



CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

**Meeting Number 61
Tuesday 6 August 2019
5.30pm**

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

Present

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood
Councillor Nicolas Frances Gilley
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey
Councillor Cathy Oke
Councillor Beverley Pinder-Mortimer
Councillor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Susan Riley
Councillor Jackie Watts

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On Tuesday 20 August 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 one report from management and one item of general business.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

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

Cr Philip Le Liu arrived at 5.33pm.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Frances Gilley

That the minutes of meeting No 60, held on Tuesday 16 July 2019, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Oke

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

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

There were no public questions.

6. Reports from management

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 7.1, 'Proposed travel by Councillor Rohan Leppert, Auckland, New Zealand, August 2019'

Item of Correspondence:

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Arts, Culture and Heritage Portfolio

Cr Leppert assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Portfolio.

6.1 Creative Funding Framework 2019-24

The purpose of this report was to seek Committee's endorsement of the Creative Funding Framework 2019-24.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:

1.1 Endorses the Creative Funding Framework 2019-24 subject to the following changes:

1.1.1 The addition of a new principle on page 5 "We support artists and small to medium and independent arts organisations".

1.1.2 The deletion of the words "level of" from each of the three column headings on pages 6 and 7.

1.1.3 The deletion of the line commencing "We want to see..." on page 7 and its replacement with "The below indicators are not funding criteria but will help to indicate if our principles, priorities and key deliverables are being met.

A greater amount of the creative work funded by the City of Melbourne..."

1.1.4 The addition of text to the title of the table ('Program streams') on page 8, to read "- year one funding".

1.1.5 The addition of the text ", programs" after "projects" in the third paragraph of page 8.

1.1.6 The deletion of text in the table cell in row 'Arts and Creative Investment Partnerships' and column 'Application of commission' on page 8 and its replacement with "Investigation, Development and presentation of new creative ideas, work, programs and projects.

Call for proposals open to medium to large sized organisations but not government-owned agencies, organisations and institutions.

Commissioned partnerships open to medium to large sized organisations as well as government-owned agencies, organisations and institutions, with total partnerships not exceeding \$300,000 per year.

Additional in kind support from Council may be provided in addition to cash grants (e.g. the waiving of permit fees for a supported public event, etc.)".

1.1.7 The addition of a new paragraph beneath the table on page 9 to read "The assessment of Arts Grants, Aboriginal Arts Grants, Arts and Creative Investment Partnerships (applications made to calls for proposals) and Arts Residencies will be conducted by an independent panel of peers."

1.1.8 The addition of a new paragraph beneath the paragraph referred to in 10.1.7 to read "While the budgets submitted with Arts Grants may be queried and/or amended during the application and assessment process by City of Melbourne staff and the assessment panel, and except where an application is seeking funding from multiple arts funding bodies, Arts Grants projects recommended for support will generally be funded in full".

1.1.9 The addition of a new paragraph beneath the paragraph referred to in 10.1.8 to read "The City of Melbourne will review its application processes to reduce unnecessary burden to the applicant and to consider different levels of application obligations depending on the size of the grant being applied for".

1.2 Authorises the Acting Director City Communities to make further minor editorial changes to the Creative Funding Framework 2019-24 prior to publication.

1.3 Notes that recommendations for additional funding for expanded access and equity actions of \$40,000 will be referred to the 2020-21 budget process for consideration.

- 1.4 *Notes that the sector feedback regarding the accessibility of Melbourne Town Hall and Council venues, and requests that management provide councillors with a briefing on the scope of the upcoming strategic services review of Melbourne Town Hall management*”.
- 1.5 *Recommends that Council consider that in year two of the Creative Funding Framework the total figure for Arts Grants should increase from \$710,400 to \$850,000, and that all program streams should be considered for indexation in year two onwards, and refers this matter to the 2020-2021 budget process accordingly.*

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Leppert, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

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

7. General business

There was one item of General business for consideration.

7.1 Proposed travel by Councillor Rohan Leppert, Auckland, New Zealand, August 2019

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for Councillor Rohan Leppert to participate in meetings with City of Auckland representatives on issues relating to public art and creative matters whilst on private travel in New Zealand in August 2019.

Chris Thrum addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Approves the proposal by Councillor Rohan Leppert to participate in meetings with City of Auckland representatives on creative and public art matters whilst on private travel in New Zealand in August 2019.*
 - 1.2. *Notes that Councillor Leppert will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.*

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

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, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 20 August 2019.


Chair
Future Melbourne Committee