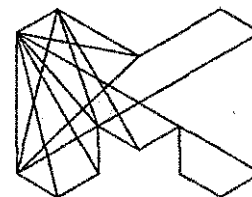


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 13
Tuesday 15 June 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 (entered at 5.54pm)
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

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On Tuesday 6 July 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 nine reports from management, one of which was confidential and 2 items of general business
- no apologies had been received from Councillors

Acknowledgement of Linda Weatherson

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the achievements of Linda Weatherson PSM, General Manager Community and City Services, who received a Public Service Medal as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours for her exemplary dedication and commitment to the community, particularly in her response to the tragic January 2017 Bourke Street incident.

Acknowledgement of Southbank residents

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the Southbank residents who are currently in isolation and continuing to be tested stating that their efforts were appreciated. The Lord Mayor also acknowledge the efforts of City of Melbourne staff who continue providing assistance to residents.

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 Chang

That the minutes of meeting No 12, held on Tuesday 1 June 2021, 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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, 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 was one verbal question and 3 written questions.

Munro site cladding

Tristan Davies asked a question related to the quality of the cladding that has been installed on the Munro site. He noted that the original plans indicated black cladding would be installed but there is now red and white cladding on the site.

The Lord Mayor advised that there had been no change to the quality of the cladding used on the Munro site.

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The red and white cladding that is on the site is in fact a major art installation, by prominent, contemporary Melbourne based artist Rose Nolan who was shortlisted to work with Six Degrees on the external façade screens to both add visual interest and control solar heating gain and loss which is a requirement for the buildings green star rating. The cladding spells out some key messages and the Lord Mayor advised that Council would put some further details on its website.

Rubbish collection

Michael Hawkesworth asked a question related to Council's response to the missed collection of rubbish.

The Lord Mayor read out a response as provided by Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategic Planning and Climate Change advising that the collection of Mr Hawkesworth rubbish was missed due to an oversight. Mr Counsel apologised for the oversight and advised that the Director Waste and Recycling would be in touch with Mr Hawkesworth to provide further information.

Victoria's approach in managing COVID-19

Chris Thrum asked two questions related to the latest lockdown and restrictions in Victoria.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp read out a response as provided by Russell Webster, Director Health and Wellbeing advising that State Government is responsible for applying Covid-19 restrictions to Victorians, including the recent lockdown and subsequent return to work capacities based on public health advice, to prevent further transmission of the virus.

2022 Long Walk Event

Chris Thrum asked the Lord Mayor if she intended to participate in the Long Walk 2022.

The Lord Mayor advised that it was unfortunate that the Long Walk this year was cancelled. Her office has not yet been contacted by the event organisers regarding any plans for next year, but she anticipated that we would accept any invitation to participate in future. The Long Walk raises awareness of many issues that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community face.

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, **Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2020-57, 428 Queen Street, 432 - 438 Queen Street, 440 Queen Street, 446 - 450 Queen Street, 132 - 136 Franklin Street, 146 Franklin Street and Council Lane 1184, Melbourne:**

Requests to speak:

- Cheryl McKinna
- Bob Evans
- Mary-Lou Howie, Friends of Queen Victoria Market
- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Johan Hermijanto, Bates Smart.

Items of Correspondence:

- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Johan Hermijanto, Bates Smart
- Charles Sowerwine, Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- Tristan Davies, Melbourne Heritage Action
- John McNab, McNab Gomes Architects
- Mary-Lou Howie, Friends of Queen Victoria Market

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In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2020-49, 432 - 438 Queen Street, 440 Queen Street and 446 - 450 Queen Street, Melbourne:**

Requests to speak:

- Cheryl McKinna
- Tristan Davies, Melbourne Heritage Action
- Bob Evans
- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Johan Hermijanto, Bates Smart.

Items of Correspondence:

- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Johan Hermijanto, Bates Smart
- Charles Sowerwine, Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- Tristan Davies, Melbourne Heritage Action
- John McNab, McNab Gomes Architects
- Mary-Lou Howie, Friends of Queen Victoria Market.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2016-5/B, 685-691 La Trobe Street Docklands:**

Request to speak:

- Jamie Govenlock, Urbis
- Phil Rowe, Cox Architecture.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, **Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal – Fresh Produce Point of Sale Storage Project:**

Requests to speak:

- Belinda Vitalone
- Jane Stanley
- Charles Sowerwine, Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- Tony Ansaldo.

Items of Correspondence:

- Wendy Edwards
- Karen Birthisel
- Jane Stanley
- Belinda Vitalone
- Rocco Modaffari
- Charles Sowerwine, Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- Tony Ansaldo
- Nancy Policheni.

In relation to Agenda item 6.6, **Independent transport review to assist COVID-19 recovery:**

Requests to speak:

- Declan Napier
- Daniel McCormick
- Craig Richards, Bicycle Network
- Craig Mitchel
- Alison McCormack
- Elizabeth Kim
- James Garriock.

Items of Correspondence:

- Blair Haydon
- Jules Ius
- Ross Turnbull
- William Watt
- Inga Gilchrist
- Daniel McCormick
- Augustus Brown Lyda Osorio
- Craig Richards, Bicycle Network
- Alexander Hay Tony Lammens
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- Belinda Cussen
- Matt Bucki-Smith
- Daniel Quin
- Mitchell Stewart
- Simon Thielke
- Alice Clarke
- David Kuss
- Declan Napier
- Jordan Zhang
- Sam Smith
- Alexander Candy Levey
- Philip Kwok
- Nancy Atkin
- Jane Stanley
- Jesse James Dugald McGlashan
- Richard Robson
- Brigid Moran
- Penelope Bennett
- Andrew Turner
- Leanne Mills
- Katherine Firth
- Kelly Brown
- Michael Kavourakis
- Eytan Lenko
- Matthew Peckham
- Nick Montgomery
- Tomas Dorrington
- Alison McCormack
- Robert Hay
- Wayne Gibbings
- Bronwyn King
- James Garriock

In relation to Agenda item 6.7, **Graffiti Management Policy 2021:**

Item of Correspondence:

- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association.

In relation to Agenda item 6.8, **City Cleanliness:**

Request to speak:

- Philip Withers.

Items of Correspondence:

- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association
- Philip Withers.

In relation to Agenda item 7.2, **Notice of Motion, Lord Mayor Sally Capp: City of Melbourne Support for COVID-19 Vaccine:**

Item of Correspondence:

- Christine Barnes.

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 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2020-57, 428 Queen Street, 432 - 438 Queen Street, 440 Queen Street, 446 - 450 Queen Street, 132 - 136 Franklin Street, 146 Franklin Street and Council Lane 1184, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Application seeking approval of a Development Plan: QVM Parcel B Development Plan, Melbourne. The Development Plan is to facilitate the future development of the land at 428 Queen Street, 432 - 438 Queen Street, 440 Queen Street, 446 - 450 Queen Street, 132 - 136 Franklin Street, 146 Franklin Street and Council Lane 1184, Melbourne (refer Attachment 2 – Locality Plan).

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Cheryl McKinna
- Mary-Lou Howie, Friends of Queen Victoria Market
- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Johan Hermijanto, Bates Smart.

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Bob Evans was listed to address the Committee but did not attend.

Cr Jamal Hakim entered the meeting at 5.54pm.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council supports the Development Plan subject to: the revised heritage impact statement outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).*
 - 1.1. *Section 2.2 of the Development Plan being rewritten in order to provide an accurate account of the current grading under local heritage policies and inventories of all buildings in the heritage overlay.*
 - 1.2. *Section 3.1 of the Development Plan being altered in order to show wherever podium heights are "20m" that podium heights are to be "up to 20m", and additional text included on this same section to reassert that "Podium heights at the street and laneway fronts are also subject to contextual and heritage considerations as part of individual planning applications."*
 - 1.3. *A revised Heritage Impact Statement being submitted which directly responds to the requirements of the Development Plan Overlay Schedule 11 to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.*

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: TPM-2020-49, 432 - 438 Queen Street, 440 Queen Street and 446 - 450 Queen Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Planning Application seeking approval for part demolition and construction of buildings and works for the purpose of a multi-storey building (residential and retail) for the land at 432 - 438 Queen Street, 440 Queen Street and 446 - 450 Queen Street, Melbourne (refer Attachment 2 – Locality Plan).

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Cheryl McKinna
- Tristan Davies, Melbourne Heritage Action
- Daniel Soussan, Tract Consultants
- Johan Hermijanto, Bates Smart.

Bob Evans was listed to address the Committee but did not attend.

Cr Philip Le Liu left the meeting at 6.27pm and did not return.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council supports the proposal subject to the conditions outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management) as well as the following:*
 - 1.1 *New condition 1:*
Amended plans
Prior to the commencement of the development, including demolition and bulk excavation, an electronic copy of plans, which are drawn to scale, must be submitted to the Responsible Authority generally in accordance with the plans

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drawn by Bates Smart, dated 30 April 2021 (the application plans), but amended to show:

- a) The retention of the rear (east façade) of the building at 432-438 Queen St;
- b) The retention, or removal and reconstruction, of the parts of the southern side of the building at 432-438 Queen St not otherwise shown to be retained in the application plans, other than to allow for a new entrance to the services area of a size and location as shown on the application plans;
- c) A setback of 5m from the centre line of the eastern lane to all podium levels above the top of the retained heritage building at the rear of 432-438 Queen St, being the eastern side;
- d) All consequential changes to floor plans and external designs that are required to give effect to (a), (b) and (c).

These amended plans must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and when approved shall be the endorsed plans of this permit.

1.2 Conditions in the delegate report to be renumbered so as to increase each number by one.

1.3 New condition 26:

Glare

Prior to the commencement of the development, excluding preliminary site works, demolition, bulk excavation, retention, footings and foundations, and any clean up works, or as may otherwise be agreed with the Responsible Authority, a glare assessment, prepared by a suitably qualified façade engineer, must be submitted and approved by the Responsible Authority. This report must demonstrate that the external materials and finishes of the building will not result in hazardous glare for public transport operators and motorists, and must not result in disabling glare for pedestrians, occupants of surrounding buildings or public spaces.

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, Leppert and Louey.

6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2016-5/B, 685-691 La Trobe Street, Docklands

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Planning Application seeking approval for an amendment to the existing Planning Permit PA1500055 on the site at 685-691 La Trobe Street, Docklands, to facilitate the development of a two tower Build-to-Rent residential scheme, including a three level podium, activated streetscape and large function space potentially for the AFL.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Jamie Govenlock, Urbis
- Phil Rowe, Cox Architecture.

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 proposed Amendment and issue of 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, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

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

6.4 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal – Fresh Produce Point of Sale Storage Project

The purpose of this report was to bring the final designs and suite of trader point of sale storage for fresh produce traders at Queen Victoria Market to the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) for consideration.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Jane Stanley
- Charles Sowerwine, Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- Tony Ansaldo.

Belinda Vitalone was listed to address the Committee but did not attend.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee;*
 - 1.1. *Approves the recommended suite of storage and refrigeration units, as informed by trader engagement.*
 - 1.2. *Notes Queen Victoria Market Pty Ltd will progress delivery of trader Point of Sale storage including working with traders and approval agencies to proceed with updated Guidelines for Food Stalls, prototyping of storage units and implementation in accordance within the approved budget.*
 - 1.3. *Requests an update on this matter at or after the meeting that considers the updated Business Case and Implementation Plan for the Queen Victoria Market Renewal Program, with a report setting out Heritage Victoria's feedback on the updated Guidelines for Food Stalls.*

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, Leppert and Louey.

6.5 Queen Victoria Market Committee of Trustees and Board Membership

The purpose of this report was to:

- 1.1. Update Council on findings of the review (the review) into the Queen Victoria Market (QVM) Committee of Trustees (the Committee) established by Council on 31 July 2018.
- 1.2. Propose that the Committee be dissolved.
- 1.3. Propose a change to the QVM management structure in line with the discontinuance of the Committee.
- 1.4. Open Expression of Interest for new Board Members for the Queen Victoria Market Pty Ltd.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee;*
 - 1.1. *Notes the update on the review into the Queen Victoria Market Committee of Trustees.*
 - 1.2. *Expresses appreciation to the members of the Committee of Trustees and requests the CEO writes to all members thanking them for their work.*
 - 1.3. *Dissolves the Queen Victoria Market Committee of Trustees.*
 - 1.4. *Notes that in June / July information will be placed on the City of Melbourne website seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people for two upcoming vacancies on the Queen Victoria Market Pty Ltd Board.*

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Seconded: Cr Campbell

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece and Councillors Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Louey and the following Councillors voting against the motion: Councillors Dr Ball and Leppert.

6.6 Independent transport review to assist COVID-19 recovery

The purpose of this report was to seek the Future Melbourne Committee's endorsement for an independent review of transport activity and trends in the city.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Craig Richards, Bicycle Network
- Craig Mitchell
- Alison McCormack
- Elizabeth Kim
- James Garriock.

The following people were listed to address the Committee but did not attend:

- Declan Napier
- Daniel McCormick

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Endorses management to undertake an independent transport review to assess transport activity and trends in the city and identify actions that could be taken to support city recovery and achieve policy outcomes of the Transport Strategy 2030.*
 - 1.2. *Requests management to present a report at a future meeting of the committee, detailing the conclusions of the review and subsequent actions arising.*

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, Leppert and Louey.

6.7 Graffiti Management Policy 2021

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the draft Graffiti Management Policy 2021.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Endorses the Graffiti Management Policy 2021.*
 - 1.2. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change, to make any further minor editorial changes to the Graffiti Management Policy prior to publication.*

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, Leppert and Louey.

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6.8 City Cleanliness

The purpose of this report was to provide the Future Melbourne Committee with a summary of the current and future actions regarding cleanliness of the city.

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Philip Withers.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

That the Future Melbourne Committee endorses the additional activities to support city recovery as part of the 2021–22 Council cleaning program (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management).

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, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There was two items of general business for consideration.

7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Discretionary Fund Allocation

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee allocates a one-off grant of \$40,000 from the discretionary fund to the Nicholas Building Association subject to:*
 - 1.1 *An invoice being raised by the Association and funds being transferred by the City of Melbourne by 30 June 2021.*
 - 1.2 *An agreement being entered into between the Nicholas Building Association and the City of Melbourne inclusive of the following conditions:*
 - 1.2.1 *Grant monies must be spent on the creation of a business case by an independent party to inform the economic modelling components of the strategic plan referred to in part 1.2.2 below.*
 - 1.2.2 *A strategic plan must be developed for the Nicholas Building creative industries hub, the scope of which should: set out the history and context of the creative hub; consider case studies and funding and financial models for relevant examples of creative hubs; assess and present options for future coordination, management, strategic partnerships and programs; and provide preliminary economic modelling on the value and feasibility of those options.*
 - 1.2.3 *Remaining grant monies must be spent on branding and marketing for the Nicholas Building Association and its tenants.*
 - 1.2.4 *Grant monies are to be expended by December 2021 and acquitted.*
 - 1.2.5 *Reports supported or developed as a result of the grant monies must be provided to the City of Melbourne upon completion.*

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, Leppert and Louey.

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7.2 Notice of Motion, Lord Mayor Sally Capp: City of Melbourne Support for COVID-19 Vaccine

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes that COVID-19 related restrictions including lockdowns have had a devastating effect on the economy and liveability of the City of Melbourne.*
 - 1.2. *Notes that a significantly vaccinated population is the key to avoiding future lockdowns associated with COVID-19, and that vaccinations are essential to beating COVID-19 and ending the public health crisis.*
 - 1.3. *Notes that the City of Melbourne can play a greater role in encouraging Victorians to get vaccinated.*
 - 1.4. *Requests management to urgently:*
 - 1.4.1. *Boost our communication campaign in multiple languages using both online and physical assets to urge Victorians to get a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as they are eligible, to ensure the City remains open.*
 - 1.4.2. *Deliver an incentive program exclusive to people who have been vaccinated including a premium offer such as a retail and hospitality package in the City of Melbourne*
 - 1.5. *Notes that these new activities can be funded with money that has already been budgeted for reactivation and recovery activities.*

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, Leppert and Louey.

8. Urgent business

There was one item of proposed urgent business.

8.1 Support for community television station Channel 31

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

That the matter of support for community television station Channel 31 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 meeting.

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, Leppert and Louey.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

1. *That Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Declares its support for community television station Channel 31 and the 1,100 people who work as volunteers, students and employees at the station each week.*
 - 1.2. *Recognises Channel 31 as a vital community media outlet in Melbourne and Geelong which provides an important community service and has been a training ground for thousands of people working in the creative industries.*
 - 1.3. *Notes that at a time when people in the creative industries are amongst the worst hit by the Covid-19, this is worst time to be closing Channel 31.*

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- 1.4. *Calls on the Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Commonwealth Minister for Communications Paul Fletcher to act immediately to save Channel 31 by not terminating its broadcast licence on 30 June.*
- 1.5. *Requests the Lord Mayor and/or CEO write to the Minister for Communications and Secretary of the Department of Communications and Arts to ask that Channel 31 have its broadcast licence extended for three years.*
- 1.6. *Notes the following background information for context:*
 - 1.6.1. *On 30 June 2021 the Morrison Government plans to terminate the broadcasting of community TV in Australia. For Melbourne this means the loss from the airwaves of community TV station Channel 31 after 26 years of broadcasting.*
 - 1.6.2. *Located on William Street in Melbourne's CBD, Channel 31 has around 1,100 employees and volunteers who work on its broadcasts each week including students from RMIT and Deakin University.*
 - 1.6.3. *This is not a Budget savings measure. Unlike the ABC and SBS, community TV is not government funded. Channel 31 has been a training ground for aspiring broadcasters, producers, sound engineers, directors and screenwriters. It has helped launch the careers of TV personalities who are now household names.*
 - 1.6.4. *During the COVID lockdowns, Channel 31 has broadcast live-to-air religious services. The Greek Orthodox Parish, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the Victorian Board of Imams and the Victorian Sikh Gurdwaras Council have all utilised the Channel 31.*
 - 1.6.5. *The Australian Government Green Paper released in December 2020 indicates that the broadcast spectrum currently occupied by Channel 31 is not scheduled to be repurposed until 2024, possibly later. This means when it is switched off it will be replaced by nothing but white noise.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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, Leppert and Louey.

9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of open meeting

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020 (Act), the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for the consideration of:*
 - 1.1 *Agenda item 14.1, as it contains private commercial information which if released would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.*

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, Leppert and Louey.

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The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the open meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 6 July 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Capp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Chair
Future Melbourne Committee