



**CITY OF MELBOURNE**

## **Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Meeting Number 3**

**Tuesday 23 February 2021**

**5.30pm**

**Council Chambers**

**Level 2**

**Melbourne Town Hall**

#### **Present**

Lord Mayor Sally Capp  
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

Confirmed at the meeting of Council  
on Tuesday 30 March 2021

## **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 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 one report from committee and 10 reports from management, of which four were confidential.
- 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 Campbell

*That the minutes of meeting No 2, held on Tuesday 15 December 2020, be confirmed.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, 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.

#### **Submissions/Correspondence**

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's Governance Rules.

#### **Submissions**

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Melbourne City Recovery Fund:**

#### **Item of correspondence:**

- Chris Thrum.

### **5. Report from Committee**

There was one report from Committee for consideration in the open session.

#### **5.1 Community Engagement Policy**

The purpose of this report was to recommend that Council adopts the Community Engagement Policy.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

*That Council adopts the Community Engagement Policy (Attachment 2 of the report from management).*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

## Confirmed minutes

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### 6. Reports from management

There were six reports from management for consideration in the open session.

#### 6.1 City Economy Advisory Board

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on the progress of the City Economy Advisory Board (Advisory Board) and to advise next steps.

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That Council*

- 1.1. *Notes management's intention to conclude the work of the seven Advisory Board sub-committees.*
- 1.2. *Requests the Lord Mayor write to sub-committee members thanking them for their significant contribution to the response and recovery effort.*
- 1.3. *Notes the continuation of the City of the Future/Recovery Taskforce and Advisory Board until the release of the Economic Development Strategy.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

#### 6.2 Melbourne City Recovery Fund

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with an update on the \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Notes the programs and activities underway through the Melbourne City Recovery Fund.*
- 1.2. *Requests the Lord Mayor meet the Victorian Treasurer, providing an update on the activities being progressed with the Victorian Government through the Fund as well as the ongoing economic challenges facing the city.*

Seconded: Cr Campbell

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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### **6.3 Referred Documents from the 4 December 2020 Audit and Risk Committee meeting**

The purpose of this report was to advise Council of the outcomes of the City of Melbourne Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 4 December 2020.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

*That Council notes the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 4 December 2020.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### **6.4 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal (QVMPR) Program – Quarterly Report**

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with a progress update and expenditure breakdown of the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal program for the financial year ending 31 December 2020.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

*That Council accepts the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program quarterly report which confirms a total program expenditure of \$50.91 million as at 31 December 2020.*

Seconded: Cr Campbell

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### **6.5 Quarterly Financial Performance Report and Budget**

The purpose of this report was to inform Council of the financial performance of the Council for the 2020–21 Second Quarterly Financial Performance Report and Budget, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and to provide information on supplementary valuations adopted by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Accepts the 2020–21 Second Quarterly Financial Performance Report and Budget.*
- 1.2. *Notes that the Chief Executive Officer, as required under Section 97(3) of the Act, is of the opinion a revised Budget may be required to allow for an increase in borrowings.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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### 6.6 Proposed discontinuance and sale of part of Riverside Quay Melbourne, and sale of part of Riverside Quay Reserve

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement to commence statutory procedures relating to the proposed discontinuance and transfer of a portion of Riverside Quay road reserve (the Road) adjacent to 12 Riverside Quay, Southbank (Esso House) and transfer of a 166m<sup>2</sup> portion of the Riverside Quay Reserve (the Adjoining Land).

Moved: Cr Le Liu

#### 1. That Council:

1.1. Resolves to commence the statutory procedures pursuant to Schedule 10, Clause 3 and sections 189 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act) and place a public notice in *The Age* newspaper and on the City of Melbourne website of Council's proposal to discontinue and transfer a portion of Riverside Quay road reserve adjacent to 12 Riverside Quay, Southbank and transfer the adjoining land (previously known as a reserve) at Riverside Quay (Proposal) to Nice Future International Investment Pty Ltd.

#### 1.2. Notes that:

1.2.1. any submissions received in relation to the Proposal will be considered by the Council's Submissions (Section 223) Committee, which will report back to Council

1.2.2. if no submissions are received in relation to the Proposal, a further management report will be presented to Council for a final decision.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### 7. General business

There were no items of General business for consideration in the open session.

### 8. Urgent business

There was one item of urgent business for consideration in the open session.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

*That the matter of Return to Workplace 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 Council or meeting.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That Council:*

1.1 *Endorses the CEO's commitment to the following physical return to work program for the City of Melbourne, subject to public health orders:*

1.1.1 *50 percent of the workforce to return to the office in compliance with a workplace COVID Safety Plan.*

1.1.2 *75 percent of workforce to return as soon as practicable after restrictions are lifted by the Victorian Government in compliance with a workplace COVID Safety Plan.*

1.1.3 *100 percent of the workforce to return as soon as practicable, after restrictions are lifted by the Victorian Government in compliance with a workplace COVID Safety Plan and flexible work arrangements in line with the relevant industrial instruments.*

1.2 *Encourages other major public and private employers, working with their employees and their representatives, to make a commitment to expedite the safe return of workers to their city workplaces so they can realise the collaboration, creativity, innovation and morale benefits that come from being physically present in a thriving workplace and city.*

1.3 *Notes that, according to research by Roy Morgan, a significant majority of city workers are willing to return to the office and that people leaders play a critical role in encouraging and supporting the safe return of employees to their workplace.*

1.4 *Supports the safe physical return to work of staff at the City of Melbourne as an important step to help boost confidence and support for city-based businesses who have suffered over the past 12 months.*

1.5 *Supports the City of Melbourne's efforts, in consultation with employees and their representatives:*

1.5.1 *to update its COVID-19 safety plans to ensure that we are meeting all workplace health and safety obligations and providing workplace flexibility where appropriate*

1.5.2 *to continue to support flexible work arrangements, where appropriate in line with business requirements*

1.5.3 *in recognising that the health and safety of the people of Melbourne and employees at the City of Melbourne is a top priority.*

1.6 *Requests the Victorian Government to detail its proposed timeline for increasing the workplace caps equally, for both public and private sectors, as soon as practicable including consideration of return to workplace rules and regulations for city workers.*

Seconded: Cr Chang

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

## 9. Closure of meeting

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

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 item 14.1 as it contains information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.*

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- 1.2 *Agenda item 14.2 as it contains private commercial information, which if released, would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.*
- 1.3 *Agenda item 14.3 as it contains private commercial information, which if released, would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.*
- 1.4 *Agenda item 14.4 as it contains private commercial information, which if released, would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of Council on 30 March 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Capp', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Chair  
Council