

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

**Meeting number 52
Tuesday 10 February 2015
5.30pm**

**Council Meeting Room
Level 2
Melbourne Town Hall**

Present

Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle
Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley
Councillor Richard Foster
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey
Councillor Stephen Mayne
Councillor Cathy Oke
Councillor Ken Ong
Councillor Beverley Pinder-Mortimer
Councillor Jackie Watts
Councillor Arron Wood

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee meeting
on Tuesday 10 March 2015

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, advised that:

- the meeting was being recorded and the audio would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business tomorrow
- the agenda comprised of five reports from management and six items of General Business.

No apologies had been received.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, advised that conflicts of interest would be disclosed as they arose.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley

That the minutes of meeting No 50, held on Tuesday 10 December 2014, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Foster

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

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

5. Public questions

Sarah Bergin asked a question in relation to horse drawn carriage compliance within the City of Melbourne, the Council review process and video footage on Youtube.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle advised the Council review process is ongoing. He further advised that the horse drawn vehicle on Youtube began its journey outside the City of Melbourne and the police had advised they would not pursue this incident.

6. Reports from management

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, advised that as at 3pm the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's *Conduct of Meetings Local Law 2010*.

In relation to **Agenda item 6.1, Planning Permit Application: TP-2014-41, 35 and 37 Barnett Street, Kensington:**

Requests to speak:

- Morelle Bull, resident
- David Stribley
- James Thomas, resident
- Kate Gamble, resident
- Chris Page
- Tom Ryan
- Enid Hookey.

Items of correspondence

- Morelle Bull, resident
- Matt Connell, resident
- Jarrod Sawers, resident
- Florence Sawers, resident
- Jane Liefman, resident
- Ryan and Kirsten O'Keefe, resident
- Rachel Stevens and Alric Hansen, resident
- Tania Rettino, resident
- Andrew Schafer and Bianca Schirripa, resident
- Jon Buckingham and Helen Blakey, resident
- Tom Ryan and Belinda Farrant
- Anna Grayson, resident
- Chris Page, resident
- Jeffrey Topp and Kate Gamble, resident
- Andrew Hollow and Anna Grayson, resident.

In relation to **Agenda item 6.1a, Planning Application: TP-2014-274, 529-533 and 535-541 Elizabeth Street Melbourne:**

Requests to speak:

- Graeme Poole
- Lloyd Elliot, Urbis
- Judy Cowan
- Belinda Boerkamp
- Lynn Nicholson.

In relation to **Agenda item 6.2, Melbourne for All People 2014-17: Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Plan:**

Items of correspondence:

- Lucy Firth.

In relation to **Agenda item 7.5, Notice of Motion: Cr Oke: Sunlight to public spaces:**

Request to speak:

- Michelle Bashta, National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

Item of correspondence:

- Ray Cowling, resident
- Lucy Firth.

In relation to **Agenda item 7.6, Notice of Motion: Cr Mayne: Land Tax, Fire Services Levy and Congestion Tax:**

Request to speak:

- Karl Fitzgerald.

Item of correspondence:

- Lucy Firth.

Planning Portfolio

Cr Ong assumed the role of Chair to present the two reports from management for consideration in relation to the Planning Portfolio.

6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2014-41, 35 and 37 Barnett Street, Kensington

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of an application for planning permit TP-2014-41 for 35 and 37 Barnett Street, Kensington.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Morelle Bull
- David Stribley
- James Thomas
- Kate Gamble
- Chris Page
- Tom Ryan
- Enid Hookey.

Moved: Cr Mayne

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit in accordance with the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Wood

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: The Chair, Cr Ong, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillors Louey, Mayne, Pinder-Mortimer and Wood and the following Councillors voting against the motion: Councillors Foster, Leppert, Oke and Watts.

Foreshadowed motion

Councillor Leppert requested that his reasons for opposition to the carried motion be noted in the minutes, stating that he supported the alternative motion foreshadowed during the debate, which read as follows:

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee refuses the application on the following grounds:*
 - 1.1 *The proposal fails to respect the character of the area and to appropriately respond to the features of the site and surrounding area, contrary to the objectives of Clause 55.02-1 of the Melbourne Planning Scheme.*
 - 1.2 *The height of the proposal is excessive and is contrary to the objective of Clause 55.03-2 of the Melbourne Planning Scheme.*
 - 1.3 *The demolition of the heritage building is inappropriate and is contrary the objectives of Clause 22.05 and 43.01 of the Melbourne Planning Scheme.*

6.1a Planning Application: TP-2014-274, 529-533 and 535-541 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of an application for planning permit TP-2014-274 at 529-533 and 535-541 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Graeme Poole
- Lloyd Elliot, Urbis
- Judy Cowan
- Belinda Boerkamp
- Lynn Nicholson.

Councillor Foster left the meeting at 6.46pm and returned at 6.48pm.

Moved: Cr Ong

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit in accordance with the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management) with conditions 1(b) and 1(c) amended as follows:*

- 1.1 *Condition 1b) The proposed building to be set back a minimum of 2.5 metres from the Elizabeth Street property boundary at level 1 and four metres for each floor above level 1 generally in accordance with the sketch plans prepared by Crone Partners dated and received on 10 February 2015.*
- 1.2 *Condition 1c) The roof plant to be set back a minimum of seven metres from the Elizabeth Street property boundary and a minimum of three metres and six metres respectively from the southern property boundary where this is opposite the existing light well of 222-230 Victoria Street, Melbourne. This should be generally in accordance with the sketch plans prepared by Crone Partners dated and received on 10 February 2015, but with the 3 metre setback continuing the full length of the southern boundary wall.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Ong, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

People City Portfolio

Cr Foster assumed the role of Chair to present the one report from management for consideration in relation to the People City Portfolio.

6.2 Melbourne for All People 2014–17 Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the draft Melbourne for All People 2014–17 Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.

Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle left the meeting at 7.14pm and returned at 7.15pm.

Moved: Cr Foster

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Approves the draft Melbourne for All People 2014–17, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan at Attachment 2 of the report from management.*
 - 1.2. *Authorises the Director Community Development to make any further minor editorial changes to the draft plan prior to public release.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

Cr Ong left the meeting at 7.15pm and returned at 7.18pm.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Foster, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillors Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

Agenda item 6.3 had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

Finance and Governance

Cr Mayne assumed the role of Chair to present the two reports from management for consideration in relation to the Finance and Governance Portfolio.

6.4 2014–15 Second Quarter December 2014 YTD Financial Performance Report

The purpose of this report was to inform the Committee of the financial performance of the Council for the quarter ending 31 December 2014, in accordance with the Local Government Valuations adopted by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation.

Moved: Cr Mayne

That the Future Melbourne Committee accepts the quarterly financial performance report as at 31 December 2014.

Seconded: Cr Ong

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Mayne, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

6.5 Allocation of the Discretionary Fund: Second Quarter 2014–15

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of the projects supported through the allocation of discretionary funding for the second quarter of the 2014–15 financial year.

Moved: Cr Mayne

That the Future Melbourne Committee receives the report on the allocation of discretionary funds for the second quarter of the 2014–15 financial year.

Seconded: Cr Wood

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Mayne, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

7. General business

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, resumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

There were six items of General business for consideration.

En bloc

Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle moved the recommendations contained in agenda items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3.

Cr Wood seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

The relevant information in relation to each of these agenda items, including the committee resolutions, is detailed below.

7.1 Post travel report by Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley: Travel to Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona, November 2014

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *notes this report and the attached summary of benefits and outcomes*
 - 1.2. *requests that management continue to explore opportunities and share knowledge with a number of valuable contacts made at the Congress.*

7.2 Post travel report by Councillor Pinder-Mortimer: Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Conference and 2014 Chinese International Friendship City Conference, Guangzhou, China November 2014

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes this report and the attached summary of key observations and opportunities.*
 - 1.2. *Notes that City of Melbourne was presented with a Friendship City Award at the 2014 Chinese International Friendship City Conference by the Mayor of Guangzhou.*

7.3 Post travel report by Councillor Ken Ong: 7th Annual City Development Conference: Envisioning Cities of the Future, Singapore, 19 to 21 November 2014

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *notes the report and the attached summary of key observations and outcomes*
 - 1.2. *requests that management, following confirmation from the Consulate-General of Malaysia in Melbourne, prepare a letter of invitation to YBhg. Datuk Seri Hj. Ahmad Phesal Hj. Talib, Mayor of Kuala Lumpur who requested an opportunity to visit Melbourne in early 2015.*

7.4 Proposed travel by Councillor Pinder-Mortimer, Sydney, February 2015

Moved: Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *approves Councillor Pinder-Mortimer's proposal to travel to Sydney to hold meetings and observe activities associated Chinese New Year celebrations in February 2015*
 - 1.2. *approves an amount of \$1220 to cover travel costs associated with airfare, accommodation, incidentals.*

Seconded: Cr Wood

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

7.5 Notice of Motion, Cr Oke: Sunlight to public spaces

Michelle Bashta, National Trust of Australia (Victoria) addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Oke

That the Future Melbourne Committee requests management to review the adequacy of the 'Sunlight to public spaces' local policy and report its findings, and associated recommendations, to this Committee in April 2015.

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

7.6 Notice of Motion, Cr Mayne: Land Tax, Fire Services Levy and Congestion Tax

Karl Fitzgerald addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Mayne

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee requests management to prepare a report for the 14 April 2015 meeting which:*
 - 1.1. *Estimates the proportion of total Land Tax, Fire Services Levy and Congestion Tax revenue collected by the State which comes from landowners in the City of Melbourne, including by directly requesting the information from the State Revenue Office.*
 - 1.2. *Assesses what proportion of City of Melbourne's residential and non-residential rate payers are liable for land tax.*
 - 1.3. *Summarises the impact of the 2014 site value valuations in the City of Melbourne on state government land tax revenue.*
 - 1.4. *Compares historical rate in the dollar levels of land tax against City of Melbourne rates over the past 25 years.*
 - 1.5. *Provides analysis of the tax rates used by the state in the collection of the fire Services levy, Land Tax and Congestion Tax and compares shifts in annual yields to that achieved in the City of Melbourne.*
 - 1.6. *Outlines the revenue split in the four major annualised property holding taxes (land tax, council rates, fire services levy and congestion tax) between residential and non-residential property owners in the City of Melbourne.*

Seconded: Cr Ong

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed Urgent business for consideration.

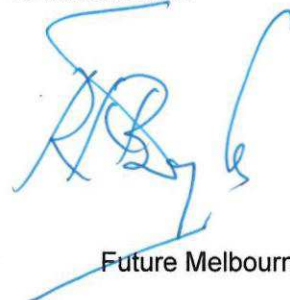
9. Public questions

There were no public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, declared the meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 10 March 2015.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee