

**CITY OF MELBOURNE** 

# Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 19 Tuesday 7 September 2021 5.30pm

**Virtual Meeting** 

## 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 21 September 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 four reports from management, one of which was confidential and one item 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 should be disclosed as they arose.

# 3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved:

Cr Chang

That the minutes of meeting No 18, held on Tuesday 17 August 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

## Melbourne Music Week

Chris Thrum submitted a written question relating to the current status and format of the 2021 Melbourne Music Week.

Louise Scott, Director Tourism and Events provided a response indicating that Melbourne Music Week (MMW) is planned to take place between 3 and 12 December 2021 with the program announcement scheduled for Wednesday 3 November 2021.

Louise advised that in 2021 MMW is planning to return to a 10-day, venue-based format. Events will be presented in partnership with artists, venues, labels, promoters, cultural partners and the broader music sector. This format will bring audiences back into venues and support businesses and artists that have been impacted by ongoing COVID-19 closures, while meeting MMW's purpose of supporting and promoting the city's world-renowned contemporary music scene, contributing to the local economy and stimulating the music sector and night time economy.

Louise also advised that MMW is being planned under the Victorian state government's COVID-19 Public Events Framework (<a href="https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/public-events">https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/public-events</a>). The ability to proceed with the planned event in December is subject to approval under the framework and compliance with the public health guidelines of the time.

## Parking availability in the Melbourne CBD

Chris Thrum submitted a written question relating to a review of the number of car parks available in the CBD to provide for a balance for a city that is the fashion, retail and cuisine capital of Australia.

Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy advised that on-street parking is removed - permanently or temporarily - for various works including building construction (public and private), outdoor dining parklets, public open space, transport projects (such as wider footpaths, bike lanes, tram stops and bus lanes), street greening and water management.

For temporary removal, City of Melbourne policy is to restore parking as soon as works are complete.

City of Melbourne constantly reviews on-street parking allocation with the aim of ensuring it efficiently serves nearby land uses. The Transport Strategy 2030 has an action to "identify and implement changes to kerb space management to improve efficiency".

While there has been a reduction in the number of on-street bays in some areas, City of Melbourne is extremely well supplied with off-street parking with more than 68,000 commercial parking spaces available.

City of Melbourne has worked recently with off-street parking providers to provide discounts to make travel to the city more attractive.

The City of Melbourne has commissioned an Independent Transport Review which will propose transport actions to support the economic recovery of the city. The outcomes of this will be considered by FMC soon.

Pre-pandemic research found that on-street parking plays a relatively minor role in serving shopping trips. Three-quarters of all trips [pre-pandemic] to the City of Melbourne for shopping are made by public transport. Only 14 per cent [pre-pandemic] of shopping trips in the municipality involve on-street parking.

### 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 6.2, Planning Scheme Amendment C396 Finalisation of the Heritage Places Inventory:

## Item of correspondence:

Ewan Ogilvy.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, Notice of Motion: Cr Dr Olivia Ball, Access to Council library services for immigration detainees in the municipal community:

## Request to speak:

Jane Garner.

## **City Planning Portfolio**

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

# 6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2020-63 2-50 Elizabeth Street, Kensington (Younghusband Stage 2)

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Planning Application seeking approval for the development of land located at 2-50 Elizabeth Street, Kensington (refer Attachment 2 – Locality Plan).

Moved:

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that the Department of Environment, Land. Water and Planning be advised that the Melbourne City Council supports the application subject to conditions outlined 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, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

#### Planning Scheme Amendment C396 Finalisation of the Heritage Places Inventory 6.2

The purpose of this report was to consider the submissions received in respect of Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C396 Finalisation of the Heritage Places Inventory and to recommend that the Future Melbourne Committee refer all submissions to an independent Panel in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

The Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(d) of the Local Government Act 2020. Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece's employer, the University of Melbourne was a submitter to the Planning Scheme Amendment. Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 6.08pm, prior to any discussion taking place. Consistent with Council's resolution of 15 December 2020, the Deputy Lead of the Planning Portfolio, Cr Leppert, assumed the role of Chair for this item.

Moved:

Cr Leppert

- That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:
  - Note all submissions to Amendment C396.
  - Refer all submissions to Amendment C396 to an independent Panel appointed by the Minister for Planning for consideration by the Panel.
  - Note that the form of Amendment C396 to be presented to the Planning Panel is 1.3. as exhibited with the addition of the comparative analysis done by Lovell Chen and Anita Brady Heritage added to the Amendment C396 Heritage Category Conversion Review, March 2021 background document and the removal of part of HO6 South Yarra Precinct so it is not introduced to 52-54 Clowes Street and 313-315 Walsh Street, South Yarra on Planning Scheme Amendment Map 012.
  - Authorise the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor or necessary changes to Amendment C396.

Seconded:

Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp 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.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece returned to the meeting at 6.13pm.

## Advocacy and support for the International Education sector (part of Major Initiative 3)

The purpose of this report was provide an update on the return of international students to Melbourne.

Cr Chang left the meeting at 6.22pm.

Moved:

Cr Griffiths

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
  - 1.1 Requests that management liaise with international education sector stakeholders to ensure a coordinated sector-wide advocacy effort in support of a strong return of international students to Melbourne in time for the 2022 academic year.
  - 1.2 Endorses the Lord Mayor signing a letter to the Federal Government, jointly with international education stakeholders as appropriate, requesting that the government immediately commence planning for a strong return of international students in early 2022.
  - 1.3 Endorses the Lord Mayor pursuing through the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors a joint advocacy effort aimed at securing a national plan for the return of international students in time for the 2022 academic year.
  - 1.4 Requests that management continue to pursue initiatives through the 'Experience Melbourne' program to strengthen Melbourne's reputation as a city that welcomes and supports international students.

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

#### 6.4 Withdrawn

Agenda Item 6.4 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

## 7. General business

There was one item of general business for consideration.

# 7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Dr Olivia Ball, Access to Council library services for immigration detainees in the municipal community

The following person addressed the Committee:

Jane Garner.

Cr Chang returned to the meeting at 6.25pm.

Cr Chang left the meeting at 6.37pm and returned at 6.40pm.

Moved:

Cr Dr Ball

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
  - 1.1. Recognises that the City of Melbourne's Refugee Welcome Zone Action Plan provides for a "whole-of-Council approach [to] how the City of Melbourne supports people from a refugee background and people seeking asylum living in our community".
  - 1.2. Asks management to endeavour to provide persons detained in the Park Hotel, or any other alternative place of detention in our municipality, with access to the programs and services normally available through City of Melbourne libraries, as far as is practicable, including, where possible, a mobile borrowing service visiting the site(s) on a routine basis to enable access to library materials; and strive to make detainees aware of these services.

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

## 8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

## 9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

## 10. Closure of meeting

Moved:

Cr Hakim

That pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee be closed to members of the public for the consideration of Agenda item 14.1 as it contains land use planning information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values.

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

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 6.42pm.

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