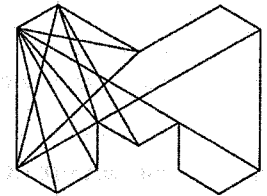


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

Meeting Number 85

Tuesday 15 September 2020

5.30pm

Virtual Meeting

Present

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood
Councillor Nicolas Frances Gilley
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey
Councillor Cathy Oke
Councillor Beverley Pinder-Mortimer
Councillor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Susan Riley
Councillor Jackie Watts

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On Tuesday 13 October 2020

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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 ten reports from management and two items of general business
- no apologies had been received from Councillors.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

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

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

That the minutes of meeting No 84, held on Tuesday 1 September 2020, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Riley

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

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

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, moved a procedural motion that the time for public questions at the start of the meeting be extended, if necessary, until all questions received in writing in advance of the meeting had been read and answered.

Cr Leppert seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood, Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder, Reece, Riley and Watts.

Andrew McGregor asked a question relating to an Advertising Licence tender released by the Department of Transport to develop advertising sites on VicRoads infrastructure, noting that the sites identified for development are sites frequently used by the cultural sector to advertise.

Cr Reece, as Chair of the Planning Portfolio, advised that the construction and display of third party promotion signage as described by Mr McGregor would require a planning permit to first be obtained from Council. The detailed requirements would depend on the relevant zoning, overlays and policy in each case. No such application has been received, and Council will raise the matter with Department of Transport through existing channels and regular meetings.

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Cheryl Hunter asked a question relating to Council's plans to activate the city in the lead up to Christmas, and suggested that Santa could use the free City Circle Tram to spread Christmas cheer.

Cr Louey, as Chair of the Prosperous City Portfolio, thanked Cheryl Hunter for her suggestion, which will be considered further as part of Council's planning for the festive season. Cr Louey advised that the Santa experience where families traditionally have their photo with Santa will be reimagined whilst maintaining the joy and magic of meeting Santa and elves in a COVID-19 safe way. It was also noted that the City of Melbourne has worked with Yarra Trams in previous years to activate them as part of the Christmas Festival and we are considering ways in which we can do so again. Foremost in our planning is ensuring that visitors to the City can enjoy Christmas in a COVID safe way.

Shelley Faubel, of the East Melbourne Group, submitted a written question in relation to air traffic noise in East Melbourne causing amenity and health problems. Ms Faubel stated that shift workers, including health workers, were having their sleep disrupted by fixed wing planes and helicopters and queried why the current Fly Neighbourly Agreement was removed from Council's website without any community consultation.

Cr Frances Gilley, as Chair of the Transport Portfolio, advised that the 2016 Fly Neighbourly Agreement (FNA) was erroneously removed from the website during a review of website content and had been reinstated on the City of Melbourne's website on 10 September 2020.

Whilst the City of Melbourne has no regulatory control over aircraft in flight within the municipality, it agreed to work with helicopter operators and residents to limit the health and amenity impacts of helicopters when flying over municipal airspace. The FNA, which is a voluntary agreement, has been largely dormant for two years as a result of the relocation of some service operators. The City of Melbourne will continue to engage with the East Melbourne Group on these issues and advocate to Air Services Australia on behalf of residents as appropriate.

Chris Thrum submitted a written question in relation to the COVID Stage 4 restrictions. Mr Thrum noted the significant drop in case numbers and asked if the City of Melbourne could recognise that there needs to be greater flexibility in exit strategies out of lockdown and that we must go to Stage 3 now and end the curfew.

Cr Pinder, as Chair of the People City Portfolio, advised that the introduction of the curfew was the decision of the Victorian Government. Council is working with the Government on plans to reopen and activate the city once numbers of daily new COVID cases reduce to a level that allows Stage 4 restrictions to be lifted.

Stephen Mayne asked a question relating to apparent late changes to the Deputy Lord Mayor's election ticket, Cr Pinder-Mortimer's position on that ticket and whether she will be making a donation to the campaign.

Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood advised that there were no late changes to the ticket, and that the team was completely united in its approach to reviving Melbourne. The team will disclose its donations in accordance with Council's resolution on 25 August 2020.

Cr Pinder-Mortimer advised that she is very supportive of the ticket, and to stay tuned to the local publications to see what donation she makes.

Phillip Mansour, Executive Officer of Carlton Inc. submitted a written question regarding the Small Business Transformation Grants. Mr Mansour noted that, to be eligible, a business must be a 'bricks and mortar' business impacted by COVID-19 and located within the City of Melbourne municipal boundary, and within the postcode areas of the CBD (3000), World Trade Centre (3005), Docklands (3008) or Southbank (3006). Why are Carlton businesses excluded from these grants?

Cr Louey, as Chair of the Prosperous City Portfolio, acknowledged that these are incredibly challenging times for business and we are working closely with the Victorian Government to implement a range of support programs. The Small Business Transformation Grants are funded through the Victorian Government CBD Business Support Fund. They are designed to support small businesses in Melbourne's CBD faced with a large and sustained shock to their trading environments, as these post code areas have been most significantly impacted by decreases in foot-traffic.

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Further support is available to Carlton businesses through the \$3 billion Victorian Government Business Survival and Adaptation Package and the \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund. Officers will contact the individual to provide a more detailed response.

Phillip Mansour, Executive Officer of Carlton Inc. submitted a written question regarding dangerous, unlevelled footpaths in Carlton, in particular on Lygon Street. Specifically, Mr Mansour asked when the bitumen surfaces would be replaced with bluestone pathways (like central CBD).

Cr Reece, as Chair of the Planning Portfolio, advised that the footpaths along Lygon Street are being considered in our future streetscape program, with the intention to convert the café mix asphalt footpaths to bluestone paving when the asphalt surface is at the stage where it needs to be resurfaced. Works will be scheduled subject to existing footpath condition and available budget.

6. Reports from management

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

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.0, **'COVID-19 Reactivation and Recovery Plan'**:

Request to speak:

- Phillip Mansour, Carlton Inc.

Items of Correspondence:

- Kylie Lindorff, Quit Victoria
- Piyasak Akkarasriprapal, Palm Sugar Thai Café
- Chris Thrum
- Phillip Mansour, Carlton Inc.
- Stephen Mayne.

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **'Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2019-19, 150-170 Pelham Street, Carlton'**:

Requests to speak:

- Ian Harper AO, Melbourne Business School
- Vaughan Connor, Contour Consultants.

Items of Correspondence:

- Ewan Ogilvy, Carlton Residents Association
- Tracie Laws.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **'Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2014-35/B, 7-23 Spencer Street, Docklands'**:

Requests to speak:

- Jason Goldsworthy, Mirvac
- Craig Baudin, Fender Katsalidis
- Brendan Rogers, Urbis.

Item of Correspondence:

- Janet Bolitho.

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In relation to Agenda item 6.3, '**Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2019-26, 50-94 Waterfront Way and 2-16 Little Docklands Drive, Docklands**':

Request to speak:

- Andrew Whiteside, Ashe Morgan.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, '**Planning Permit Application: TP-2019-646, 24-78 Laurens Street, North Melbourne**':

Requests to speak:

- Tracey Grimson
- Ed Klein
- Phil Gleeson, Urbis.

Items of Correspondence:

- Anne St George
- Tracey Grimson
- Ed Klein
- Susan Harraway.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, '**Planning Scheme Amendment C376: Sustainable Building Design**':

Items of Correspondence:

- Suzanne Toumbourou, Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council
- Ewan Ogilvy
- Christine Buntine, Northrop
- Cressida Wall, Property Council of Australia
- James Wewer, Lendlease
- Alex Lawler, University of Melbourne
- Gareth Hately, Planning Institute Australia
- Davina Rooney, Green Building Council of Australia
- Claire Winsor, Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

In relation to Agenda item 6.6, '**Melbourne Green Factor Tool**'.

Items of Correspondence:

- Chris Thrum
- Paul Hameister, Hamton
- Claire Winsor, Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

In relation to Agenda item 6.7, '**Smoke-free area consultation findings – Market Street Park**':

Item of Correspondence:

- Kylie Lindorff, Quit Victoria.

In relation to Agenda item 7.2, '**Notice of Motion: Cr Philip Le Liu, Declaring a 'Businesses and Jobs Emergency' within City of Melbourne**':

Request to speak:

- Stephen Mayne.

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Item of Correspondence:

- Stephen Mayne.

Planning Portfolio

Cr Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider six reports from management in relation to the Planning Portfolio.

6.0 COVID-19 Reactivation and Recovery Plan

The purpose of this report was to recommend that Future Melbourne Committee support the COVID-19 Reactivation and Recovery Plan.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Supports the COVID-19 Reactivation and Recovery Plan subject to amendments to be made by management to include references to Arts and Creative Investment Partnerships (and ACIP partners) wherever the Events Partnerships Program (and EPP partners) is mentioned (e.g. pages 5 and 27), recognising the expertise and capacity of significant arts organisations in activating the city.*
- 1.2. *Notes that Management will submit the Plan to the new Council for its consideration.*
- 1.3. *Notes that the Plan will be continuously reviewed with input from the City Economic Advisory Board through the City of the Future Advisory Committee, and ultimately Council.*

Seconded: Cr Louey

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Reece, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley and Watts.

6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2019-19, 150-170 Pelham Street, Carlton

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial planning application seeking approval for full and partial demolition of the existing heritage buildings, construction of a new building for education, student accommodation, indoor recreation facility (gym) and retail (other than adult sex bookshop, hotel and tavern), and a reduction of bicycle parking at 150-170 Pelham Street, Carlton.

Cr Oke declared an indirect conflict of interest in this matter because of a conflicting duty under Section 78B of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Cr Oke's employer is the applicant in this matter. Cr Oke left the meeting at 6.38pm prior to discussion taking place.

Cr Reece declared an indirect conflict of interest in this matter because of a conflicting duty under Section 78B of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Cr Reece's employer is the applicant in this matter. Cr Reece left the meeting at 6.38pm prior to discussion taking place. The Deputy Chair, Cr Leppert, assumed the Chair.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood left the meeting at 6.40pm and returned at 6.44pm.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 6.50pm and returned at 6.51pm.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood left the meeting at 6.55pm and returned at 6.57pm; again left the meeting at 6.58pm and returned at 6.59pm

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Ian Harper AO, Melbourne Business School

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- Vaughan Connor, Contour Consultants.

Moved: Cr Leppert

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that Melbourne City Council objects to the proposal on the grounds outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Frances Gilley

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Leppert, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley and Watts.

Cr Oke returned to the meeting at 7.06pm.

Cr Reece returned to the meeting at 7.08pm and resumed the Chair.

6.2 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMP-2014-35/B, 7-23 Spencer Street, Docklands

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of an application to amend a Ministerial Planning Permit for the land located at 7-23 Spencer Street, Docklands. The amended proposal seeks to modify the land uses, built form and architecture of the proposed buildings.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Jason Goldsworthy, Mirvac
- Craig Baudin, Fender Katsalidis
- Brendan Rogers, Urbis.

Cr Oke left the meeting at 7.12pm and returned at 7.12pm.

Cr Frances Gilley left the meeting at 7.13pm and returned at 7.15pm; again left the meeting at 7.16pm and returned at 7.18pm.

Moved: Cr Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council does not object to the proposal subject to conditions outlined in the delegate report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management) and the further updates to detailed conditions as follows:*
 - 1.1 *18 dd) A modified Siddeley podium design to Tower 2 which includes a double height entry point at the residential lobby (a minimum internal depth of 6.6 metres and width of 6.1 metres).*
 - 1.2 *18 ee) Provide an accessible door/s adjacent to or nearby the external rotating doors.*
 - 1.3 *76. Prior to the commencement of the corresponding development stage (excluding demolition, bulk excavation, soil removal and soil remediation), the owner of the land must enter into an agreement with Melbourne City Council, pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. The owner of the land must pay all of the Council's reasonable legal costs and expenses of this agreement, including preparation, execution and registration on title. The agreement must provide that prior to the commencement of the use/occupation of the development stage, the following parts of the subject land must be vested in the responsible road authority as a road under the provision of the Subdivision Act 1988:*

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- 1.3.1 a) *An approximate 1.1 metres wide portion of the subject land adjoining the eastern boundary of Tower 1 in Spencer Street.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Reece, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley and Watts.

6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2019-26, 50-94 Waterfront Way and 2-16 Little Docklands Drive, Docklands

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial referral seeking approval of an addendum to the Waterfront City Outline Development Plan 2003. The submitted 'Waterfront City East Development Plan – June 2020' would modify the future land use and built form guidance for the land located at 28-38 Pearl River Road and 3-43 Waterfront Way, Docklands.

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Andrew Whiteside, Ashe Morgan.

Moved: Cr Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:*
 - 1.1 *Advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) that Melbourne City Council does not support the application on the grounds listed in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).*
 - 1.2 *Acknowledge and support the revitalising an area in need of activation which has long been an vacant open lot in a strategic renewal area;*
 - 1.3 *Acknowledge and support a greater development intensity for this site than that envisaged by the Waterfront City Outline Development Plan 2003 and a high proportion of office uses; and*
 - 1.4 *Invite the applicant to revise the proposal via continued engagement with Council's Urban Planners and DELWP to resolve the issues raised within the delegate report.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Reece, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley and Watts.

6.4 Planning Permit Application: TP-2019-646, 24-78 Laurens Street, North Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a planning permit application seeking approval to partially demolish the existing buildings to the south of the flour mill complex, and construct additions and carry out external alterations to provide vehicular access including construction of new vehicle crossovers.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood left the meeting at 7.56pm and returned at 7.57pm.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Tracey Grimson
- Ed Klein
- Phil Gleeson, Urbis.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood left the meeting at 8.18pm and did not return.

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Moved: Cr Reece

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

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Reece, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley and Watts.

6.5 Planning Scheme Amendment C376: Sustainable Building Design

The purpose of this report was to present sustainable building design standards and recommend that the Future Melbourne Committee request authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C376. In addition, an alternative implementation pathway is recommended for the Standards through introduction of a Victorian Planning Provision with a local schedule, and endorsement by the Future Melbourne Committee is sought to formally advocate to the Victorian Government to adopt a state-wide approach.

Moved: Cr Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1 *Seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C376 Sustainable Building Design (refer to Attachment 2 of the report from management).*

1.2 *Requests that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Minister for Planning to request that he:*

1.2.1 *introduce a state-wide planning provision to champion environmentally sustainable design, city greening and green infrastructure with a local schedule to enable mandatory requirements and allow tailoring by councils, attaching draft provision to assist (refer to Attachment 3 of the report from management)*

1.2.2 *work with the City of Melbourne and Council Alliance for Sustainable Built Environments councils to finalise and implement the state-wide provision, enabling local governments to localise their requirements in line with their Council's endorsed positions.*

1.3 *Commends the development of the Green Factor tool, as a method to achieve and assess an urban ecology standard, and endorses its use through the Melbourne Planning Scheme.*

1.4 *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any minor and editorial and referencing changes and as required to accord with the Victorian Government's planning policy framework translation to Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C376 (refer to Attachment 2 of the report from management).*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Reece, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley and Watts.

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Environment Portfolio

Cr Oke assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the Environment Portfolio.

6.6 Melbourne Green Factor Tool

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the Melbourne Green Factor Tool (GFT) as the City of Melbourne's preferred mechanism for demonstrating urban ecology outcomes on new developments. The GFT is referenced in the proposed Urban Ecology standard in the Sustainable Building Design Amendment C376.

Moved: Cr Oke

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1 *Endorses the Melbourne Green Factor Tool for use through the Melbourne Planning Scheme as the preferred approach for demonstrating urban ecology outcomes on new developments.*

1.2 *Authorises the establishment of a governance structure to oversee technical updates to the tool and to ensure the tool continues to meet its objectives.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Oke, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

People City Portfolio

Cr Pinder-Mortimer assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider two reports from management in relation to the People City Portfolio.

6.7 Smoke-free area consultation findings – Market Street Park

The purpose of this report was to present the findings from the consultation on the proposal to make Market Street Park a smoke-free area and seeks endorsement to prescribe the proposed area as smoke-free under clause 3A.3 of Council's *Activities Local Law 2019*.

Cr Frances Gilley left the meeting at 8.52pm and returned at 8.56pm.

Moved: Cr Pinder-Mortimer

That the Future Melbourne Committee endorses the area of Market Street Park outlined in Attachment 2 of the report from management to be prescribed as a smoke-free area under clause 3A.3 of the Activities Local Law 2019.

Seconded: Cr Watts

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Pinder-Mortimer, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Reece, Riley and Watts.

6.8 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024, Embracing Equity in Participation

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024, Embracing Equity in Participation.

Cr Reece left the meeting at 9.00pm and returned at 9.02pm.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 9.03pm and returned at 9.04pm.

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Cr Frances Gilley left the meeting at 9.05pm and returned at 9.06pm; again left the meeting at 9.12pm and returned at 9.12pm

Cr Pinder-Mortimer left the meeting at 9.12pm and returned at 9.12pm.

Moved: Cr Pinder-Mortimer

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1 *Endorses City of Melbourne's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024, Embracing Equity in Participation and approves it being lodged with the Human Rights Equal Opportunity Commission as Council's approved Disability Action Plan 2020-2024.*

1.2 *Authorises the General Manager Community and City Services to make any further minor editorial changes to the Disability Access Plan 2020-2024, Embracing Equity in Participation prior to publication.*

Seconded: Cr Watts

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Pinder-Mortimer, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Reece, Riley and Watts.

Finance and Government Portfolio

Cr Oke assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the Finance and Governance Portfolio.

6.9 Change of Future Melbourne Committee meeting date in October

The purpose of this report was to reschedule the Future Melbourne Committee meeting from Tuesday 6 October 2020 to Tuesday 13 October 2020.

Cr Riley left the meeting at 9.13pm.

Moved: Cr Oke

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to change the date of the October Future Melbourne Committee meeting from Tuesday 6 October to Tuesday 13 October 2020.

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Oke, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece and Watts.

Cr Riley returned at 9.15pm, after the vote was taken.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, resumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

7. General business

There were two items of General business for consideration.

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7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Jackie Watts, Funding for staging of Melbourne Rare Book Week 2021

Cr Oke left the meeting at 9.23pm.

Moved: Cr Watts

1. *That Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Approves an allocation of \$10,000 from the Discretionary Fund to Rare Books Melbourne Inc. for staging of the Melbourne Rare Book Week 2021; and*
 - 1.2. *Resolves that the funding is conditional on the City of Melbourne receiving marketing opportunities for messaging to their database and through social media channels, branding and signage displayed at their events, recognition of support online and in any printed materials, speaking opportunities for Council and the opportunity to present an activation during the event.*

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Le Liu, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts and the following Councillors voting against the motion: Councillors Frances Gilley and Leppert.

7.2 Notice of Motion: Cr Philip Le Liu, Declaring a 'Businesses and Jobs Emergency' within City of Melbourne

Cr Oke returned to the meeting at 9.39pm.

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Stephen Mayne

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Declares that the economic impact of the COVID 19 pandemic through the loss of jobs and business activity within the City of Melbourne should be treated as an emergency.*
 - 1.2. *Calls on Premier Daniel Andrews and the State Government to make a similar declaration of emergency and request the following urgent action:*
 - 1.2.1. *Welcomes the State Government's contribution and collaboration of the Melbourne City Recovery Fund and further ongoing support for City of Melbourne's business until recovery. City of Melbourne postcodes previously excluded (namely, Carlton 3053, Carlton North 3054, Flemington 3031, Kensington 3031, West Melbourne 3003, North Melbourne 3051, Parkville 3052 3050 3010, Port Melbourne 3207, East Melbourne 3002, South Yarra 3141) from earlier funding support to be included in the Melbourne City Recovery Fund and any future funding support so it is equitable to all.*
 - 1.2.2. *Acknowledges the \$3000 support to eligible non-employing sole traders but asks the State Government to increase the financial support to non-employing sole traders within City of Melbourne and expand the eligibility criteria so that 90%+ of non-employing sole traders do not miss out.*
 - 1.2.3. *Waive (instead of deferment as announcement by State Government) payroll tax for businesses within City of Melbourne for FY20/21 and FY21/22.*
 - 1.3. *Advocates to the Commonwealth Government the importance of JobKeeper and JobSeeker/Newstart and that these programs should be continued in Melbourne, the worst affected capital city of Australia, until we are in a COVID normal environment, in addition:*

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- 1.3.1. *Inclusion of employees working in the Higher Education sector within City of Melbourne to be part of JobKeeper.*
- 1.3.2. *Making the increase in the JobSeeker/Newstart payment permanent.*
- 1.4. *Continue advocating to the State and Commonwealth Government the importance of major infrastructure projects as being critical to stimulating Melbourne's economy post COVID -19, with projects such as a tram link to Fishermans Bend, development of the Arden and Macaulay renewal precincts and increased investment in affordable housing.*
- 1.5. *Requests management undertake the following:*
 - 1.5.1. *Establish a survey mechanism through Council's website to provide for better understanding of business owner sentiment and evaluation of current business support level to provide to State Government for review and implementation.*
 - 1.5.2. *Promote through City of Melbourne's communication channels the business and jobs crisis facing the city and need for increased support and action from State and Commonwealth Governments.*

Seconded: Cr Riley

Cr Leppert suggested minor amendments to numbered items 1.2 and 1.2.3. Councillors Le Liu and Riley, as the mover and seconder of the motion, agreed to incorporate the amendments proposed by Cr Leppert.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

The resolution in its entirety reads as follows:

1. *That Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Declares that the economic impact of the COVID 19 pandemic through the loss of jobs and business activity within the City of Melbourne should be treated as an emergency.*
- 1.2. *Calls on Premier Daniel Andrews and the State Government to make a similar declaration of emergency. Further, the Committee:*
 - 1.2.1. *Welcomes the State Government's contribution and collaboration of the Melbourne City Recovery Fund and further ongoing support for City of Melbourne's business until recovery. City of Melbourne postcodes previously excluded (namely, Carlton 3053, Carlton North 3054, Flemington 3031, Kensington 3031, West Melbourne 3003, North Melbourne 3051, Parkville 3052 3050 3010, Port Melbourne 3207, East Melbourne 3002, South Yarra 3141) from earlier funding support to be included in the Melbourne City Recovery Fund and any future funding support so it is equitable to all.*
 - 1.2.2. *Acknowledges the \$3000 support to eligible non-employing sole traders but asks the State Government to increase the financial support to non-employing sole traders within City of Melbourne and expand the eligibility criteria so that 90%+ of non-employing sole traders do not miss out.*
 - 1.2.3. *Calls on the State government to waive (instead of defer) payroll tax for businesses within City of Melbourne for FY20/21 and FY21/22.*
- 1.3. *Advocates to the Commonwealth Government the importance of JobKeeper and JobSeeker/Newstart and that these programs should be continued in Melbourne, the worst affected capital city of Australia, until we are in a COVID normal environment, in addition:*
 - 1.3.1. *Inclusion of employees working in the Higher Education sector within City of Melbourne to be part of JobKeeper.*
 - 1.3.2. *Making the increase in the JobSeeker/Newstart payment permanent.*

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- 1.4. *Continue advocating to the State and Commonwealth Government the importance of major infrastructure projects as being critical to stimulating Melbourne' economy post COVID 19, with projects such as a tram link to Fishermans Bend, development of the Arden and Macaulay renewal precincts and increased investment in affordable housing.*
- 1.5. *Requests management undertake the following:*
 - 1.5.1. *Establish a survey mechanism through Council's website to provide for better understanding of business owner sentiment and evaluation of current business support level to provide to State Government for review and implementation.*
 - 1.5.2. *Promote through City of Melbourne's communication channels the business and jobs crisis facing the city and need for increased support and action from State and Commonwealth Governments.*

8. Urgent business

There was one item of proposed urgent business.

8.1 Myer Annual Christmas Windows

Moved: Cr Pinder-Mortimer

That the matter of Myer Annual Christmas Windows meets the criteria for consideration as an item of Urgent business as it has arisen since the distribution of the agenda, and cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Council meeting.

Seconded: Cr Watts

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

Moved: Cr Riley

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee requests that:*
 - 1.1 *Management hold urgent discussions with Myer Melbourne in relation to the recent announcement by Myer that they are likely to cancel the annual Christmas windows in Bourke Street Mall.*
 - 1.2 *The CEO and Myer CEO negotiate a joint funding support package to prevent this cancellation and enable the Myer Christmas windows to be part of the CBD retail and hospitality reactivation initiatives for Christmas 2020.*
 - 1.3 *The CEO be authorised to enter into an agreement if he believes the outcome to be beneficial to the city economy and is fair and reasonable in the context of other City of Melbourne event activation agreements, and that any financial assistance be provided from the recently announced Melbourne City Recovery Fund (part of the City of Melbourne and Victorian Government's joint \$100 million reactivation and recovery fund).*

Seconded: Cr Pinder-Mortimer

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

C o n f i r m e d m i n u t e s

9. Public questions

Stephen Mayne submitted a written question asking Lord Mayor, Sally Capp if she could provide a timeframe of when she would be announcing her team for the upcoming local government elections.

The Lord Mayor advised that she is focussed on the city's COVID-19 response and recovery and has no update to provide at this stage.

Stephen Mayne asked a question regarding Councillors Louey and Reece's intentions to run in the upcoming local government elections, and if so, on what ticket will they run.

Cr Reece acknowledged that these are extraordinary times for Melbourne, in his view, probably the most important times that Town Hall has ever found itself in in terms of the magnitude, consequences and impact of the work Council is doing and the decisions Council is making. That has been his focus and the election and other things can follow.

Cr Louey advised Mr Mayne to "watch this space".

Stephen Mayne asked Councillors Riley and Frances Gilley if they would share any reflections and observations on their time in Council, as they have announced they are retiring from Council at the end of their current term.

Cr Riley reflected on her 15 years on Council, during which time she served as Deputy Lord Mayor under two Lord Mayors, being 12 years in total. Being on Council has afforded her many opportunities including to travel the world representing the City of Melbourne on the global stage. Cr Riley is proud of her achievements as councillor, and is confident she is leaving the new council in good hands with an amazing CEO and leadership team.

Cr Frances Gilley began by acknowledging the unusual circumstances in which he was elected to Council, and hoped that his retirement would create the opportunity for an aboriginal person to be elected.

Cr Frances Gilley reflected on the end of Robert Doyle's tenure as Lord Mayor, and said it has been an honour and privilege to witness Lord Mayor, Sally Capp come into Council mid-term, without a Deputy or a team; and see her build relationships and deliver outcomes across various portfolio areas. He praised the Lord Mayor for working with the state government and delivering packages worth \$100 million to people who will need it.

As a first term politician, Cr Frances Gilley said he had enjoyed learning from the other councillors during the course of his term. He praised the CEO and City of Melbourne staff for the positive transformation of the organisation since Mr Hanney took the role.

Finally, Cr Frances Gilley spoke about the Transport Portfolio and the Aboriginal City Portfolio, and recognised the extraordinary work delivered by the Council in those two areas, in particular the comprehensive ten-year transport strategy that will now be fast tracked and delivered in only two years; and the establishment of the Aboriginal Melbourne branch and its work towards making Melbourne a world leader in terms of honouring its history.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 10.08pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 13 October 2020.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee

