

**CITY OF MELBOURNE** 

## **Council Meeting**

**Minutes** 

Meeting Number 25 Tuesday 25 October 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 Roshena Campbell Councillor Jason Chang Councillor Elizabeth Doidge Councillor Davydd Griffiths Councillor Davydd Griffiths Councillor Philip Le Liu Councillor Philip Le Liu Councillor Rohan Leppert Councillor Kevin Louey

> Confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 29 November 2022

## 1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.31pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that:

- the meeting is being streamed live and that an audio and video recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday, 26 October 2022
- the agenda comprised one report from committee and eight reports from management, of which five were confidential.

## 2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

## 3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meetings

Moved: Cr Campbell

That the minutes of meeting No 23, held on Tuesday 27 September 2022, be confirmed.

## Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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

## Submissions/Correspondence

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

## Submissions

# In relation to Agenda item 5.1, Proposed discontinuance of a parts of Bedford, Capel and Courtney Streets, North Melbourne:

## Item of correspondence:

Karl Hessian.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Proposed Road and Reserves Discontinuance and Sale Policy:** Item of correspondence:

Karl Hessian.

## 5. Reports from Committee

There was one report from Committee for consideration.

## Confirmed minutes

## 5.1 Proposed discontinuance of parts of Bedford, Capel and Courtney Streets North Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to recommend the road discontinuance of parts of Bedford, Capel and Courtney Streets North Melbourne (the Roads) pursuant to section 206(1) and clause 3 of schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989.

- Moved: Cr Le Liu
  - 1. That Council:
    - 1.1. discontinue portions of Bedford, Capel and Courtney Streets North Melbourne as shown on the plan in the public notice published in The Age of 1 September 2022, for the reasons that:
      - 1.1.1. the one submission received strongly supports the proposal
      - 1.1.2. the proposal continues the Council program of expanding open space by the creation of pocket parks using portions of road no longer required for that purpose
      - 1.1.3. once discontinued, the resulting land can be reserved under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978.
      - 1.2. notify in writing every person who has lodged a separate submission of the decision and reasons for the decision.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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

## 6. Reports from management

There were three reports from management for consideration.

#### 6.1 City of Melbourne Annual Report 2021-2022

The Lord Mayor advised that it is her duty under the *Local Government Act 2020* to report to the community on the implementation of the Council Plan, an accordingly formally presented the City of Melbourne's Annual Report to the meeting.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

- 1. That Council:
  - 1.1. notes the City of Melbourne Annual Report 2021–22 and the contents contained therein
  - 1.2. notes it has complied with the requirements of Section 100 of the Local Government Act 2020.

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

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

## 6.2 Proposed Road and Reserves Discontinuance and Sale Policy

The purpose of this report was to seek Council approval to adopt the Road and Reserves Discontinuance and Sale Policy.

- Moved: Cr Le Liu
  - 1. That Council:
    - 1.1. adopts the Road and Reserves Discontinuance and Sale Policy (the Policy) see Attachment 2 of the report from management, subject to the following changes:
      - 1.1.1. The header to read "Council Policy" not "Corporate Policy";
      - 1.1.2. Every instance of "or" at the end of sub-clauses 3 to 7 in part 5.1 to be replaced with "and";
      - 1.1.3. At the end of sub-clause 8 in part 5.1 to add the words "as being required for retention";
      - 1.1.4. At the end of part 5.5 to add the words "A valuation will be undertaken to determine market value. A second external valuation may be undertaken at the discretion of Council, especially in the case of land with significant value."; and
      - 1.1.5. In part 6 replace the word "updates" with "editorial updates (to update references to legislation, regulation, policy and procedures, but not to change the meaning of the policy)".
    - 1.2. revokes the former Road Discontinuance and Sale Policy adopted by Council on 30 May 2017
    - 1.3. authorises the Director City Property to make any further minor editorial changes to the Policy prior to publication.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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

## 6.3 Proposed (Amended) Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy

The purpose of this report was to seek Council approval to adopt the amended Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy.

- Moved: Cr Le Liu
  - 1. That Council:
    - 1.1. adopts the Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy (new Policy) (Attachment 2 of the report from management), subject to the following changes":
      - 1.1.1. The header to read "Council Policy" not "Corporate Policy";
      - 1.1.2. In part 6 replace the word "updates" with "editorial updates (to update references to legislation, regulation, policy and procedures, but not to change the meaning of the policy)".
      - 1.1.3. In part 7.1 to replace the words "Property Strategy" with "Property Portfolio Plan".
    - 1.2. revokes the previous Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy adopted by Council on 4 June 2019
    - 1.3. authorises the Director City Property to make any further minor editorial changes to the new Policy prior to publication.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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

## 7. General business

There were no items of General business.

## 8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

## 9. Closure of meeting to the public

Moved: Cr Griffiths

- 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 items 14.1 as it contains private commercial information, which if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.
  - 1.2 Agenda item 14.2 as it contains private commercial information, which, if released, would unreasonably expose the applicants for grants to disadvantage, by disclosing financial information to competitors.
  - 1.3 Agenda items 14.3, 14.4, and 14.5 as it contains private commercial information, which if released, would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 6.03 pm.

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Chair Council