

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 7 Tuesday 16 March 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

Apology

Councillor Kevin Louey

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee On Tuesday 13 April 2021

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
- an apology had been received from Cr Louey.

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 Griffiths

That the minutes of meeting No 6, held on Tuesday 2 March 2021, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Chang

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 and Leppert.

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

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that one public question had been received.

Question from Wayne Coles-Janess - conflicts of interest

Wayne Coles-Janess asked a question relating to how Council staff declare conflicts of interest.

The following response was provided by Michael Tonta, Director Governance:

The management of conflicts of interest is an important part of the good governance of our City. Both the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Council's Employee Code of Conduct set out the requirements for identifying, declaring and managing conflicts of interest and these are considered sufficient to provide assurance that conflicts are identified, declared and managed appropriately.

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-2020-533 6-10 MacArthur Place North, Carlton:

Requests to speak:

- Joseph Bernard
- Constance Bernard
- Mary Marasco
- Olga Fischer
- James Samargis
- Hamish Balzan, Urban Edge Consultants (for objectors)
- John Cicero, Best Hooper (for applicant).

Items of Correspondence:

- Justine Ulmann
- Dan De Sousa
- Joseph Bernard
- Constance Bernard
- Lorenzo Marasco
- Ben Shaw
- Dominic Fitzjohn
- Helen Ulmann
- Mary Marasco

- James Samargis
- Jalila Slaouti
- Lillian Nativ
- Merv Fennell
- Jasper Meagher
- Janelle Farrely
- Rod Ward and Kim Huynh
- Evrim March
- Tristan Ceccato.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, Planning Scheme Amendment C396 – Finalisation of the Heritage Places Inventory:

Request to speak:

Wayne Coles-Janess.

Items of Correspondence:

- Felicity Watson, National Trust
- Wayne Coles-Janess.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, Submission to Infrastructure Victoria on Victoria's Draft 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy:

Items of Correspondence:

- Greg Day
- Chris Thrum.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, Marketing Support for Activation in the City:

Request to speak:

· Wayne Coles-Janess.

Items of Correspondence:

- Chris Thrum
- Wayne Coles-Janess.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, Outcomes of City of Melbourne COVID-19 Business Support Program:

Request to speak:

Wayne Coles-Janess.

Item of Correspondence:

Wayne Coles-Janess.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider two reports from management where the Council is the Responsible Authority, Referral Authority or Planning Authority under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2020-533 6-10 MacArthur Place North, Carlton

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a planning permit application seeking approval for partial demolition, external alterations, and buildings and works to construct three dwellings on a lot at 6-10 MacArthur Place North, Carlton.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Joseph Bernard
- Constance Bernard
- Mary Marasco
- Olga Fischer
- James Samargis
- Hamish Balzan, Urban Edge Consultants
- Joseph Toscano (behalf of John Cicero)

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 6.08pm and returned at 6.09pm.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that, had an appeal against failure not been lodged with VCAT, the Melbourne City Council would have issued 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) as well as the following additional condition: "The street façade and its return walls and parapet must be cleaned of non-original render and paint to reveal original intact brickwork and bluestone elements, with the making good of any damaged elements, all to the specification and supervision of a recognised heritage specialist, or as otherwise agreed by the Responsible Authority".

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 and Leppert.

6.2 Planning Scheme Amendment C396 Finalisation of the Heritage Places Inventory

The purpose of this report was to recommend that the Future Melbourne Committee request authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Amendment C396. This amendment implements the Amendment C396 Heritage Category Conversion Review.

The Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Deputy Lord Mayor is an employee of the University of Melbourne which is an affected party to the Amendment. Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 6.39pm prior to any discussion taking place.

The Deputy Chair, Cr Leppert, assumed the role of Chair.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Wayne Coles-Janess.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:

- 1.1. Notes that following the public release of the Future Melbourne Committee papers on Thursday 11 March 2021, management has proactively engaged with key submitters to the Planning Panel process, and in line with feedback, proposes to update the amendment documents as follows:
 - 1.1.1. 40 George Street, East Melbourne as having building category "Contributory" and streetscape category "-" (no category), to correct a historic addressing error which pre-dated Amendment C258.
 - 1.1.2. 65-67 Peel Street, West Melbourne as having building category "Significant" and streetscape category "-" (no category), to correct a building category error which was identified at the Amendment C258 Panel hearing by the heritage expert who authored the West Melbourne Heritage Review, 2016.
 - 1.1.3. 53 Hawke Street, West Melbourne, and 55 Hawke Street, West Melbourne, as both having building category "Contributory" and streetscape category "Significant", to correct a streetscape category error which was identified at the Amendment C258 Panel hearing by the heritage expert who authored the West Melbourne Heritage Review, 2016.
- Applies to the Minister for Planning for authorisation to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C396 Finalisation of the Heritage Places Inventory per Attachment 2 of the report from management and inclusive of the updates proposed in previous paragraphs.
- Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make 1.3. any required editorial and referencing changes to the amendment documents prior to submitting them to the Minister for Planning for authorisation.

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Seconded:

Cr Griffiths

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

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

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece returned to the meeting at 6.51pm.

6.3 Submission to Infrastructure Victoria on Victoria's Draft 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy

The purpose of this report was to seek Council's endorsement of the revised City of Melbourne submission to Infrastructure Victoria on its Draft 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy. The revised submission was prepared in response to the resolution by Future Melbourne Committee on 16 February 2021 'to request management to prepare an updated submission to Infrastructure Victoria that distinguishes between short and long-term goals'.

Moved:

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - Endorses the submission (Attachment 2 of the report from management) to Infrastructure Victoria's 30-year Infrastructure Strategy, noting the revisions and qualified support for some initiatives.
 - Authorises the General Manager, Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any minor editorial changes to the submission.

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

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 and Leppert.

6.4 Marketing Support for Activation in the City

The purpose of this report was to provide Councillors with an overview of destination marketing to support city recovery and reactivation, reinforcing the critical role marketing will continue to play throughout 2021-22, and to seek endorsement for the waiving of daily hire fees for the City of Melbourne's Promotions (Banner) Program from 1 March to 30 June 2021 as a further demonstration of marketing support for impacted city events.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Wayne Coles-Janess.

Moved:

Cr Campbell

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Notes the continued uplift in destination marketing activities required to support city reactivation efforts in 2021-22, and ongoing work with the State Government to secure additional financial support for the marketing of the city of Melbourne.
 - 1.2. Approves the waiving of daily hire fees for the Promotions (Banner) Program for all current bookings commencing between 1 March and 30 June 2021, and any new bookings made prior to 30 June 2021.
 - 1.3. Notes, that to support the reactivation of the city and in light of the continued financial and operational challenges faced by event and festival organisers, daily hire fees will be considered as part of 2021-22 Annual Budget process.

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 and Leppert.

6.5 Outcomes of City of Melbourne COVID-19 Business Support Program

The purpose of this report was to share the findings of research into the impact of these business support initiatives, including the extent to which the initiatives worked to support businesses, and what kind of support would be valued into the future.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Wayne Coles-Janess.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 7.20pm and returned at 7.21pm.

Moved:

Cr Campbell

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Notes the outcomes of the COVID-19 business support program and the importance of these initiatives in supporting city businesses impacted by COVID-19.
 - 1.2. Notes that the insights in this research are informing reactivation work currently being delivered by the City of Melbourne, including activities such as destination marketing, City Reactivation Event Grants, an enhanced Business Concierge service and the Creative Laneways program.
 - 1.3. Agrees the City of Melbourne deliver an enhanced Business Concierge program to support business growth and new business formation, with management to provide advice on a proposed operating model at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting by 20 April 2021.
 - 1.4. Requests the Lord Mayor share these outcomes with the Minister for Industry Support and Recovery, to inform future Victorian Government interventions to support City of Melbourne businesses and initiatives that bring people back to the central city.

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 and Leppert.

7. General Business

There was one item of General Business for consideration.

7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Philip Le Liu, ANZAC Day Parade

Moved:

Cr Le Liu

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee ...
 - 1.1 Encourages RSL Victoria to proceed with the ANZAC Day Parade with due consideration of public health guidelines.
 - 1.2 Commits the City of Melbourne to working with RSL Victoria and the Victorian Government to facilitate the delivery of a successful and COVID-safe ANZAC Day Parade.
 - 1.3 Notes that the ANZAC Day Parade is important to veterans, their families and the Melbourne community as a public display of gratitude and reflection.
 - 1.4 Notes that events like the ANZAC Day Parade are also important to the city and its successful delivery would provide much needed confidence to businesses, residents and visitors.

Seconded:

Cr Chang

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 and Leppert.

8. Urgent business

There was one item of proposed urgent business for consideration.

8.1 Commonwealth Government Tourism Support Package

Moved:

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

That the matter of Commonwealth Government Tourism Support Package 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 and Leppert.

Cr Le Liu declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Cr Le Liu is a Director of an aviation start-up. Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 7.44pm prior to any discussion taking place and did not return.

Moved:

Cr Campbell

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:

- 1.1. Notes the \$1.2 billion tourism support package announced by the Commonwealth Government.
- 1.2. Notes that two routes to Victoria's Avalon airport are included in the scheme and eleven routes from Victoria to other States.
- 1.3. Calls on the Commonwealth Government to include additional routes to Victoria in the scheme including Tullamarine airport to bring more interstate travellers to the City of Melbourne.
- 1.4. Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Commonwealth Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment to advocate for additional routes to Victoria that will benefit the City of Melbourne.
- 1.5. Requests management to consider marketing and other ideas to maximise benefit for the City of Melbourne and report to Council with options for endorsement.

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, and Leppert.

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9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 8pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 13 April 2021.

Chair Future Melbourne Committee

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