

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

Meeting Number 82
Tuesday 4 August 2020
5.30pm

Virtual Meeting

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 18 August 2020

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 five reports from management and one item of general business
- all Councillors were participating in the meeting virtually.

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 meetings

Moved:

Cr Riley

That the minutes of meeting No 81, held on Tuesday 21 July 2020, be confirmed.

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

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

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, advised that three public questions had been received, two of which would be asked via live audio link.

Stephen Mayne asked a question relating to the cost of Council and Committee meetings during the COVID19 pandemic. Mr Mayne asked about the cost savings made by holding meetings virtually compared to the cost of having some Councillors in the chamber, which requires cameras and staff to be in the chambers.

The Lord Mayor referred the question to Justin Hanney, Chief Executive Officer, who took the question on notice.

The committee noted that Chris Thrum, who had requested an opportunity to ask a question, was not present to address the committee.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, advised that, in reading aloud the one written question received she was not attesting to the veracity or factual nature of any statements contained in the question.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, read out the written question received from Stephen Mayne:

Given that the Enterprise Agreement is the biggest single contract that City of Melbourne enters into and councillors have no input into it besides approving the budget for staff expenditure, will the CEO undertake not to enter into a new 4 year agreement costing ratepayers over \$1 billion in the final weeks of the current council, so that the new council can be fully briefed on council's impaired post-COVID budget position before such a long-term commitment is made?

The Lord Mayor referred the question to Justin Hanney, Chief Executive Officer, who advised that Council is now back at the negotiating table. City of Melbourne had been about to put a proposed Enterprise Agreement

(EA) to the vote, however due to COVID-19 it was decided to put it on hold. Mr Hanney advised that: he is not in a positon to give further undertakings at this time; he is aware of council's budget position and the need to contain costs; and the new council, when formed, will be fully briefed on the post-COVID budget including the EA.

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 6.1, 'Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendments C386 and C387 - Hoddle Grid Heritage Review':

Requests to speak:

- Brayden Allen
- Rohan Storey.

Items of Correspondence:

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In relation to Agenda item 6.3, 'Endorsement of Draft Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-23 for Community Consultation':

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Request to speak:

Chris Thrum.

Item of Correspondence:

Chris Thrum.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, 'Endorsement of the concept design plans and project update for the redevelopment of Western Pavilion in Royal Park':

Request to speak:

Dean Paatsch, Brunswick Hockey Club.

Items of Correspondence:

- Kate Oddie, Friends of Royal Park, Parkville Inc.
- Dean Paatsch, Brunswick Hockey Club
- Stephen Mayne.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, 'Supporting small businesses through the Environmental Upgrade Agreement legislation and model':

Item of Correspondence:

Scott Bocksay.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, 'Notice of Motion, Cr Susan Riley: Publication 'The year that was...2020' to record COVID-19 crisis and impact on the City of Melbourne':

Item of Correspondence:

Chris Thrum.

Planning (Heritage) Portfolio

Cr Leppert assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider two reports from management in relation to the Planning (Heritage) Portfolio.

6.1 Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendments C386 and C387 – Hoddle Grid Heritage Review

The purpose of this report was to present the Future Melbourne Committee with the Hoddle Grid Heritage Review and proceed to implement the Review through Planning Scheme Amendments C386 (Interim Controls) and C387 (Permanent Controls).

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts each declared an indirect conflict of interest in relation to this item. The conflict of interest was due to receipt of an applicable gift under section 78C of the *Local Government Act 1989*. All Councillors had received an election campaign donation from a donor affected by the Amendments. All Councillors left the meeting at 5.47pm, prior to any discussion taking place.

Cr Riley also declared a direct conflict under section 77B of the *Local Government Act 1989* due to owning property which is affected by the Amendments.

Due to the number of Councillors declaring conflicts of interest for Agenda 6.1, the quorum for the meeting was lost and the agenda item will now be dealt with by an officer under delegation. The decision made under delegation will be in accordance with the management recommendation printed in the agenda papers. For transparency, the details of the decision will be published on the Hoddle Grid Heritage Review page on Council's Participate Melbourne site, as soon as practicable.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts returned to the meeting at 5.49pm.

6.2 Heritage Design Guide and Heritage Owner's Guide – final endorsement following targeted stakeholder engagement

The purpose of this report was to seek Future Melbourne Committee's final endorsement of two heritage quidance documents: the Heritage Design Guide and Heritage Owner's Guide.

Cr Watts was disconnected from the meeting at 5.50pm and reconnected at 5.51pm. Cr Watts was again disconnected from the meeting at 5.52pm and returned at 5.56pm.

Moved:

Cr Leppert

That the Future Melbourne Committee adjourn the meeting at 5.53pm and resume at 5.56pm.

Seconded:

Lord Mayor Sally Capp

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 and Riley.

The meeting resumed at 5.56pm with the following committee members 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.

Cr Watts left the meeting at 6pm and returned at 6.01pm.

Moved:

Cr Leppert

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1 Endorses the final Heritage Design Guide (refer Attachment 3 of the report from management).
 - 1.2 Endorses the final Heritage Owner's Guide (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management).
 - 1.3 Notes management's intention to publish the Guides on the CoM website.
 - 1.4 Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the Heritage Design Guide and Heritage Owner's Guide as required.

Seconded:

Cr Reece

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.

Aboriginal City Portfolio

Cr Frances Gilley assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the Aboriginal City Portfolio.

6.3 Endorsement of Draft Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-23 for Community Consultation

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the City of Melbourne's draft (Innovate) Reconciliation Action Plan 2020–23 for broader community consultation.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Chris Thrum.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood was disconnected from the meeting at 6.21pm and reconnected at 6.26pm.

Cr Pinder-Mortimer left the meeting at 6.26pm and returned at 6.27pm

Moved:

Cr Frances Gilley

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the draft Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-23 for public consultation.
 - 1.2. Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the Draft Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-23 prior to publication.

Seconded:

Cr Oke

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

People City Portfolio

Cr Pinder-Mortimer assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the People City Portfolio.

6.4 Endorsement of the concept design plans and project update for the redevelopment of Western Pavilion in Royal Park

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the concept design plans for Western Pavilion in Royal Park prior to lodgement of a heritage permit application and tender of works, and to provide a project update.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Dean Paatsch, Brunswick Hockey Club.

Cr Frances Gilley left the meeting at 6.53pm and returned at 6.54

Moved:

Cr Pinder-Mortimer

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the concept design plans for Western Pavilion to proceed to lodgement of a heritage permit application and tender.
 - 1.2. Notes the proposed programme for delivery of the Western Pavilion project.
 - 1.3. Authorises the General Manager Capital Projects and Infrastructure to make any further minor changes prior to tender.
 - 1.4. Notes that works are progressing in relation to the Brens and Ryder Pavilions and, that following further stakeholder engagement, the concept plans for these pavilions will be brought to a future Committee meeting for endorsement.

Seconded:

Cr Watts

Amendment

Moved: Cr Leppert

That the motion be amended to add the words "- subject to removal of the 'mounds' -" after the word "Pavilion" in paragraph 1.1 of the motion.

Seconded: Cr Oke

The amendment was put and lost with the following Councillors voting for the amendment: Councillors Leppert, Frances Gilley and Oke; and the following Councillors voting against the amendment: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Le Liu, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley and Watts.

Substantive Motion

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

Finance and Governance Portfolio

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the People City Portfolio.

6.5 Supporting small businesses through the Environmental Upgrade Agreement legislation and model

The purpose of this report was to respond to a resolution of the Future Melbourne Committee, made on 21 July 2020, requesting that management 'Investigate the Environmental Upgrade Agreement mechanism in the Local Government Act 1989 to assess whether it can potentially be broadened to apply to any type of building upgrade'. The resolution made particular reference to enabling small business such as hospitality, events, tourism and small retail, to obtain finance.

Moved:

Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1 Notes that limitations on the model that enabled environmental upgrade agreements detailed in this report makes it an unsuitable model to assist small business such as hospitality, events, tourism and small retail with cash flow
 - 1.2 Continues to work with State and Federal Governments to provide small businesses in the City of Melbourne with financial support and other resources to aid survival of Melbourne's small business community

Seconded: Cr Riley

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, 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 Notice of Motion, Cr Susan Riley: Publication 'The year that was...2020' to record COVID-19 crisis and impact on the City of Melbourne

Moved:

Cr Riley

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Recognises the very difficult and evolving period of time we are currently living through, what our city is experiencing, and expresses an intention to record these experiences for future generations.
 - 1.2. Requests that management:
 - 1.2.1. Considers options for commissioning the content as a publication of a book, journal, or other digital media format, potentially led by independent researchers, artists and/or journalists, on the concept 'The year that was...2020' to capture the City of Melbourne's and the community responses and adaptation to challenges presented by COVID-19 between 1 January to 31 December 2020 or until the pandemic is over.
 - 1.2.2. Collate all initiatives, programs and support from across the organisation into one central source to record this extraordinary time in history, and to highlight the work and achievements undertaken by the City of Melbourne and the community.
 - 1.2.3. Arrange for printing and distribution of limited hard copies of any publication, including copies for the City of Melbourne archive, City of Melbourne libraries, the National Library of Australia, the State Library of Victoria, and the City's university based libraries.
 - 1.2.4. Consider how in-house expertise can contribute to the project.
 - 1.2.5. Make any recommendations regarding the resourcing of the project to the Council as necessary

Seconded:

Cr Watts

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.

Urgent business 8.

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

9. **Public questions**

The committee noted that Chris Thrum, who had requested an opportunity to ask a question, was not present to address the committee.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 7.33pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 18 August 2020.

Chair

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