



Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

**Meeting Number 82
Tuesday 7 June 2016
5.30pm**

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

Present

Acting 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

Apology

Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

Confirmed at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting
to be held on Tuesday 21 June 2016

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, advised that:

- the meeting was being recorded and the audio would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business tomorrow
- the agenda comprised of five reports from management and three items of general business
- an apology had been received from Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, advised that conflicts of interest would be disclosed as they arose.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Oke

That the minutes of meeting No 81, held on Tuesday 17 May 2016, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Acting 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

Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association asked why the residents were not informed about the planning application at 248 Sturt Street Southbank.

Councillor Ong explained that a permit has been issued based on the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) decision and the application will not return to Council because it is a VCAT ruling. Councillor Ong has asked officers to look at the notification process to close the loop to ensure the community is aware when a decision is made through VCAT.

Mr Penna also asked about the status of the Amendment C208 Development Contributions Plan?

Councillor Leppert explained that Council did not proceed with this planning scheme amendment based on advice from the planning panel. Council is working with the State Government to trial a new development contributions scheme in Arden-Macaulay and will consider how best to approach development contributions in City North and Southbank after that.

Lisa Peterson, Homelessness Advisory Committee and peer educator for supporting people at City Square asked where Council expect homeless people that have been removed from City Square to go and what will be done about the situation at City Square?

Councillor Foster thanked Ms Paterson for her work and involvement, stating she was a fantastic resource. He explained that while there is no simple answer, Council does understand the concerns from the community and has initiatives in place. Council is talking to local organisations that will have something in place shortly.

6. Reports from management

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, 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 6.3, Draft Urban Ecology and Biodiversity Strategy**

Requests to Speak:

- Chris Thrum
- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association.

Items of Correspondence:

- Chris Thrum
- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association.

In relation to **Agenda item 7.1, Notice of Motion, Councillor Cathy Oke: Owners Corporations and Related Legislation**

Requests to Speak:

- Paul Salter, president Victorian Industry Association
- Marshall P Delves, Director, We Live Here Movement.

Items of Correspondence:

- Paul Salter, president Victorian Industry Association
- Marshall P Delves, Director, We Live Here Movement.

In relation to **Agenda item 7.2, Notice of Motion, Cr Mayne: Melbourne International Flower And Garden Show renewal of licence**

Request to Speak:

- John Weickhardt for the Carlton Residents Association.

Items of Correspondence:

- John Weickhardt for the Carlton Residents Association
- Yolande Leonardi
- Julianne Bell, Secretary Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.

Planning Portfolio

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

6.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C259 – Application of DDO32 over 120-162 Capel Street and 135-159 Peel Street

The purpose of this report was to provide an overview of the public exhibition of Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C259 and request that the Committee recommend Council adopt the Amendment.

Moved: Cr Ong

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee recommends Council:*
 - 1.1. *Adopts Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C259 as exhibited, pursuant to section 29 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.*
 - 1.2. *Submits the Amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

6.2 Planning Permit Application: TP- 2016-241 92-102 and 104-108 Hawke Street, West Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of an application for a planning permit lodged by Melbourne City Council for the removal of Reserve 1 on PS730822J under the provisions of section 24A of the *Subdivision Act 1988* and creation of new consolidated Reserve in accordance with PS800323Q.

Moved: Cr Ong

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that a Planning Permit be issued subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Wood

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

Environment Portfolio

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

6.3 Draft Urban Ecology and Biodiversity Strategy

The purpose of this report was to seek the Committee's endorsement of the draft Urban Ecology and Biodiversity Strategy to be released for community consultation.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Chris Thrum
- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association.

Moved: Cr Oke

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1 *Endorses the draft Urban Ecology and Biodiversity Strategy to be released for community consultation.*
- 1.2 *Notes that a further draft will be returned to Councillors as a report to Future Melbourne Committee for final endorsement following the consultation process.*

Seconded: Cr Wood

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

6.4 Urban Forest Fund Proposal

The purpose of this report was to seek Committee's endorsement of the proposed Urban Forest Fund.

Moved: Cr Wood

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1 *Endorses the establishment of the Urban Forest Fund as a separate general ledger account within the City of Melbourne, which will be reported upon clearly, transparently and separately to the public.*

- 1.2 *Notes management will explore the possibility of a partnership with a third party charity to provide a tax incentive in instances where it is essential for partners.*

Seconded: Cr Oke

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

6.5 Waste collection in the Central City

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for the establishment of a funding model for the service.

Moved: Cr Ong

That the Future Melbourne Committee recommends that Council includes the fee structure described in this report in the 2016-17 Annual Budget.

Seconded: Cr Wood

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

7. General business

The Acting Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, assumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

There were three items of General Business for consideration.

7.1 Notice of Motion, Councillor Cathy Oke: Owners Corporations and Related Legislation

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Paul Salter, president Victorian Industry Association
- Marshall P Delves, Director, We Live Here Movement.

Moved: Cr Oke

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee

- 1.1 *Notes the recent introduction to the Victorian Parliament of the Owners Corporations Amendment (Shortstay Accommodation) Bill 2016 (the Bill) which seeks to regulate the provision of short-term stay accommodation arrangements in premises affected by an owners corporation.*

- 1.2 *Notes that the provisions in the Bill could address the amenity issues caused by short stay accommodation.*

- 1.3 *Requests the Lord Mayor to write to the Minister for Consumer Affairs and the Minister for Planning, in support of submissions made by management, requesting them to pursue further legislative changes to improve the powers of Owners Corporations and the interplay between different legislation, in relation to matters in large, residential developments such as:*

- 1.3.1 *The ability to have works undertaken in response to issues of public and resident safety, within acceptable timeframes, especially in the event of emergency building works to private and common property i.e. in the event of flood or fire.*

- 1.3.2 *The need for improved emergency planning and management from the perspective of owners, occupiers and government agencies.*
- 1.3.3 *The need to better identify and manage rooming houses and the difficulties in gaining access to investigate.*
- 1.3.4 *The capability of Owners Corporations and owners to repair, maintain and upgrade property.*

Seconded: Cr Watts

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

7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Mayne: Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show Renewal of Licence

John Weickhardt for the Carlton Residents Association addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Mayne

- 1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1 *Notes the written request (Attachment 1) from the sponsors and operators of the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (MIFGS) for a new 3 year licence to run the event in the Carlton Gardens from 2018 to 2020 with a 3 year option to extend the licence until 2023, subject to satisfactory performance.*
 - 1.2 *In light of exemplary performance over 21 years, requests management to enter into negotiations with MIFGS for a new 6 year licence from 2018 until 2023 and bring the essential terms of the proposed licence to a Future Melbourne Committee meeting in August 2016 for consideration including assessment of the operator's performance for 2016.*

Seconded: Cr Pinder-Mortimer

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

7.3 Notice of Motion, Cr Mayne: AFL Football Clubs – Gambling Reform

Moved: Cr Mayne

- 1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1 *Notes Council is a Tier 1 member of the Alliance for Gambling Reform.*
 - 1.2 *Commends the North Melbourne Football Club for being the only AFL club based in Victoria (and the City of Melbourne) which has no poker machine operations.*
 - 1.3 *Requests the AFL to develop a funding support plan to encourage all AFL clubs to transition away from reliance on poker machines.*
 - 1.4 *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to write to the AFL and the individual Victorian clubs with poker machines informing them of Council's position and the desirability of exiting the industry.*

Seconded: Cr Oke

Cr Oke requested the following wording be added after point 1.4: 'Requests management to include a condition on all future City of Melbourne funding arrangements with AFL Clubs which seeks to reduce their reliance on poker machines.'

The mover Councillor Mayne, agreed to incorporate Councillor Oke's additional wording.

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

The motion in its entirety reads as follows:

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 - 1.2 *Commends the North Melbourne Football Club for being the only AFL club based in Victoria (and the City of Melbourne) which has no poker machine operations.*
 - 1.3 *Requests the AFL to develop a funding support plan to encourage all AFL clubs to transition away from reliance on poker machines.*
 - 1.4 *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to write to the AFL and the individual Victorian clubs with poker machines informing them of Council's position and the desirability of exiting the industry.*
 - 1.5 *Requests management to include a condition on all future City of Melbourne funding arrangements with AFL Clubs which seeks to reduce their reliance on poker machines.*

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration

9. Public questions

Jennifer Li asked a question in relation to her North Melbourne property and it was agreed to take the question on notice.

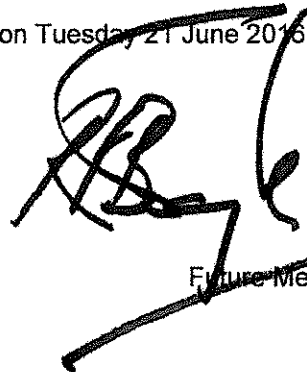
Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association, asked a question in relation to the VCAT decision process, specifically 248-250 Sturt Street, Southbank.

Councillor Ong explained that if a planning matter went before VCAT to compulsory mediation and was endorsed and signed off by VCAT then Council cannot get involved. If the planning matter is knocked back totally and a new application is submitted below 25000 square metres, then the application comes back to Council for decision.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Confirmed at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 21 June 2016.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee

