

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 11 Tuesday 18 May 2021 5.30pm

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 Jamal Hakim
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apology

Councillor Philip Le Liu

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee On Tuesday 1 June 2021

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 eight reports from management
- an apology had been received from Cr Le Liu.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

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

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved:

Cr Campbell

That the minutes of meeting No 10, held on Tuesday 4 May 2021, be confirmed.

Seconded:

Cr Hakim

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, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

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

2021 Long Walk event

Chris Thrum asked if Lord Mayor, Sally Capp was attending and speaking at the 2021 Long Walk event.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that she would be both attending and speaking at the event.

Shortage of workers in the hospitality industry

Chris Thrum asked a question relating to the shortage of workers in the hospitality industry, with particular focus on skilled workers. Chris asked if the City of Melbourne would advocate for the Federal Government to fast track such workers.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that the City of Melbourne has advocated for the return of International Students and confirmed this question will be taken on notice.

Extension of Melbourne Music Week in 2021

Chris Thrum asked a question relating to the extension of Melbourne Music Week in 2021 following the success of the extended version of the event in 2020.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised events play a major role in attracting people to the city and Chris' enthusiasm and support for an extended music week will passed on to the Events team.

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. The Chair also advised that the Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund which is a joint fund with the State Government is purposed with boosting premier events such as Melbourne Music Week.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2019-34, 572-574 Lonsdale Street, 256-260 King Street, 248-250 King Street and Gough Alley, Melbourne:

Requests to speak:

- Tristan Davies, Melbourne Heritage Action
- · Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- · Simon Haussegger, Cox Architecture
- Simon Stockfield, Charter Hall and Michael Argyrou, Hickory Group.

Items of Correspondence:

- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Tristan Davies, Melbourne Heritage Action.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2020-3, 1 and 3 Southgate Avenue and 16-60 City Road, Southbank:

Requests to speak:

- Mehmet (Mem) Aziz
- Damien Gardiner, Clayton Utz
- Rohan Neville, ARA Group
- Brendan Rogers, Urbis
- Nicky Drobis, Fender Katsalidis Architects

Items of Correspondence:

- John Smith
- Mehmet (Mem) Aziz
- Lino Scidone
- Peter Silcock
- Damien Gardiner

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, Planning Permit Application: TP-2020-427, Yarra River adjacent to Lower Promenade, Southbank (north of 4 Riverside Quay):

Requests to speak:

Paul Waterson, Australian Venue Co

Items of Correspondence:

- Simon Talbot, Parks Victoria
- Paul Waterson, Australian Venue Co
- John Smith
- Keith Staite
- Frank Tudic
- Paul Cooper
- Michelle Buza
- Marielle Soni
- Peter Buza

- Richard Scorgie
- Eleonora Mentyukova
- Claire Alexander
- Helen Alexander
- Ed Tan
- Julie Risbey
- Janice Carey
- Dan O'Keeffe
- Jacqui Cooper.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, Planning Scheme Amendment C387 Hoddle Grid Heritage (Permanent controls):

Request to speak:

Mark McMahon.

Items of Correspondence:

- Charles Sowerwine, Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- Felicity Watson, National Trust of Australia (Victoria)
- Luke D, Hall & Wilcox Lawyers
- Lucy Eastoe, Best Hooper Lawyers
- Tristan Davies, Melbourne Heritage Action.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, Planning Scheme Amendment C380: Zoning Corrections of Public Open Space and Anomalies in the Melbourne Planning Scheme:

Request to speak:

Chris Thrum.

Item of Correspondence:

Ewan Oglivy, The Carlton Residents Association Inc.

In relation to Agenda item 6.7, Draft Economic Development Strategy for Public Consultation:

Items of Correspondence:

- Judy Anderson, Startup Victoria
- Tim Bracher, Yarra River Business Associaton.

In relation to Agenda item 6.8, Exhibition Street Stage 2 bike lane and Streetscape upgrade:

Items of Correspondence:

- Ben Rossiter, Victoria Walks Inc
- Alexander Sheko.

City Planning Portfolio

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

6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2019-34 572-574 Lonsdale Street, 256-260 King Street, 248-250 King Street and Gough Alley, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Planning Application seeking approval for part demolition and construction of buildings and works for the purpose of a multi-storey building (office and retail) for the land at 572-574 Lonsdale Street, 256-260 King Street, 248-250 King Street and Gough Alley, Melbourne.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Tristan Davies, Melbourne Heritage Action
- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Simon Haussegger, Cox Architecture
- Simon Stockfield, Charter Hall and Michael Argyrou, Hickory Group.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

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 the conditions outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

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, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.2 Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2020-3 1 & 3 Southgate Avenue and 16-60 City Road, Southbank

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) of Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment c390melb (the Amendment) which seeks to facilitate the redevelopment of the land located at 1 and 3 Southgate Avenue and 16-60 City Road, Southbank.

The following people/person addressed the Committee:

- Mehmet (Mem) Aziz
- Rohan Neville, ARA Group
- · Brendan Rogers, Urbis
- Nicky Drobis, Fender Katsalidis Architects
- Damien Gardiner, Clayton Utz.

Moved:

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Minister for Planning and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that:
 - 1.1. The proposed Incorporated Document and Massing and Development Envelope Plans should be referred to the Victorian Design Review Panel for consideration, given the very high level of significance of the proposal and change to the planning scheme, and the report of the VDRP considered by the Minister prior to his decision on the incorporated document.
 - 1.2. Aside from any changes to the massing strategy that may come forward from the VDRP, the Melbourne City Council supports Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C390 subject to the changes and conditions outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

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, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.3 Planning Permit Application: TP-2020-427 Yarra River adjacent to Lower Promenade, Southbank (north of 4 Riverside Quay)

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a planning permit application which seeks approval for buildings and works for a pontoon and structure to be used as a restaurant, construction and display of signage and a reduction of bicycle parking on the Yarra River adjacent to Lower Promenade, Southbank (north of 4 Riverside Quay). The pontoon is proposed to be in place for three years, according to a lease agreed with Parks Victoria. The application was amended to address initial officer comments.

The following person addressed the Committee:

• Paul Waterson, Australian Venue Co.

Moved:

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Permit subject to the conditions outlined in the Delegate Report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Campbell

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 and Louey; and the following Councillors voting against the motion: Councillors Dr Ball and Leppert.

6.4 Planning Scheme Amendment C387 Hoddle Grid Heritage (Permanent controls)

The purpose of this report was to consider the submissions received to Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C387 Hoddle Grid Heritage Permanent Controls (the Amendment) and to recommend that the Future Melbourne Committee refer all submissions listed to an independent Panel in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

The Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the Local Government Act 2020. Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece received a campaign donation from the Australian Hotels Association in 2016. The Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece, left the meeting at 7.38pm, prior to any discussion taking place. The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, assumed the Chair.

Cr Campbell declared a general conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020. Cr Campbell is a member of the Victorian Bar Council. A wholly owned subsidiary of the Victorian Bar Council owns an affected property and has made a submission. Cr Campbell left the meeting at 7.38pm, prior to any discussion taking place.

Cr Louey declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the Local Government Act 2020. Cr Louey received a campaign donation from an affected property owner. Cr Louey left the meeting at 7.39pm, prior to any discussion taking place.

Cr Dr Ball declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the Local Government Act 2020. Cr Dr Ball's father is an affected property owner. Cr Dr Ball left the meeting at 7.39pm, prior to any discussion taking place.

Cr Leppert declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the Local Government Act 2020. Cr Leppert received a campaign donation in 2016 from an affected property owner. Cr Leppert left the meeting at 7.39pm, prior to any discussion taking place.

Due to a number of Councillors declaring conflicts of interest for Agenda Item 6.4 (five Councillors) and the apology from Cr Le Liu, quorum for the meeting was lost and this agenda item will be now be dealt with by a Council Officer under delegation. The details of the Officer decision will be published on the 'Planning Scheme Amendment C387 Hoddle Grid Heritage (Permanent controls)' page on Council's Participate Melbourne site, as soon as practicable. The Acting General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change, Deb Cailes, indicated that they intended to make their decision in accordance with the management recommendation printed in the agenda papers.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece, and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Leppert and Louey returned to the meeting at 7.42pm. Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece, assumed the Chair.

Cr Chang left the meeting at 7.42pm.

6.5 Planning Scheme Amendment C380: Zoning corrections of public open space and anomalies in the Melbourne Planning Scheme

The purpose of this report was to present the outcome of exhibition of Amendment C380 (the Amendment) and recommend that the objecting submission be referred to an Independent Planning Panel (Panel). The report also seeks to enable a pathway in the event that the objecting submission is withdrawn.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Chris Thrum.

Cr Chang returned to the meeting at 7.44pm.

Moved:

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Adopts management's position on all submissions on Amendment C380 as listed in Attachment 2.
 - 1.2. Notes the Amendment documentation as set out in Attachment 3.
 - 1.3. Refers the objecting submission to the Amendment listed in Attachment 2 to an independent Planning Panel appointed by the Minister for Planning.
 - 1.4. Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor or necessary changes to the Amendment.
 - 1.5. Recommends that if the objecting submission is withdrawn, Amendment C380 as listed in Attachment 3 be referred to Council for adoption, instead of referring the submission to a Panel.

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

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, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6.6 Child Safety in Places of Worship

The purpose of this report was to endorse the undertaking of a Child Safe Campaign in 2021-22.

Moved:

Cr Dr Ball

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee endorses:
 - 1.1 As a priority, management undertaking a Child Safe Campaign in 2021-22 to raise awareness of:
 - 1.1.1 the need for a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse;
 - 1.1.2 the importance of children's right to be safe and to feel safe, and
 - 1.1.3 for children to be empowered to be seen, heard and celebrated in the City of Melbourne.
 - Management seeking to partner with statutory bodies including the Commission for Children and Young People, other councils, child and family focused organisations and other agencies to implement the Child Safe City campaign and to have children engaged in the design of the campaign.
 - 1.3 The need for children's safety and empowerment to be considered in service design and planning, program and service delivery, advocacy campaigns and in any future recovery and activation plans for the city.

Seconded:

Cr Hakim

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, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.7 Draft Economic Development Strategy for Public Consultation

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the Draft Economic Development Strategy (the

Strategy), Melbourne's Thriving Economic Future, for community and stakeholder consultation between 19 May 2021 and 9 June 2021.

Moved:

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the draft Strategy, 'Melbourne's Thriving Economic Future', for community and stakeholder consultation,
 - 1.2. Authorises the General Manager City Economy and Activation to make any further minor editorial changes to the draft Strategy, 'Melbourne's Thriving Economic Future', prior to consultation commencing.

Seconded:

Cr Campbell

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, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.8 Exhibition Street Stage 2 bike lane and Streetscape upgrade

The purpose of this report was to present to Future Melbourne Committee the draft Exhibition Street Public Realm Concept Plan and Community Engagement approach for approval to consult with the community and stakeholders, prior to finalising the concept plan for endorsement.

Moved:

Cr Leppert

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the Draft Concept Design for the Exhibition Street Stage 2 bike lane and streetscape upgrade, and the proposed community and stakeholder engagement approach.
 - 1.2. Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Design to:
 - 1.2.1. Include in the final design on-street pick and drop-off areas for car share, taxi and public use to support retail and hospitality businesses including those adjacent to 80 Collins Street, Melbourne.
 - 1.2.2. Review and report back on bike lane operation, safety and disabled access.
 - 1.2.3. Make any further minor changes to the Draft Concept Design prior to exhibition for community engagement.

Seconded:

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

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, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

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 8.31pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 1 June 2021.

Ally Chair Future Melbourne Committee