



CITY OF MELBOURNE

Council Meeting

Minutes

**Meeting Number 18
Tuesday 31 May 2022
5.30pm**

**Council Chambers
Level 2
Melbourne Town Hall**

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apology

Councillor Roshena Campbell

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council
on Tuesday 28 June 2022

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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 10 reports from management, of which five were confidential, and one items of general business
- an apology had been received from Cr Campbell.

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 17, held on Tuesday 26 April 2022, 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, 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 6.1, **Night Time Economy Advisory Committee Evaluation and Extension:**

Items of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum
- Gino & Tino.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Quarterly performance reporting – Council Plan major initiatives, Finances and Capital Program:**

Items of correspondence:

- Mary-Lou Howie, President, Friends of Queen Victoria Market; Jill Quirk, Protectors of Public Lands (Vic); B. McNicholas, Director, Walk in St Kilda Rd & Environs, Convenor of Planet Ark National Tree Day, Nature Care & Lighting Events
- Phillip Mansour.

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In relation to Agenda item 7.1, **BINS4Blokes initiative: Incontinence product disposal bins in Council owned business facilities – trial program:**

Items of correspondence:

- Greg Ryan, Founder and Executive Officer, One in 5000 Foundation.
- Rowan Cockerell, CEO, Continence Foundation of Australia.

5. Reports from Committee

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

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp called on Cr Leppert as chair of the Heritage portfolio to present agenda item 5.1.

5.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C394 – Fishermans Bend Heritage

The purpose of this report was to recommend that Council, having considered the Amendment C394 Panel's report and recommendations, adopts Planning Scheme Amendment C394.

Cr Le Liu declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3) of the Local Government Act 2020. Cr Le Liu is a director of a company that has an agreement with an affected party. Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 5.35pm prior to discussion taking place.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. That Council:

- 1.1. *Considers the independent Planning Panel's report for Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C394 at Attachment 2 of the report from management (the Amendment) and adopts the recommended response to the Panel's recommendations as set out in Attachment 3 of the report from management.*
- 1.2. *Adopts the Amendment in line with the changes to documentation shown at Attachment 4 of the report from management.*
- 1.3. *Directs management submit the adopted Amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.*
- 1.4. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any editorial, referencing or policy neutral changes to the Amendment documentation prior to lodging with the Minister for Planning for approval.*

Seconded: Cr 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, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Cr Le Liu returned to the meeting at 5.41pm.

6. Reports from management

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

6.1 Night Time Economy Advisory Committee - Evaluation and Extension

The purpose of this report was to seek Council's agreement to re-appoint the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee (NTEAC) members for another term and make minor amendments to the NTEAC Terms of Reference (ToR).

Moved: Cr Chang

1. That Council:

- 1.1. *Approves the extension of all Night Time Economy Advisory Committee (NTEAC) members for a further full 12 month term until 30 June 2023.*

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- 1.2. *Respects that the Committee has been in place for a year and is continuing to embed its own corporate identity and styles of working, and so empowers the Committee to elect a chair from among the 'external committee members' at its first meeting in the new financial year; and*
- 1.3. *Endorses the revised NTEAC Terms of Reference (Attachment 3 of the report from management).*

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

6.2 Quarterly performance reporting – Council Plan Major Initiatives, Finances and Capital Program

The purpose of this report was to inform the community of the performance of the Council at the end of the third quarter of the financial year.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That Council:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the Council Plan 2021-2025 quarter three summary report and performance report (refer Attachments 2 and 3 of the report from management).*
 - 1.2. *Notes the 2021-2022 Capital Works Program quarter three summary report on Major and Complex projects (Attachment 4 of the report from management).*
 - 1.3. *Notes the 2021-22 quarter one Financial Performance Report and the current forecast (Attachments 5 to 8 of the report from management).*

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

6.3 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal 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 (QVMPR) program for the period ending 31 March 2022.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That Council accepts the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program quarterly report which confirms a total program expenditure \$91,646,726 as at 31 March 2022.

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

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6.4 Proposed Property Divestments

The purpose of this report was to seek Council approval to commence the statutory process to sell four Council owned properties.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That Council:*
 - 1.1. *Proposes to sell the council owned land at:*
 - 1.1.1. *47-49 Canning Street, Carlton*
 - 1.1.2. *100-104 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne*
 - 1.1.3. *505-513 Abbotsford Street, North Melbourne*
 - 1.1.4. *30-38 Gatehouse Drive, Kensington.*
 - 1.2. *Pursuant to section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020:*
 - 1.2.1. *Authorises public notices of Council's intention to sell the land to be placed on Council's website*
 - 1.2.2. *Undertakes a community engagement process (Community Engagement Process) in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy in relation to the proposed sales.*
 - 1.3. *Notes the Community Engagement Process will be carried out by management under delegation.*
 - 1.4. *Notes the results of the Community Engagement Process and resulting recommendations by management in respect to the proposed sales will be the subject of a further report to Council.*

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

6.5 Opportunity for international engagement

The purpose of this report was to seek Council approval for the Lord Mayor to travel to Singapore to present at the World Cities Summit (WCS 2022) and ancillary meetings for the period 31 July to 4 August 2022.

Moved: Cr Chang

1. *That Council:*
 - 1.1. *Approves the Lord Mayor's proposed travel to Singapore to participate in the WCS 2022 and ancillary meetings between 31 July and 4 August 2022.*
 - 1.2. *Approves an amount of \$5000 to cover part costs associated with the Lord Mayor's proposed travel.*
 - 1.3. *Notes that the Lord Mayor will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.*

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

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

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7. General business

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

7.1 BINS4Blokes initiative: Incontinence product disposal bins in Council owned business facilities – trial program

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. That Council:

- 1.1. Supports the objectives behind the BINS4Blokes initiative led by the Continence Foundation of Australia.
- 1.2. Requests management to undertake the following:
 - 1.2.1. Develop and implement a 12 month trial program which sees the supply and installation of incontinence product disposal bins in male and all gender toilets at City of Melbourne facilities in six locations across the municipality including recreation centres/baths, community centres and libraries/hubs.
 - 1.2.2. Support the trial with a communication program aimed at building community awareness of the service.
 - 1.2.3. Report back to Council in twelve months on the outcomes of the trial program and provide options on the expansion of the program across City of Melbourne facilities and offices.
- 1.3. Notes that costs associated with the trial program will be met through the existing facilities cleaning budget.

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

8. Urgent business

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

8.1 Federal Labor election

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the matter of Federal Labor election commitments for Melbourne meets the criteria of Urgent Business as it arose after the agenda for the 31 May 2022 Council Meeting was circulated: it is imperative to pursue election commitments made for Melbourne as a matter of priority to provide certainty for the city.

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

Cr Chang left the meeting at 6.37pm and returned at 6.40pm

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. That Council:

- 1.1. Notes that the City of Melbourne has been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and continues to require a proportionate response from state and federal counterparts to revitalise Melbourne.

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- 1.2. *Notes the City of Melbourne's Federal Election Advocacy Platform as adopted by Council in December 2021 has driven our approach to ensuring our advocacy priorities have been considered by all political parties.*
- 1.3. *Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Prime Minister, the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, to congratulate him on forming government.*
- 1.4. *Notes that the new Federal Labor Government election commitments aligned to CoM advocacy include:*
 - 1.4.1. *\$20 million to support delivery of Greenline*
 - 1.4.2. *\$200 million to install 400 community batteries across Australia, two of which are planned to be located within the City of Melbourne*
 - 1.4.3. *\$5 million to improve Moonee Ponds Creek and support our delivery of key actions within the Moonee Ponds Creek Strategic Opportunities Plan*
 - 1.4.4. *\$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund which will build 30,000 new social and affordable housing properties.*
 - 1.4.5. *\$3 million for a transport study in Fishermans Bend*
- 1.5. *Notes that there is a range of other opportunities to continue to promote Melbourne's revitalisation in line with our advocacy strategy; these include:*
 - 1.5.1. *Attract return of international students via improved post-study work visas*
 - 1.5.2. *Redevelop Central Pier, Docklands*
 - 1.5.3. *Tram to Fishermans Bend*
 - 1.5.4. *Return office workers to the city.*
- 1.6. *Requests the Lord Mayor write to relevant Ministers responsible for the City of Melbourne's federal advocacy priorities to partner on aligned commitments and highlight outstanding challenges that require support.*

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, Chang, 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 private commercial information pertaining to negotiations with the Victorian government.*
 - 1.2. *Agenda items 14.2, 14.3 and 14.4 as they contains private commercial information, which if released, would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.*
 - 1.3. *Agenda item 14.5 as it contains private commercial information, which if released, would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.*

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

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed to the public at 6.49 pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 28 June 2022.



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Council

