

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Council Meeting

Minutes

Meeting Number 12 Tuesday 26 October 2021 5.30pm

Virtual Meeting

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece Councillor Dr Olivia Ball Councillor Roshena Campbell Councillor Elizabeth Doidge Councillor Davydd Griffiths Councillor Jamal Hakim Councillor Phillp Le Liu Councillor Rohan Leppert Councillor Kevin Louey

Apology

Councillor Jason Chang

Confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 23 November 2021

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 nine reports from management, of which four were confidential
- an apology had been received from Councillor Jason Chang
- Councillors were participating in this evening's meeting via livestream.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

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

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Hakim

That the minutes of meeting No 11, held on Tuesday 28 September 2021, be confirmed.

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, 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 6.1, 'Annual Report 2020-21':

Item of correspondence:

• Chris Thrum.

5. Reports from Committee

There were no reports from Committee for consideration in the open session.

6. Reports from management

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

Confirmed minutes

6.1 Annual Report 2020-21

The purpose of this report was for the Council to consider the City of Melbourne Annual Report 2020–21 in accordance with the transitional provisions in the Local Government Act 2020, the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

That Council notes it has considered the City of Melbourne Annual Report 2020–21 (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management) in accordance with section 134(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 and section 329(7)(b) of the Local Government Act 2020.

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

6.2 Support for social enterprises

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the proposed approach to the Social Enterprise City Impact Program, which seeks to support social enterprises as part of the city's post-crisis recovery efforts.

Moved: Cr Louey

That Council endorses the proposed Social Enterprise City Impact Program which will provide for new and established social enterprises to receive cash grants, access to pop-up spaces as well as capability-building activities such as mentoring and pitch events.

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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 Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.3 Audit and Risk Committee 2020-21 Annual Activity Report

The purpose of this report was to present to Council the Audit and Risk Committee 2020-21 Annual Activity Report.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

That Council notes the Audit and Risk Committee 2020-21 Annual Activity Report (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management) and its subsequent publication on Council's website.

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

6.4 Adoption of Asset Plan 2021-2031

The purpose of this report was to adopt the draft Asset Plan 2021-2031 following endorsement by Future Melbourne Committee on 5 October 2021 to exhibit the draft plan for a two week period on Participate Melbourne.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

- 1. That Council:
 - 1.1. Adopts the Asset Plan 2021-2031 (refer Attachment 3 of the report from management).
 - 1.2. Authorises the General Manager, Property, Infrastructure and Design to make any further minor editorial changes to the Asset Plan 2021-2031 prior to publication.
 - 1.3. Notes that the Asset Plan 2021-2031 will be reviewed in 2022 to align it with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020.

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

6.5 Adoption of the Council's 10-Year Financial Plan

The purpose of this report was to request Council adopt the 10-year Financial Plan in accordance with section 91 of the Local Government Act 2020.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

That Council adopt the 10-Year Financial Plan (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management) in accordance with section 91 of the Local Government Act 2020.

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, 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 were two items of urgent business for consideration in the open session.

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8.1 Scheduling of the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on 16 November 2021

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the matter of the scheduling of the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on 16 November 2021 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 meeting.

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

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1.

- That for the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) meeting scheduled for 16 November 2021, Council resolves:
 - 1.1. To change the commencement time of the meeting from 6.00pm to 5.30pm.
 - 1.2. Hold the meeting at the Town Hall Administration Building, subject to State Government restrictions.

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball 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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

8.2 Proposal to defer busking, outdoor dining fees and infrastructure costs involving parklets and laneway closures until 31 March 2022

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That the matter of the proposal to defer busking, outdoor dining fees and infrastructure costs involving parklets and laneway closures until 31 March 2022 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.

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

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

- 1. That Council endorses the recommendation by Council's Future Melbourne Committee at its meeting on 5 October 2021 to:
 - 1.1. Defer the proposed outdoor dining permit fee introduction until 1 April 2022 to allow for more regular trading conditions to return as vaccination rates increase. The income foregone being \$405,000 could be included in Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund 2 (MCRF2).

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- 1.2. Defer outdoor applications fees until 1 April 2022. Any business that has already paid the application fee will be notified that they will be given a credit for next year's renewal.
- 1.3. Purchase existing on-street parklet infrastructure and give it to parklet permit holders who have previously engaged in the program and transfer all ongoing cleaning, maintenance and repair costs to parklet permit holders. The cost of this being \$1,132,000.
- 1.4. Re-instate some of the removed parklets strictly on request by businesses who had previously made a decision to remove parklets in July based on costs. These will only be reinstated on request and considered on a case-by-case basis. Each parklet reinstatement would cost approximately \$3,500 per bay (plus traffic management costs). It is estimated that up to 15 parklets may be reinstated to assist businesses at a cost of approximately \$50,000 to \$70,000.
- 1.5. Continue to support the laneway closure program at a cost of approximately \$878,000 for the provision of security infrastructure until 1 April 2022.
- 1.6. Engage with the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions on further support for outdoor dining through MCRF2.
- 1.7. Defers the introduction of busking permit fees until 1 April 2022 to encourage buskers to return to the city and introduce promotional activities and initiatives such as 'Tip My Hat' competition.

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

9. Closure of meeting to the public

- 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 council business information which if released would prejudice Council's position in commercial negotiations.
 - 1.2 Agenda items 14.2, 14.3 and 14.4 as they contain private commercial information which if released would unreasonably expose businesses 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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed to the public at 6.20pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 23 November 2021.

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Chair Council