

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 38 Tuesday 12 July 2022 5.30pm

Town Hall Commons

Present

Acting 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

Apologies

Lord Mayor Sally Capp Councillor Roshena Campbell

> To be confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee On Tuesday 19 July 2022

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, 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 four reports from management
- apologies had been received from Lord Mayor Sally Capp and Cr Campbell.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arose.

Condolence Statement for the former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece offered a condolence statement, on behalf of Council, in relation to the passing of the former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and the City of Melbourne I extend our sincere condolences to our friends in Japan following the recent passing of former Japanese Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe.

Mr Abe was Japan's longest-serving leader in the country's history, played an important role in making Japan the leading country that it is today and building a strong relationship between our two countries.

The City of Melbourne has had long ties with Japan through our first sister city partnership formed with Osaka in 1978. We have strong business ties with Osaka, particularly in the Life Sciences and Health sectors and we continue to facilitate two way trade between our two cities.

I have sent a letter of condolence on behalf of the City to Consul-General Junji Shamada and our heartfelt sympathies go to our friends in Osaka, the people of Japan and Shinzo Abe's family during this difficult time.

We know that Japan is a remarkably resilient country and will prevail through this loss.

Condolence Statement for the Victorian Labor MP Jane Garrett

Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece offered a condolence statement, on behalf of Council, in relation to the passing of the Victorian Labor MP Jane Garrett.

On behalf of Councillors and the City of Melbourne team I would like to pass on my condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Victorian Labor MP Jane Garrett who sadly passed away on 2 July after a battle with breast cancer. We extend our deepest sympathies to James, Molly, Sasha and Max – our thoughts are with you.

Jane was a passionate advocate for the rights of working people and spent her career fighting for safer, secure jobs. Smart and with a quick wit, she was a passionate advocate for women and the disadvantaged. Jane was elected to the City of Yarra in November 2008 and served as Mayor in 2010. Jane was also elected as the Member for Brunswick in 2010 and served as a parliamentary secretary and Shadow Cabinet Secretary. When Victorian Labor returned to government in 2014, she joined the Cabinet as Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation and Minister for Emergency Services. In 2018, she was elected as a Member for Eastern Victoria in the Legislative Council and appointed as Parliamentary Secretary for Jobs. She was even in the running for lord mayor of the City of Melbourne, before withdrawing from the race.

Jane served Victoria with integrity and commitment, and she will be remembered as a fighter and champion for workers' rights.

Tonight we pay tribute to Jane, loved by many and taken too soon. Vale Jane.

Condolence Statement for City of Melbourne staff member Anne Malloch

Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece offered a condolence statement, on behalf of Council, in relation to the passing of City of Melbourne staff member Anne Malloch and invited Councillor Rohan Leppert read a statement prepared by Clinton Moore, Anna Edwards and former Councillor Cathy Oke expressing their sentiments and also on behalf Councillors and staff of the City.

It is with deep sadness that we, friends and colleagues of Anne Malloch, mark her passing.

Anne's 27 year career at the City of Melbourne left an indelible mark upon our city.

Anne's contribution to Melbourne is much more than the projects she worked on.

It is marked by the relationships she built, the care which drove her work with the community, the curiosity and courage to try new ideas, and an unwavering commitment to social justice.

Anne will fondly be remembered for her work across the decades to ensure an inclusive, safe, and vibrant Melbourne at night.

She was integral in setting up the Melbourne Licensees Forum and visited licensed premises regularly, forging genuine relationships of trust across all aisles.

She led the work on Melbourne's first Policy for the 24 Hour City and ensured that Lord Mayors and Councillors understood the city at night through organising night tours.

Anne always delighted in 'showing off' Melbourne by day or night when visiting delegations came to town.

We pass on our condolences to all those affected by Anne's passing, and will always remember a kind, beautiful, and stylish soul that loved Melbourne so very much.

Vale Anne Malloch.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meetings

Moved:

Cr Doidge

That the minutes of meeting No 36, held on Tuesday 14 June 2022, be confirmed.

Seconded:

Cr Hakim

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

Moved:

Cr Griffiths

That the minutes of meeting No 37, held on Thursday 23 June 2022, be confirmed.

Seconded:

Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Acting 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 meetings

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

5. Public questions

Common Ground Conversations permit

Dale Park submitted the following written question relating to the permit approval for Common Ground Conversations:

There have been reports that a group called Common Ground Conversations was granted a permit for a street stall in the central business district with a banner reading "should trans athletes have their own competitive category or not?" Could Council please explain:

- (a) how this permit was granted;
- (b) what action has been taken since;
- (c) and what Council's stance is on trans athletes participating in competitive sport?

Cr Le Liu, Finance, Governance and Risk Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Dean Robertson, Director City Safety, Security and Amenity:

City of Melbourne received an application for a filming permit with minimal infrastructure where the applicants would ask "meaningful questions". On the day the applicant set up outside Flinders Street Station and shortly after council received a number of complaints. Our Local Laws officers attended the location and found the applicants were in breach of permit conditions and the permit was cancelled immediately.

The same applicants have applied for a further filming permit but withdrew the application before it could be assessed

Melbourne Music Week (MMW)

Chris Thrum submitted the following written question relating to Melbourne Music Week (MMW):

Melbourne Music Week (MMW) has for more than a decade concentrated on promoting and fostering the Victorian music industry, being a true grassroots celebration of the musical artists and venues of the Musical Capital of Australia.

For MMW 2022, will City of Melbourne continue to encourage and promote the Victorian music industry, and stay true to the vision of MMW focusing on being a grand celebration of the best of the local music scene?

What are your thoughts on MMW?

Cr Hakim, City Activation Acting Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Louise Scott, Director Experience Melbourne:

The City of Melbourne has delivered support for the Music Industry through its Melbourne Music Plan and through the delivery of Melbourne Music Week over many years.

In 2022, the State Government announced the creation of a major new contemporary music festival (Always Live) to take place at the same time of year as Melbourne Music Week. The City has been working closely with the State on the inclusion of Melbourne venues, artists and locations for key elements of this new festival and is currently reviewing the timing and delivery of Melbourne Music Week as a result.

City of Melbourne will continue to provide support to the industry through a number of initiatives and as a key part of the work of our Night Time Economy Committee.

6. Reports from management

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

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2021-648 386-392 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne:

Request to speak:

Travis Finlayson, Ratio.

Item of correspondence:

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In relation to Agenda item 6.3, Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2022-1 473-505 Docklands Drive, Docklands – Lot B:

Item of correspondence:

Jay Hollerich, Hollerich Town Planning.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, Establishment of a Zero-Carbon Industry cluster:

Item of correspondence:

Chris Thrum.

City Planning Portfolio

There were three reports from management for consideration in relation to the City Planning Portfolio.

6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2021-648 386-392 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of planning permit application TP-2021-648 for the land located at 386-392 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Travis Finlayson, Ratio

Cr Chang left the meeting at 6.02pm and returned at 6.03pm.

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece moved the motion in two parts.

Motion one:

Moved:

Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management), with the following amendments:
 - 1.1. Add condition 18.c): "Any recommendations required to ensure the Electronic Gaming Machines (EGM) are not audible in Hardware Street";
 - 1.2. Add condition 18.d): "Consider whether a recommendation for all windows to outdoor areas on the rooftop to be hermetically sealed is required to reduce noise impacts to neighbouring residents."

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

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

Motion two:

Moved:

Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee requests that the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Planning to advocate for urgent approval of Amendment C366 (Gaming Policy), noting that this amendment was submitted to the former Minister for Planning on 30 August 2019.

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

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

6.2 Planning Permit Application: TP-2021-766 405-417 Spencer Street, West Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a planning permit application seeking approval for use of the land at 405-417 Spencer Street, West Melbourne for the sale and consumption of liquor associated with the use of the existing warehouse as a bar, buildings and works, and the display of business identification signage.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 6.16pm and did not return.

Moved:

Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit subject to the conditions outlined in the Delegate Report (refer Attachment 4 – Delegate Report of the report from management).

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2022-1 473-505 Docklands Drive, Docklands – Lot B

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) of a Ministerial Planning Referral (PA2101470) seeking approval for the construction of a 36 storey residential apartment building on the land located at 473-505 Docklands Drive, Docklands.

Moved:

Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council supports the application, subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

Establishment of a Zero-Carbon Industry cluster 6.4

The purpose of this report was to update the Future Melbourne Committee on progress towards implementation of Major Initiative 29 - Create an enabling environment for Melbourne businesses and universities to become the employment centre of a resilient zero-carbon economy.

Moved:

Cr Doidge

- That the Future Melbourne Committee: 1.
 - Endorses management working with external stakeholders to support the establishment of a 'Zero-carbon' Industry and Jobs Cluster ('Cluster') by 30 June 2023.
 - Endorses management facilitating a Zero-Carbon Jobs Summit ('Summit"). 1.2.
 - Notes that management will conduct a market-opportunities assessment prior to the scheduled Summit to support the preparations for both the Summit and the Cluster.
 - Notes that management will keep a watching brief on opportunities for the City of Melbourne to engage with green finance initiatives.
 - 1.5. Requests that management report back to the Future Melbourne Committee in March 2023 on the outcomes of the Summit and preparations for the Cluster, including the proposed governance, support and reporting arrangements.

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

7. **General business**

There were no items of general business for consideration.

8. **Urgent business**

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

9. **Public questions**

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, declared the meeting closed at 6.46pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 19 July 2022.

Sully Chair Future Melbourne Committee