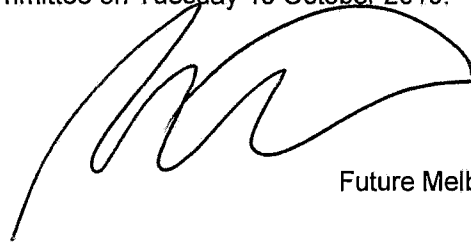
Stephen Mayne asked a question relating to whether Council is interested in leveraging its relationship with Richmond Football Club, and the various leisure facilities they run, to encourage them to divest from their involvement in poker machines.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp suggested Mr Mayne write to the Richmond Football Club regarding his questions about their poker machine investments and advised that this question would be taken on notice.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 6.12pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 15 October 2019.

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Chair
Future Melbourne Committee

