

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

**Meeting Number 79
Tuesday 19 April 2016
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 3 May 2016

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 three 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: Cr Wood

That the minutes of meeting No 78, held on Tuesday 5 April 2016, be confirmed.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, 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

Bill Allan, Regency Towers resident and member of Wesley Historic Precinct Action Group, stated that they were dismayed by the planning permit that has been granted on the Wesley site. Mr Allan asked if the Lord Mayor's team had received funds from Leighton Construction, Charter Hall Group or any other associated entity or group linked to these developers.

The Lord Mayor responded that he had not received funds in any way or kind.

Bill Thompson, Southbank Resident, asked a question in relation to rough sleepers on the street of Melbourne and asked if they can be moved on.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle responded by saying that:

- Council could arrange outreach workers to visit the location specified in Mr Thompson's letter and advised that if the streets need cleaning or if Council is required to visit a certain location, we can do that too.
- If it is not a police issue then the most effective contact would be the Salvation Army outreach program or Melbourne City Mission.
- If people are on a criminal track, then Victoria Police are the correct response. If it is a substance abuse or mental illness problem then we need a health response and the Salvation Army is the most appropriate avenue.

Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association asked about the Boyd Redevelopment, specifically why the date has been changed a number of times for the release of the project.

Mr Penna also asked why the Association cannot receive a copy of the proposed plans following the first round of consultation.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle responded by saying that the drop dead date for the development is the 30 April 2016 and that he would take the question on notice about providing the plans.

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, "Ministerial Referral: TPM-2014-22, 185 Rosslyn Street, West Melbourne"**:

Request to Speak

- Robert Dicitio on behalf of Trenerry property group.

In relation to **Agenda Item 6.2, "Ministerial Referral: TPM-2016-3, 24-46 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne"**:

Request to Speak

- Hugh Smyth on behalf of SJB planning.

In relation to **Agenda Item 6.3, "Options for a Hoddle Grid Heritage Review"**:

Requests to Speak

- Tristan Davies, President, Melbourne Heritage Action
- Felicity Watson on behalf of National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

Items of correspondence:

- Michael Kennedy, on behalf of the Coalition of Residents and Business Associations
- William Allan on behalf of the Wesley Historic Precinct Action Group
- Bill Cook on behalf of the North and West Melbourne Association Inc
- Yolande Leonardi
- Greta Bird on behalf of Carlton Residents Association Inc
- Tristan Davies, President, Melbourne Heritage Action
- Felicity Watson on behalf of National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

In relation to **Agenda Item 7.1, "Notice of Motion, Cr Watts: Greater transparency in electoral donations"**:

Requests to Speak

- Michael Butcher, South Yarra Residents Group
- Tony Penna on behalf of Southbank Residents Association.

Items of correspondence:

- Bill Cook on behalf of the North and West Melbourne Association Inc
- Yolande Leonardi
- Julie Harrison on behalf of Carlton Residents Association Inc.
- Tony Penna on behalf of Southbank Residents Association.

In relation to **Agenda Item 7.6, "Notice of Motion, Councillor Leppert: Flemington Road lemon scented gums"**:

Requests to Speak

- Chris Thrum
- Joe Edmonds
- Julianne Bell on behalf of Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.
- Christine West
- Dr Ann Read
- Felicity Watson on behalf of National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

Items of correspondence:

- Ray Cowling

- Chris Thrum
- Josephine Lang
- Cheryl Saunders
- Kaye Oddie
- Ian Baker
- Joe Edmonds
- Julianne Bell on behalf of Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.
- Yolande Leonardi
- April Newton on behalf of the Newton family
- Rob Moore on behalf of Parkville Association
- Sue Freeland
- Marg Jungwirth
- Christine West
- Barbara Champion on behalf of a number of residents in Curran Street, North Melbourne
- Jan Thomas
- Kevin and Denise McNamara.

Planning Portfolio

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

6.1 Ministerial Referral: TPM-2014-22, 185 Rosslyn Street, West Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of a Ministerial referral of a Planning Application at 177-231 Rosslyn Street, West Melbourne.

Robert Dicintio on behalf of Trenerry property group addressed the Committee.

Councillor Foster left the meeting at 5.56pm and returned to the meeting at 5.58pm.

Moved: Cr Ong

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

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood and the following Councillor voting against the motion: Councillor Mayne.

6.2 Ministerial Referral: TPM-2016-3, 24-46 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of a Ministerial referral of a Planning Application at 24-46 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne.

Hugh Smyth on behalf of SJB planning addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Ong

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council supports the application subject to the conditions outlined in the Delegate Report (Attachment 4 of the report from management) and encourages the owner of the land to provide motorcycle spaces within the approved basement(s). The motorcycle spaces must not result in a reduction of bicycle parking spaces and associated facilities.

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, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

6.3 Options for a Hoddle Grid Heritage Review

The purpose of this report was to respond to the Committee resolution of 10 November 2015.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Tristan Davies, President, Melbourne Heritage Action
- Felicity Watson on behalf of National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle left the meeting at 6.18pm and returned to the meeting at 6.20pm.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1. *Agrees in principle to a staged review of built heritage in the Hoddle Grid, undertaken as follows:*

1.1.1. *The proposed study area is to be that set out in the report from management with the addition of the area bounded by Latrobe, William, A'Beckett and Swanston Streets.*

1.1.2. *Council aspires to complete the review within two years, and that \$300,000 be set aside in the 2016-17 Council Budget to undertake a portion of the study, noting that future funding decisions are the subject of future budgets and will be made after capacity and knowledge has been developed in 2016-17.*

1.1.3. *The location/s of the first year's portion of the study be determined by management after further considering geographical, building type and urgency factors, as well as the ramifications of the Minister's recent application of interim heritage controls over nine "C186 part 2" buildings.*

1.2. *Refers this resolution to the 2016-17 Financial Year Budget and Planning process.*

Seconded: Cr Ong

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

7. General business

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

There were six items of General Business for consideration.

Councillor Wood left the meeting at 6.37pm and returned to the meeting at 6.39pm.

Councillor Ong left the meeting at 6.38 and did not return.

7.1 Notice of Motion, Councillor Watts: Greater transparency in electoral donations

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Michael Butcher, South Yarra Residents Group
- Tony Penna on behalf of Southbank Residents Association.

Moved: Cr Watts

1. *That Future Melbourne Committee resolves as follows:*
 - 1.1. *That as a commitment to greater transparency by this Council, all Councillors regardless of whether or not they have declared an intention to seek re-election in the upcoming council elections, voluntarily commit to disclosing the following information about donations since 1 January 2013 and also future information about donations received prior to election day (22 October 2016), namely*
 - 1.1.1 *Offers of or actual cash donations or in-kind campaign support over the value of \$500 received by a Councillor received from any source.*
 - 1.1.2 *All future offers of, or actual cash donations or in-kind campaign support, the details of such offers and donations received by incumbent councillors are to be disclosed and registered within seven days of receipt.*
 - 1.2. *That details all such offers cash donations or in-kind campaign support will be listed on a register to be published on Council's website including details on sources, amounts, whether an offer or donation made was declined, accepted or still under consideration.*

Seconded: Cr Foster

Councillor Mayne foreshadowed that if the motion failed he intended to move an alternative motion.

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

Moved: Cr Mayne

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that:*
 - 1.1 *Council assists with the establishment an online register of campaign finance information related to the 2016 council elections which:*
 - 1.1.1 *Is first published immediately after nominations for elections have been announced by the VEC and then is removed from the public website after a council report on all the information declared is noted at the 29 November 2016 council meeting.*
 - 1.1.2 *Is acknowledged at the outset represents a voluntary disclosure tool which candidates are encouraged, but not legally bound, to follow.*
 - 1.1.3 *Publishes voluntarily supplied information from candidates for election to the City of Melbourne (both leadership teams and council tickets) related to any cash or in-kind campaign donations equal to or above \$500 received between 19 April 2016 and Friday, 18 November 2016.*
 - 1.1.4 *Updates the information on the register in batches based on information supplied by candidates as at 3 October, 14 October and 11 November 2016.*
 - 1.1.5 *In each batch of updates, candidates are encouraged to include an additional figure for the total value of contributions below the \$500 threshold.*
 - 1.1.6 *Discloses the value and nature of any campaign self-funding provided by individual candidates to their leadership or council tickets.*
 2. *Requests the CEO write to the Local Government Minister seeking permission to publish the register on council's website or, failing that, write to an independent body (such as the MAV or VLGA) to secure their support in hosting the register in order to comply with council's election period policy and relevant state legislation.*
 3. *Officers are to prepare a report for the August council meeting outlining the publishing format and template proposed, along with a communications plan for candidates and the proposed host organisation for the public register.*

Seconded: Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

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

Councillor Leppert left the meeting at 7.11pm and returned to the meeting at 7.14pm.

7.2 Notice of Motion, Councillor Wood: Australian Government funding of Melbourne Metro Rail Project

Moved: Cr Wood

1. *That Future Melbourne Committee resolves as follows:*
 - 1.1 *Reaffirms its strong commitment to Melbourne Metro Rail as the City of Melbourne's number one priority transport project.*
 - 1.2 *Notes the prolonged history of the project, first proposed in 2008 and calls on all levels of government to work together to expedite this economic uplift project for Melbourne.*
 - 1.3 *Requests the Transport Portfolio Chair writes to the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, MP, Prime Minister, requesting the demonstration of genuine Federal Government commitment to the Melbourne Metro Rail Project through funding of up to \$3 billion to deliver greater certainty and allow the full business case to be implemented.*

Seconded: Cr Oke

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

7.3 Notice of Motion, Councillor Mayne: Participation in Western Australian forum on local government transparency reform

Moved: Cr Mayne

That the Future Melbourne Committee approves the proposed participation by Councillor Stephen Mayne in the transparency reform in local government forum to be staged by the City of Vincent, Western Australia on 22 April 2016 at no cost to Council.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley

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

7.4 Notice of Motion, Councillor Oke: Nelson Mandela Day Celebration 2016

Moved: Cr Oke

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1 *Notes that the City of Melbourne recognises 18 July as Nelson Mandela International Day.*
 - 1.2 *Requests that management meet with Peter Uzande, Coordinator of the Nelson Mandela Day Commemorative Committee (NMDCC) by 26 April 2016 to discuss opportunities for support through either Council's Event Partnership Program, Community Grants or Community Use of Town Hall Scheme (CUTHS) and advise Councillors of the outcome of that discussion.*

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, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

7.5 Notice of Motion, Councillor Mayne: Early motions lodged for MAV State Council, 13 May 2016

Moved: Cr Mayne

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the schedule of early motions, included as Attachment 1, lodged by member councils for consideration at the MAV State Council meeting on 13 May 2016.

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, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

7.6 Notice of Motion, Councillor Leppert: Flemington Road lemon scented gums

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Chris Thrum
- Joe Edmonds
- Julianne Bell on behalf of Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.
- Christine West
- Dr Ann Read
- Felicity Watson on behalf of National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

Moved: Cr Leppert

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that no work order be made or issued, or permission be granted, for the removal of lemon scented gums near the Flemington Road / Church Street intersection, due to the CityLink Tulla Widening project leaders not demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Council at this time that the trees (at least at the eastern end of the row) cannot be retained.

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, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Mayne, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration

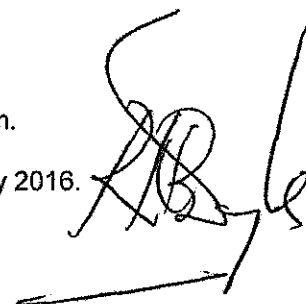
9. Public questions

There were no public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, declared the meeting closed at 7.53pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 3 May 2016.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee