



**CITY OF MELBOURNE**

## **Future Melbourne Committee**

### **Minutes**

**Meeting Number 59  
Tuesday 2 July 2019  
5.30pm**

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

#### **Present**

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp  
Councillor Philip Le Liu  
Councillor Rohan Leppert  
Councillor Kevin Louey  
Councillor Beverley Pinder-Mortimer  
Councillor Susan Riley

#### **Apologies**

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood  
Councillor Nicolas Frances Gilley  
Councillor Cathy Oke  
Councillor Nicholas Reece  
Councillor Jackie Watts

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee  
on Tuesday 16 July 2019

## **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 two items of general business
- apologies had been received from Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Oke, Reece and Watts.

## **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: Cr Riley

*That the minutes of meeting No 57 held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 and special meeting No 58, held on Thursday 13 June 2019, be confirmed.*

Seconded: Cr Pinder-Mortimer

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

## **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**

Deborah Claydon, University of the Third Age asked a question relating to the establishment of a community hub for people aged 50 plus in the city centre.

Cr Pinder-Mortimer responded that she has arranged a meeting with Jenny Holling to discuss this issue. In the mean time we have also touched based with Men's Shed to see about using space there.

Maureen Ashmore asked a question regarding the Freckelton report. She noted that the summary report released in March 2018 was 10 pages and asked how many pages the full report was.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised we would take the question on notice.

Maureen Ashmore also asked if there were any recommendations made in the Freckelton report.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that the recommendations were included in the summary report that was released to the public in March 2018.

Maureen Ashmore asked a question regarding whether an investigation by Council into alleged gross misconduct as defined under the *Local Government Act 1989* had occurred.

Keith Williamson, Manager Governance and Legal advised that a finding of gross misconduct can only be made by VCAT and the Chief Municipal Inspector is the only one who can take that action.

Maureen Ashmore asked whether Victoria Police had asked for information from the Freckelton report.

Keith Williamson advised that if we were to receive any request for information in relation to an alleged offence from Victoria Police, we would comply.

Maureen Ashmore asked whether other staff of City of Melbourne had an opportunity to tell anybody, or be interviewed or have their complaints acted on.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that the City of Melbourne has systems in place which are open to all staff to address such issues. There are no options that have been closed to staff.

Claire Ferres Miles, Acting Chief Executive Officer also advised that if at any time a staff member has an allegation of any nature that they raise with the organisation, we have due processes in terms of investigation of those matters.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp invited Maureen to put in writing any other questions she may have and we would address them.

Lan Ping Yeh asked a question in relation to the lack of a senior community centre.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised this would be part of Cr Pinder-Mortimer's work.

Cr Pinder-Mortimer invited Lan Ping Yeh to write to her with any specific requests that she had.

## **6. Reports from management**

There were no reports from management for consideration.

## **7. General business**

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's *Meeting Procedures Code*.

### **Submissions/Correspondence**

In relation to Agenda item 7.2, **Proposed travel by Councillor Philip Le Liu, Beijing, China, July 2019**

#### **Request to speak:**

- Chris Thrum.

#### **Item of correspondence:**

- Chris Thrum.

### **7.1 Post travel report by Councillor Susan Riley: Seeds & Chips Summit Italy, May 2019**

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

#### **1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:**

- 1.1. *Notes the report by Councillor Susan Riley on participation at Seeds&Chips: Global Food Innovation Summit held in Milan Italy in May 2019 at a cost to Council of \$11,742.58*
- 1.2. *Requests that management undertake further investigation to:*
  - 1.2.1. *Explore the City of Milan's activities and projects within the waste and recycling area.*
  - 1.2.2. *Assess future opportunities around Milan Fashion Week, The Woolmark Company and Melbourne Fashion Week.*

Seconded: Cr Louey

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

## 7.2 Proposed travel by Councillor Philip Le Liu, Beijing, China, July 2019

Chris Thrum addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
  - 1.1. *Approves Councillor Philip Le Liu's proposal to travel to Beijing, China in July to participate in a series of meetings led by Melbourne Airport with the People's Republic of China Ministry of Culture and Tourism at a cost to Council of no more than \$5000.*
  - 1.2. *Notes that Councillor Le Liu will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from Beijing, China.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

## 8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

## 9. Public questions

Maureen Ashmore asked a question relating to whether the City of Melbourne had paid any of the legal costs of the former Lord Mayor Robert Doyle.

Claire Ferres Miles, Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that Mr Doyle's legal costs were covered by insurance. The City of Melbourne did not pay for any of those costs.

## 10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 6.03pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 16 July 2019.



Chair  
Future Melbourne Committee