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Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 4
Tuesday 2 February 2021
5.30pm

Council Chamber

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On Tuesday 16 February 2021

C o n f i r m e d m i n u t e s

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
- no apologies had been received from Councillors.

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 Hakim

That the minutes of meeting No 3, held on Tuesday 8 December 2020, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Public questions

Ms Bea McNicholas asked a question relating to security of personal information held at Council.

Specifically Ms McNicholas asked about how email addresses were obtained by candidates for the 2020 election campaign and the security of information held by Council generally. The possibility of City of Melbourne databases being 'scraped' for email addresses was raised.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, advised that community confidence in Council's systems and the security of information is very important. The sourcing of email addresses used by some candidates at the 2020 Council Election was referred to the Local Government Inspectorate, the State integrity agency responsible for independently examining such matters and their investigation found that the email addresses had been obtained through publicly available sources and not 'scraped' from City of Melbourne databases.

The City of Melbourne views the protection of an individual's privacy as an integral part of its commitment towards complete accountability and integrity in all its activities and programs. The Council is subject to the provisions of the Victorian *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* and takes its obligations seriously. Council does not consider that there has been a breach of the legislation or that data 'scraping' of Council systems was undertaken.

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Chris Thrum submitted a written question regarding peaceful protests held on 26 January 2021 to protest against injustices against First Nations tribes and that January 26 is a day of mourning for many people.

Mr Thrum asked what Council's thoughts on the protests were; should Australia Day be celebrated on a more appropriate day; and is the City of Melbourne committed to its Reconciliation Action Plan?

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, provided the following response from management:

We acknowledge that 26 January has multiple meanings and that our community and in particular the Aboriginal community have mixed feelings about celebrating this day - some consider it a day celebrating a nation, whilst to others it's a day of mourning, a day to mark the survival of their ongoing traditions and cultures.

It's important that these views as part of the municipal community are respected and that collectively we have constructive conversations about this history and seek ways to move forward together as a municipality and as a nation. Our Reconciliation Action Plan is exactly the place where we can have constructive conversations that represent our reconciliation journey, because at its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, for the benefit of all Victorians.

Chris Thrum submitted a written question regarding musicians and people in the music industry, who are aware of the tremendous effort and endeavour City of Melbourne has invested in supporting the music industry. His question was: can City of Melbourne advocate for and support allowing venues, pubs, and bars to operate at 100 per cent and a further extension of Jobseeker?

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, provided the following response from management:

Melbourne has more live music venues per capita than any city in the world. However, with restrictions on trade, ongoing venue density limits and reduced visitor numbers, COVID-19 has hit the music industry hard.

The City of Melbourne has supported the music industry through initiatives such as Melbourne Music Week extended, an expanded busker program and business support. Yet more needs to be done, and that's why the City of Melbourne is establishing the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee to work with us and advise how we can best support the music industry and other parts of the night time economy impacted by the pandemic.

6. Reports from management

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's Governance Rules.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Planning Permit Application: TP-2020-235, 10-16 Dorcas Street, Southbank:**

Requests to speak:

- Forest Lukwago
- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Jessica Liew, Plus Architecture
- Ricky Phoon, BEKL.

Items of correspondence:

- Bruce Mapperson
- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Anna Paris.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2020-22, Lot S9, 208 - 226 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands:**

Request to speak:

- Cian Davis, Bates Smart.

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In relation to Agenda item 6.4, **Night Time Economy Advisory Committee:**

Items of correspondence:

- Matthew Peckham
- Tim Percy.

City Planning Portfolio

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider three reports from management in relation to the City Planning Portfolio.

6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2020-235, 10-16 Dorcas Street, Southbank

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a planning permit application seeking approval for the construction of a multi-storey mixed-use building comprising office space, a residential hotel and dwellings at 10-16 Dorcas Street, Southbank.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Jessica Liew, Plus Architecture
- Ricky Phoon, BEKL.

The committee noted that Forest Lukwago, who had requested an opportunity to speak, was not present at the meeting to address the committee.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 6.12pm.

6.2 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2020-22, Lot S9, 208 - 226 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial planning permit application seeking approval to construct a multi-storey, mixed-use building at Lot S9, 208 - 226 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands (otherwise known as 30 - 40 Digital Drive, Docklands).

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Cian Davis.

Cr Le Liu returned to the meeting at 6.14pm.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

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 in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2020-1, 68-102 and 103 Alfred Street, and 87-105 Racecourse Road, North Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Planning Application seeking approval for construction of four multi-storey buildings to be used as dwellings, a childcare centre and commercial and retail areas, and a reduction of car parking requirements for the land at 68-102 and 103 Alfred Street and 87-105 Racecourse Road, North Melbourne.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, received a disclosable gift (a campaign donation) from the architect to the project. Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, left the meeting at 6.22pm prior to discussion taking place.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council objects to the proposal on the grounds outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).*
 - 1.2. *Requests that management prepare an addendum to Council's Statement of Grounds outlining Council's reasons for contesting the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) application, consistent with the delegate report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management), and submit it to VCAT and all parties to the proceeding.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp returned to the meeting at 6.42pm

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6.4 Night Time Economy Advisory Committee

The purpose of this report was to adopt the proposed Terms of Reference of the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Ratifies the establishment of the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee (the Committee).*
 - 1.2. *Adopts the attached Terms of Reference for the Committee (refer to Attachment 2 of the report from management).*
 - 1.3. *Authorises the General Manager City Economy and Activation to make any further minor editorial changes to the Terms of Reference prior to publication.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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6.5 Ratification of Future Melbourne Committee meeting dates 2021

The purpose of this report was to ratify the dates, times and venue for meetings of the Future Melbourne Committee in 2021.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

That the Future Melbourne Committee ratifies the schedule of 2021 meeting dates, times and venue as outlined in Attachment 2 to the report from management

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There were no items of General business for consideration.

8. Urgent business

There was one item of proposed urgent business.

8.1 Extended outdoor dining program

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

That the matter of Extended outdoor dining program meets the criteria for consideration as an item of Urgent business as it has arisen since the distribution of the agenda, and cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Council or meeting.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1 *Acknowledges that the Extended Outdoor Dining Program (the program) has had significant participation from businesses and has encouraged patrons back to hospitality venues at a critical time for the industry.*
 - 1.2 *Notes that this program has been delivered in partnership with the Victorian Government, through the \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund.*
 - 1.3 *Requests management prepare a report for the 23 February 2021 Council meeting to consider options for a short term extension of the current program by a further two months (31 May 2021).*
 - 1.4 *Requests that, unless Council resolves on 23 February 2021 not to extend the program, management present a report to the 30 March 2021 Council meeting containing economic analysis and recommendations for the future of the program that includes the evaluation of:*
 - 1.4.1 *Business satisfaction and sentiment.*
 - 1.4.2 *Economic benefits such as increases to trading capacity.*
 - 1.4.3 *Costs associated with the program and funding options.*
 - 1.4.4 *Barriers to business participation.*

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- 1.4.5 *Potential amenity impacts.*
- 1.4.6 *City of Melbourne processes.*
- 1.4.7 *Improvements for the future of the program that take into consideration seasonal impacts.*
- 1.4.8 *Funding options.*
- 1.5 *Requests management update program participants and key stakeholders on the timing of Council's upcoming decisions on the future of the program so that businesses can plan with certainty.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 16 February 2021.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee