



**CITY OF MELBOURNE**

## **Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Meeting Number 21  
Tuesday 26 July 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 Davydd Griffiths  
Councillor Jamal Hakim  
Councillor Philip Le Liu  
Councillor Rohan Leppert  
Councillor Kevin Louey

#### **Apologies**

Councillor Roshena Campbell  
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge

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on Tuesday 30 August 2022

# U n 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.

Cr Louey arrived at the meeting at 5.31pm.

Cr Le Liu arrived at the meeting at 5.32pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that:

- the meeting is streamed live and an audio and video recording would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday
- the agenda comprises four reports from management, of which one is confidential, and one item of general business
- apologies were received from Councillors Campbell and Doidge
- Councillors Dr Ball and Louey were participating in this evening's meeting virtually.

## 2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

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

## 3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting/s

Moved: Cr Griffiths

*That the minutes of meeting No 19, held on Tuesday 28 June 2022, be confirmed.*

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 Dr Ball, Chang, 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 meetings.

## Submissions/Correspondence

The Chair advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's Governance Rules.

### Submissions

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, '**Faraday Street Public Toilet**':

#### Items of correspondence:

- Luca Sbardella, President, Carlton Inc
- Luisa Valmorbida, King & Godfree
- Mark Ridgeway.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, '**Opportunities for International Engagement**':

#### Items of correspondence:

- Karl Hessian
- Chris Thrum.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, '**Notice of Motion, Lord Mayor Sally Capp: 26 January**':

#### Item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

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### 5. Reports from Committee

There were no reports from Committee for consideration.

### 6. Reports from management

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

#### 6.1 Faraday Street Public Toilet

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement to install a new public toilet in the preferred community location on Faraday Street, east of Lygon Street, located in the centre of the road adjacent to the decommissioned underground heritage public toilet.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

*That Council approves the installation of a new public toilet on Faraday Street, east of Lygon Street, located in the centre of the road adjacent to the decommissioned underground heritage public toilet (location 3 in attachment 2 of the report from management).*

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

#### 6.2 Return of office workers to the central city

The purpose of this report is to report back 'within six months on the key outcomes of the initiatives aimed at increasing the number of office workers in the CBD.'

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Notes the significant amount of work to date by the City of Melbourne to encourage the return of city workers.*
- 1.2. *Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Industry Support and Recovery, seeking an accelerated delivery of the Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund, to support city recovery following the lifting of work from home recommendations.*
- 1.3. *Requests a report to Future Melbourne Committee in November 2022 that includes:*
  - 1.3.1. *a summary of initiatives to date that have supported the return of city workers*
  - 1.3.2. *recommendations for further initiatives to support the return of city workers for the remainder of the 2022-23 financial year, in accordance with future Victorian Government public health advice.*

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 Dr Ball, Chang, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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### 6.3 Opportunities for international engagement

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for Councillor Jamal Hakim to travel to Auckland between 21 and 26 August 2022 in his capacity as Portfolio Lead for Creative Melbourne and Deputy Portfolio Lead for Health, Wellbeing and Belonging and City Activation.

Moved: Cr Chang

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Approves Councillor Jamal Hakim's proposed travel to Auckland, New Zealand to undertake meetings and observations in relation to Auckland's approach to creative and cultural matters between 21 and 26 August 2022 at an estimated cost to Council of \$5575.*
- 1.2. *Notes that Councillor Hakim will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.*

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

### 7. General business

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

#### 7.1 Notice of Motion, Lord Mayor Sally Capp: 26 January

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That Council*

1.1. *Notes that:*

- 1.1.1. *January 26, as declared by the Commonwealth Government in 1994, is Australia's national day*
- 1.1.2. *For many people in the City of Melbourne and across Australia this date is divisive and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is marked as the anniversary of invasion and a day of mourning*
- 1.1.3. *There is growing national debate about whether Australia's national day should be changed to a date that can unify all Australians for celebration about what it means to be Australian.*

1.2. *Requests:*

- 1.2.1. *Management consult with constituents and stakeholders about the City of Melbourne's approach to January 26, including events, communications and community engagement and present options for Council consideration.*
- 1.2.2. *An options paper be prepared for Future Melbourne Committee consideration on 6 September 2022 that details how the City of Melbourne could manage January 26 from 2023 onwards.*
- 1.2.3. *The options paper outlines the current and proposed State and Federal Government approaches to 26 January.*
- 1.2.4. *The options paper include consideration of ways to engage with the Commonwealth Government on reconciliation with First Nations people, including involvement in the movement to change the date.*

- 1.3. *Affirms the City of Melbourne's commitment to reconciliation and to strengthening ties between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people for the benefit of all Australians.*

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

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The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey; and Cr Chang being present but not having cast a vote (abstaining) was taken to have voted against the motion.

### 8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business for consideration.

### 9. Closure of meeting to the public

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the following items:*

1.1 *Agenda item 14.1 as it contains Council business information, which if released, would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.*

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

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

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 30 August 2022.

Chair  
Council