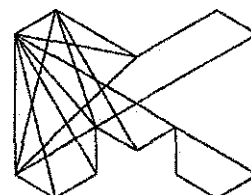


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 1
Tuesday 17 November 2020
5.30pm**

Council Chamber

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 Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

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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 five reports from management
- no apologies had been received.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece arrived at the meeting at 5.31pm

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, Nicholas Reece

That the minutes of meeting No 86, held on Tuesday 13 October 2020, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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 Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey. Cr Ball abstained from voting.

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, advised that four written public questions had been received.

Chris Thrum submitted a written question regarding the impact on the hospitality industry of the COVID-19 pandemic and related business closures. He asked what is the City of Melbourne doing to help support the hospitality industry and can the City of Melbourne advocate for the workers and businesses to return to the city?

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, acknowledged that hospitality is one of the industry sectors most impacted by COVID-19. She advised that the city has worked with the sector and the state government to explore pathways to reopening, including through advocacy for the safe indoor dining 10-point plan. In partnership with the Victorian government, reactivation grants worth \$10 million have been awarded to more than 1000 hospitality businesses, and promotion of hospitality is a central feature of the city's activation program in the months ahead.

Chris Thrum submitted a written question regarding the measures the City of Melbourne could take to further support the music industry and asked after the status of Melbourne Music Week.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that the City of Melbourne is continuing to support the local music industry through implementation of the Melbourne Music Plan 2018-2021 and the COVID-19 Recovery and Reactivation Plan, together with a range of programs, including quick response arts grants, business reactivation funding and new busking programs.

Restrictions have meant that Melbourne Music Week cannot go ahead in November, so Melbourne Music Week-Extended will take place from 9 December to 28 February, and will present a three-month program to support the local music industry as it recovers after months of lockdown.

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Chris Thrum submitted a written question regarding the City of Melbourne's Reconciliation Action Plan, and referred to recent action involving the removal of sacred ceremonial trees in Djab Wurrung Country, the Western districts.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp acknowledged and paid respect to the elders past, present and emerging of Djab Wurrung Country. She noted that Djab Wurrung Country is outside the local government area of the City of Melbourne, and affirmed the City is committed to its journey of reconciliation with First Nations People.

Reconciliation for the City of Melbourne is premised upon a relationship, one of equal partnership, founded on mutual respect and a commitment to justice and equality for all Aboriginal Victorians, and promoting reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Victorians.

The City of Melbourne recognises that we are not at the end of our reconciliation journey, even though past injustices cannot be undone. We need to continue to consult and cooperate in good faith with First Nations Peoples, as we collectively endeavour take each step forward on the pathway toward meaningful reconciliation for the benefit of all Victorians

Mary-Lou Howie, submitted a written question regarding Christmas trade and economic recovery, and the Queen Victoria Market's (QVM) role in the City's proposed activations. She asked if the City of Melbourne would consider extending the Christmas proactivity, described in Agenda Item 6.3, to the QVM, and if we would also consider mounting a smaller version of the popular Epicure Ginger Bread Exhibition at the QVM.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that City of Melbourne is working closely with the QVM to promote a range of festive initiatives planned by QVM as part of the Christmas Festival Program. The festive activations led by QVM have traditionally attracted thousands to the market during the festive period to experience both the festive atmosphere and the wide range of products on offer.

This year's activities include a regular Festive Food Truck event, cooking demonstrations, decorations and visits from Santa. The Christmas Festival marketing campaign encourages visitation to the City of Melbourne and the market throughout the festive season. This year, items for sale at the market will be included in the gift finder and events will be included in social media marketing campaigns and in *What's On* listings.

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.

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Planning Permit Application: TP-2009-1007/A, Shop 6 and Shop 7, 148-178 Albert Street and 412-442 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002 (Tribeca Victoria Brewery Site):**

Items of Correspondence:

- Stuart McClaren
- Greg Poynton.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Planning Permit Application: TP-2020-225, 388-390 Bourke Street, Melbourne:**

Requests to speak:

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| • Mitchell Belden, Plan Urban | • Alison Baker |
| • Matt Newman, OneByOne | • Eric Zhang |
| • Michael Slater | • Sofie Synahiris |
| • Shengnan (Mia) Xiong | • Kym Reading |
| • Stephanie McDonald | • Jacqui McKinnon |
| • Carolyn Morris | • Alison Scott |
| • Cait Buckley | • Wendy Tinkler |
| | • Ben Williamson. |

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Items of Correspondence:

- Michael Slater
- Shengnan (Mia) Xiong
- Stephanie McDonald
- Gillian Nevin
- Carolyn Morris
- Cait Buckley
- Reginald Porter
- Jessica Puglisi
- Imogen Johnston
- Louise Gleeson
- Alison Baker
- Peter Bowen
- Eric Zhang
- Sofie Synahiris
- Kym Reading
- Jacqui McKinnon
- Alison Scott
- Wendy Tinkler
- Joel Smith
- Ben Williamson
- Sue Trainor.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Economic recovery to support the critical Christmas trade:**

Items of Correspondence:

- Matthew Townsend
- Owen Bentley.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, **COVID-19 Recovery – Importance of Transport Options:**

Request to speak:

- Stuart Norman, CEO Parking Australia

Items of Correspondence:

- Jason Clarke
- Simon Coupe
- Alexander Lugg
- Claudia Marck
- Oscar Jackson
- Nicholas Dow
- Emily Smythe
- Stella Gold
- Stuart Norman, CEO Parking Australia.

Planning Portfolio

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider two reports from management in relation to the Planning Portfolio.

6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2009-1007/A, Shop 6 and Shop 7, 148-178 Albert Street and 412-442 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002 (Tribeca Victoria Brewery Site)

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of an application to amend existing planning permit TP-2009-1007 for the land located at Lots 6TV (Shop 6) and 7T (Shop 7) 148-178 Albert Street and 412-442 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002, also known as the Tribeca Victoria Brewery Site.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant an Amended Permit subject to the conditions outlined in the Delegate Report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management) and requests that management:*
 - 1.1. *Write to the owner and the operator of the premises, reminding them of their obligations to meet the requirements of the Melbourne Planning Scheme and any relevant planning permit applying to the land; and*

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- 1.2. *Arrange for two proactive inspections of the premises within the first three months of the applicant acting on this amended permit, should it ultimately be granted.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

6.2 Planning Permit Application: TP-2020-225, 388-390 Bourke Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a planning permit application seeking approval for use of the premises as a bar at Level 8 (roof top), 388-390 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Michael Slater
- Shengnan (Mia) Xiong
- Stephanie McDonald
- Cait Buckley
- Alison Baker
- Eric Zhang
- Sofie Synahiris
- Kym Reading
- Jacqui McKinnon
- Alison Scott
- Wendy Tinkler
- Mitchell Belden, Plan Urban
- Matt Newman, OneByOne

Ben Williamson was listed to address the Committee but did not attend.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:

- 1.1. *Issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to conditions outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management) with an amended condition 9. (Quiet Bottle Removal) to delete the words 'be placed into a bag and' and read as follows:*

Empty bottles from the operation of the premises must be deposited into recycling bins quietly so as not to cause disturbance to adjoining and nearby residents and occupants, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- 1.2. *Request that management write to the owner of the building, encouraging them to work with their tenants in an effort to resolve issues related to the operational management of the building in the interests of all tenancies; and*
- 1.3. *Request that management arrange for two proactive inspections of the premises within the first three months of the applicant acting on this amended permit, should it ultimately be granted.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

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Prosperous City Portfolio

Cr Louey assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider two reports from management in relation to the Prosperous City Portfolio.

6.3 Economic recovery to support the critical Christmas trade

The purpose of this report was to update the Committee on actions to be taken to assist in the economic recovery of the city and support the critical Christmas trade.

Moved: Cr Louey

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the activation underway to drive foot traffic into the city.*
 - 1.2. *Significantly expand the Music in the City busking program once COVID-19 restrictions allow.*
 - 1.3. *Approves delivery of the proposed Queen Victoria Market voucher promotion to commence from 1 December and to the value of \$100,000.*

Seconded: Cr Chang

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

6.4 COVID-19 Recovery and Return of Workers to the City - CEO Pledge

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement to progress a program of advocacy and engagement with business and government – including delivery of the 'CEO Pledge' – to facilitate the return of the corporate workforce to the city.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the return of the corporate workforce to the central city as critical to the recovery of the Victorian economy.*
 - 1.2. *Endorses the continuation of the CEO Pledge initiatives, seeking commitments from major employers to plan for the COVID-safe return their workforces to their city workplaces.*
 - 1.3. *Endorses the City of Melbourne advocating to the Victorian Government to review the COVID-19 Roadmap to Reopening restrictions which relate to working from home and the tertiary education sector, in accordance with the latest public health advice, to seek a timely return of the workers and tertiary students to the central city.*
 - 1.4. *Requests management explore a voucher program to support hospitality, retail and entertainment businesses.*
 - 1.5. *Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Premier of Victoria in relation to this matter.*

Seconded: Cr Campbell

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

Transport Portfolio

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

6.5 COVID-19 Recovery – Importance of Transport Options

The purpose of this report was to update Councillors on transport options to aid in the economic recovery of the central city.

Stuart Norman, CEO Parking Australia addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Strongly endorses management to work closely with the Department of Transport to continue promoting the safe use of the public transport network as per the City of Melbourne Transport Strategy.*
 - 1.2. *Endorses the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Victorian Government seeking an extension of the State Government decision to waive a minimum 25 per cent of the congestion levy or more by a further six months subject to this reduction being directly passed through to the customer.*
 - 1.3. *Requests management to review and bring back to Council options available to temporarily amend on street parking time limits and fee arrangements to incentivise visitors to return to the City of Melbourne in time for the Christmas and New Year campaigns.*
 - 1.4. *Endorses management to commence discussions with car park operators around reduced fees with input from retail and hospitality industry groups.*
 - 1.5. *Notes that management has commissioned research around public perceptions for the return to the city including as it relates to transport.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The Chair, Cr Leppert put the motion to the vote in two parts:

Part One:

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Strongly endorses management to work closely with the Department of Transport to continue promoting the safe use of the public transport network as per the City of Melbourne Transport Strategy.*
 - 1.5. *Notes that management has commissioned research around public perceptions for the return to the city including as it relates to transport.*

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

Part Two:

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

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- 1.2 *Endorses the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Victorian Government seeking an extension of the State Government decision to waive a minimum 25 per cent of the congestion levy or more by a further six months subject to this reduction being directly passed through to the customer.*
- 1.3 *Requests management to review and bring back to Council options available to temporarily amend on street parking time limits and fee arrangements to incentivise visitors to return to the City of Melbourne in time for the Christmas and New Year campaigns.*
- 1.4 *Endorses management to commence discussions with car park operators around reduced fees with input from retail and hospitality industry groups.*

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu and Louey; and the following Councillors voting against the motion: Councillors Ball and Leppert

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

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, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 7.54pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 1 December 2020.


Chair
Future Melbourne Committee