

CITY OF MELBOURNE

## **Future Melbourne Committee Minutes**

**Meeting Number 9** Tuesday 20 April 2021 5.30pm

**Council Chambers** 

## 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 4 May 2021

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## 1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

Cr Louey arrived at the meeting at 5.31pm.

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 eight reports from management and two items of general business
- 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 Griffiths

That the minutes of meeting No 8, held on Tuesday 13 April 2021, be confirmed.

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 Dr 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

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 Governance Rules.

#### Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, Planning Permit Application: TP-2016-669/B, 268-270 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne:

#### Request to speak:

Tim Retrot, proUrban.

## Item of Correspondence:

Llynn Simpson

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2020-7, 21 - 35 Power Street, Southbank:

## Request to speak:

James Goulding, SJB Planning.

#### Item of Correspondence:

James Goulding, SJB Planning,

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendments C393 and C394 – Fishermans Bend In-Depth Heritage Review:

## Request to speak:

Daniel Gardiner, Westgate Bridge Memorial Committee.

## Items of Correspondence:

- Tom Spurling
- Charles Sowerwine, Chair of Heritage Committee, Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- Daniel Gardiner, Westgate Bridge Memorial Committee.
- Felicity Watson, Executive Manager Advocacy, National Trust of Victoria.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, Seafarers Rest Park Design March 2021:

## Request to speak:

Ross Brewer, Director, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network

## Items of Correspondence:

- Melinda King
- Greg Yorke
- Ross Brewer, Director, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, Southbank Promenade Landscape Upgrades - Community Engagement:

## Items of Correspondence:

- Tim Bracher
- Rohan Story, Vice President, Melbourne Heritage Action.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Horse-Drawn Vehicles:

#### Requests to speak:

- Cassandra Westwood
- Charlotte Cussell
- Elizabeth Duggan
- Elisabeth Viggers
- Abs Herawi

### Items of Correspondence:

- Cassandra Westwood
- Charlotte Cussell
- Teresa Graham
- Ginger Scott
- Elizabeth Duggan
- Chris Thrum
- Elisabeth Viggers
- Abs Herawi
- Ben Schultz

- Ben Schultz
- Virginia Y
- Lynette Freeman
- Kristin Leigh, Campaign Manager, Melbourne Against Horse Drawn Carriages.
- Libby Green
- Alistair F
- Kate Elliot
- Virginia Y
- Karen Hohenhaus
- Lynette Freeman
- Kristin Leigh, Campaign Manager, Melbourne Against Horse Drawn Carriages
- Lisa Ryan, Animal Liberation.

In relation to Agenda item 7.2, Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Supplying free sanitary products in Council owned facilities – pilot program:

#### Requests to speak:

Donna Stolzenberg, 2021 Victorian of the Year

#### Items of Correspondence:

- Katrina Walker
- Donna Stolzenberg, 2021 Victorian of the Year
- Jane Bennett, Chalice Foundation for a positive menstrual culture.

## **City Planning Portfolio**

Deputy Lord Mayor Cr 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-2016-669/B, 268-270 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of an application to amend an existing planning permit, seeking approval for the use of the land at 268-270 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne (refer to Attachment 2, Locality Plan) as two bars.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Tim Retrot, proUrban.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 5.41pm and returned at 5.45pm.

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 outlined 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, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

#### 6.2 Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2020-7, 21 - 35 Power Street, Southbank

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a site specific planning scheme amendment lodged with the Minister for Planning and referred to Council for comment. The amendment seeks permission to apply a Specific Controls Overlay (SCO) to 21 - 35 Power Street, Southbank and include a related Incorporated Document (ID) in the planning scheme. This ID would facilitate the construction of a multi-storey office building on site.

The following person addressed the Committee:

James Goulding, SJB Planning.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:
  - 1.1 Advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that:
  - 1.2 Council does not support the proposed development at 21 35 Power Street, Southbank, due to non-compliance with the built form requirements of Schedule 10 to the Design Development and Overlay (DDO10), and detailed design matters of

Schedule 1 to the Design and Development Overlay DDO1 (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

1.3 Should the Minister for Planning resolve to approve the proposed development, Council requests inclusion of the changes marked-up in the Draft Incorporated Document at Appendix 1 of Attachment 4 of the report from management.

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

## 6.3 Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendments C393 and C394 – Fishermans Bend In-Depth Heritage Review

The purpose of this report was to seek approval to commence Planning Scheme Amendments C393 and C394. The amendments are required to implement the recommendations of the *Fishermans Bend In-Depth Heritage Review 2021*.

The committee noted that Daniel Gardiner, Westgate Bridge Memorial Committee, who had requested an opportunity to speak, was not present at the meeting to address the committee.

Moved:

Cr Leppert

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
  - 1.1 Notes the Fishermans Bend In-Depth Heritage Review at Attachment 2 of the report from management and management's recommendations for interim and permanent heritage controls under Planning Scheme Amendments C393 (Attachment 7) and C394 at (Attachment 8).
  - 1.2 Requests that the Minister for Planning approve Planning Scheme Amendment C393 (Attachment 7) pursuant to section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to include three individual heritage places identified in the Review within interim heritage overlays.
  - 1.3 Seeks Authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C394 (Attachment 8) in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to include three individual places identified in the Review within permanent heritage overlays.
  - 1.4 Authorises management to prepare and submit nominations for the West Gate Bridge and the Government Aircraft Factory (226 Lorimer Street, Port Melbourne) to the Victorian Heritage Register, including any additional guidance prepared and committed to by both parties relating to permit exemptions or ongoing management.
  - 1.5 Notes the alternate recommendation proposed by management for Shed 21 at 206 Lorimer Street, Docklands (Attachment 6) to align the heritage recommendation with the endorsed Bolte Precinct West Yarra's Edge Addendum (Hayball, 2019).
  - 1.6 Authorises management to commission a qualified heritage consultant to undertake a peer review of the HLCD citation for the West Gate Service Stations (North and South).
  - 1.7 Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to Planning Scheme Amendment C393 and C394 as required.

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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

#### 6.4 Seafarers Rest Park Design March 2021

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the updated Seafarers Rest Park design, following Stage 2 community engagement.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Ross Brewer, Director, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network.

Moved:

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
  - 1.1. Endorses the design for Seafarers Rest Park (refer attachment 2 to the report from management).
  - 1.2. Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Design to make any further minor changes to the design to enable implementation.

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

## 6.5 Southbank Promenade Landscape Upgrades - Community Engagement

The purpose of this report was to advise Future Melbourne Committee of the outcomes of the community engagement process for the Southbank Promenade Landscape Upgrades project (Project), to allow delivery of the Project in accordance with the planning permit.

Moved:

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
  - 1.1. Notes planning permit (TP-2019-703) (Permit) was granted on 24 April 2020 for a full upgrade to the promenade between Princes Bridge and Evan Walker Bridge.
  - Notes the public feedback on the concept plan for the proposed works the subject of the Permit.
  - 1.3. Resolves to act upon the Permit.
  - 1.4. Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Design to make any further minor changes to the Southbank Promenade landscape upgrade design to enable implementation.
  - 1.5. Notes the project team, under the guidance of the Director Capital Works, will explore opportunities for delivery and funding to progress the project in 2021-22.

Seconded:

Cr Campbell

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

#### 6.6 The New Business Concierge Service

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on the Business Concierge Service (BCS) and seek endorsement of an enhanced operating model and future program of work.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 7.01pm and returned at 7.04pm.

Moved:

Cr Chang

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
  - 1.1. Notes the positive contribution of the Business Concierge Service team to date to support businesses impacted by COVID-19.
  - 1.2. Agrees that the City of Melbourne deliver an enhanced Business Concierge Service program of work that supports business growth, provides a connection to council for businesses, provide support for non-English speaking business owners and supports new business formation in the municipality.

Seconded:

Cr Louey

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

## 6.7 Municipal Association of Victoria, State Council meeting May 2021

The purpose of this report was to propose City of Melbourne participation at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 21 May 2021.

Moved:

Cr Leppert

That the Future Melbourne Committee approves the motions outlined in Attachment 2 for consideration at the May 2021 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting.

Seconded:

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

## 6.8 Proposed travel by Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillor Rohan Leppert: Sydney, April 2021

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillor Rohan Leppert to participate in a two-day business mission to Sydney which will involve meetings with a series of councillors and senior officers from the City of Sydney and site tours of major urban development projects.

Moved:

Cr Griffiths

That the Future Melbourne Committee approves the Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillor Rohan Leppert's proposal to travel to Sydney in April to participate in a business mission at a cost to Council estimated at \$1,714.64 per Councillor.

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, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

## 7. General business

There was one item of General business for consideration.

## 7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Horse-Drawn Vehicles

The following people addressed the Committee:

Cassandra Westwood

- Elisabeth Viggers
- Abs Herawi
- Virginia Y
- · Kristin Leigh, on behalf of Lynette Freeman
- Kristin Leigh, Campaign Manager, Melbourne Against Horse Drawn Carriages.

The committee noted that the following people who had requested an opportunity to speak, were not present at the meeting to address the committee:

- Charlotte Cussell
- Elizabeth Duggan
- Ben Schultz

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 7.15pm and returned at 7.18pm.

Cr Chang left the meeting at 7.30pm and returned at 7.32pm.

Moved: Cr Leppert

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
  - 1.1. Notes that, since the cessation of street trading permits for horse-drawn vehicle operators under City of Melbourne local laws:
    - 1.1.1. Some operators continue to conduct street trading;
    - 1.1.2. Enforcing breaches of the Activities Local Law remains exceptionally difficult given the inability of local laws officers to apprehend drivers of a moving vehicle:
    - 1.1.3. Assertions are often made that the City of Melbourne has the power to ban horse-drawn vehicles as a class of vehicle under Local Government legislation, but these assertions are incorrect; and
    - 1.1.4. Direct regulatory mechanisms no longer exist to monitor the welfare of horses.
  - 1.2. Notes that issues relating to moving road violations have always been matters for Victoria Police to enforce, given horse-drawn vehicles are regarded as vehicles under Road Safety Regulations, but expresses ongoing concern at the prevalence of illegal road movements by horse-drawn vehicle operators, particularly illegal Uturns and driving in prescribed bicycle lanes and through tram stops.
  - 1.3. Notes that Swanston St is the world's busiest tram route and argues that truck movements in relation to the Metro Tunnel works at Town Hall and State Library stations make Swanston St, and therefore the key access points to the Hoddle Grid, particularly unsafe for horses and horse-drawn vehicle operations as they interact with the public.
  - 1.4. Reasserts that the current regulatory and enforcement regime for horse-drawn vehicles in the central city is therefore inadequate, failing to meet public safety expectations.
  - 1.5. Expresses the view that no regulatory instrument is likely to be able to adequately oversee and enforce the welfare of horses in a busy central business district context, given inherent risks such as shying from sudden noises and light, the prevalence of inconsistent hard surfaces and exhaust fumes, and interaction with other road users.
  - 1.6. Proposes a forum of the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, senior Department of Transport officers, the Lord Mayor, senior City of Melbourne officers including the Director of On-Street Support and Compliance, a delegate or delegates of the Commissioner of Victoria Police, two representatives of the commercial horsedrawn vehicle operators as chosen by them, a representative of the RSPCA, a representative of Yarra Trams, a representative of Fed Square Pty Ltd, and any further key stakeholders at the discretion of the Minister and/or management (for

example in the visitor economy space), to be held within the next three months to discuss options for the future of horse-drawn vehicle operations in inner Melbourne, with a view to removing risks to public safety and overcoming significant gaps in the regulatory framework and the enforcement of existing rules and regulations.

- 1.7. Requests that management arrange the forum and issue invitations as soon as practicable.
- 1.8. Requests that management ensure that the recommendations of the forum are publicly reported, and that any recommendations to the City of Melbourne that would require policy or operational changes be presented to this Committee or Council as appropriate.

Seconded:

Cr Dr Ball

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

# 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Supplying free sanitary products in Council owned facilities – pilot program

The following person addressed the Committee:

Donna Stolzenberg, 2021 Victorian of the Year.

Moved:

Cr Hakim

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
  - 1.1 Commence a 12 month pilot program offering a free sanitary product service in at least six public facilities across the municipality such as accessible adult change facilities, recreation centres/baths, community centres and libraries/hubs.
  - 1.2 Consider, as part of the pilot program, partnership with relevant organisations, such as Share the Dignity, for a wider provision of free sanitary products in the municipality.
  - 1.3 Support the pilot program through a communication plan aimed at reaching those within the community who would benefit from the service,
  - 1.4 Report back to this Committee, within three months following conclusion of the pilot program, on the outcomes and potential partnerships with a view to offering a free sanitary product service on an ongoing basis.

Seconded:

Cr Dr Ball

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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

## 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 8.08pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 4 May 2021.

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