



**CITY OF MELBOURNE**

## **Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Meeting Number 15  
Tuesday 22 February 2022  
5.30pm**

**Council Chambers  
Level 2  
Melbourne Town Hall**

#### **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

#### **Apology**

Nil

Confirmed at the meeting of Council  
on Tuesday 29 March 2022

## **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.

Cr Chang and Cr Le Liu entered 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 nine reports from management, of which four were confidential

### **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/s**

Moved: Cr Hakim

*That the minutes of meeting No 14, held on Tuesday 14 December 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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

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

### **Submissions/Correspondence**

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

#### **Submissions**

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Quarterly performance reporting – Council Plan Major Initiatives, Finances and Capital Program:**

#### **Item of correspondence:**

- Jason Way

### **5. Reports from Committee**

There were no reports from Committee for consideration in the open session.

### **6. Reports from management**

There were five reports from management for consideration in the open session.

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### 6.1 Midweek Melbourne Money Rebate Program Summary

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with a summary of the recently completed Midweek Melbourne Money rebate program (the Program), which sought to reactivate the city by encouraging Melburnians to dine out.

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Notes the huge success of the Midweek Melbourne Money program in driving visitation of people back to the city, to firstly engage in a dining experience and then enjoy other activities such as retail shopping, live performances or visits to cultural venues.*
- 1.2. *Notes the State Government's announcements regarding new voucher schemes, including \$10 million for another round of Midweek Melbourne Money and \$30 million for entertainment vouchers across Victoria.*

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.

### 6.2 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal (QVMPR) Program – Quarterly Report

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with a progress update and expenditure breakdown of the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal (QVMPR) program for the period ending 31 December 2021.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

*That Council accepts the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program quarterly report which confirms a total program expenditure of \$89.3 million as at 31 December 2021.*

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.

### 6.3 Quarterly performance reporting – Council Plan Major Initiatives, Finances and Capital Program

The purpose of this report was to inform the community of the performance of the Council at the end of the second quarter of the financial year, outlining Council's quarterly performance against the Council Plan 2021-2025 strategic objectives, the quarterly financial performance of the Council Works program (including the progress of Council's major projects) and the quarterly financial performance of the Council and Budget, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act).

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Notes the Council Plan 2021-2025 quarter two summary report and performance report (refer Attachments 2 and 3 of the report from management).*
- 1.2. *Notes the 2021-2022 Capital Works Portfolio quarter two summary report on Major and Complex projects (Attachment 4).*
- 1.3. *Approves program adjustments in the Council Works Program, within the overall adopted budget-funding envelope, as follows (Attachment 5):*
  - 1.3.1. *New budget allocation for –*

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- 1.3.1.1 *Land Acquisition of 70-90 Chelmsford Street, Kensington (Project 21B3712N) - \$5,075,000*
- 1.3.1.2 *Council House 2 Chilled Ceiling Works (Project 21B3711R) – \$500,000*
- 1.3.1.3 *Hosier Lane and Westwood Place Safe City Camera Projects (Project 21B1205N) – \$60,000*
- 1.3.1.4 *Gas Free Operation Year 1– North Melbourne Town Hall Upgrade (Project 21B3713N) - \$50,000*
- 1.3.2. *Additional budget for –*
  - 1.3.2.1 *Roadway Renewal (Project 21B1305R) – from \$4,375,000 to \$4,862,396*
  - 1.3.2.2 *Footpath Renewal (Project 21B1306R) – from \$4,895,000 to \$5,345,000*
  - 1.3.2.3 *Street Lighting Upgrade (Project 21B1333M) – from \$725,000 to \$1,036,111*
  - 1.3.2.4 *Australia Wharf Fit out (Project 19B1429N) – from \$864,200 to \$1,364,200*
  - 1.3.2.5 *Property Services Renewal Works (Project 21B3706R) – from \$5,500,000 to \$5,758,000*
  - 1.3.2.6 *City Baths Renewal Works (Project 20B3714R) – from \$1,764,401 to \$1,964,401*
  - 1.3.2.7 *Melbourne Knowledge Week Hub (Project 21B5104R) – from \$150,000 to \$198,000.*
- 1.4. *Notes the 2021-22 quarter one Financial Performance Report and the current forecast (Attachments 6 to 9).*
- 1.5. *Notes, as at the end of the second quarter, as per Section 97 (3) of the Local Government Act 2020, the Chief Executive Officer is of the opinion a revised Budget is not required, however impacts to our full year forecast and COVID-19 Budget assumptions, including recent Omicron events, will continue to be monitored closely over the coming months.*

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.

### 6.4 Upcoming local government forums

The purpose of this report was to provide for City of Melbourne (CoM) participating in the upcoming local government forums, namely Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council, which is held twice each year and the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA), which is held annually in June.

Cr Leppert declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Cr Leppert is a Director of the MAV, which stands to benefit from part 7.2 of the recommendation from management. Cr Leppert left the meeting at 6.04pm.

In accordance with Rules 28 and 29 of the Governance Rules, the Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, moved the motion in two parts.

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### Part One

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That Council:*

- 1.2. *Approves the proposal to host one of two annual Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meetings at the Melbourne Town Hall over the next five years (2022 to 2026) and provision of funding support of \$10,000 each year to the MAV for this purpose.*

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 and Louey.

Cr Leppert returned to the meeting at 6.08pm.

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

### Part Two

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Notes that the 2022 meetings of the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) State Council will be held in June and September.*

- 1.3. *Submits the following motion to the June MAV State Council meeting, and requests management to complete the rationale and other information required to submit the motion by deadline:*

*That the Municipal Association of Victoria calls on the Victorian Government to continue the success of the outdoor dining program by providing ongoing funding to councils so as to enable councils to:*

- 1. pay for infrastructure and to be able to continue to subsidise costs to businesses for another three years; and*
- 2. transition temporary arrangements into more permanent structures where appropriate.*

- 1.4. *Endorses the City of Melbourne submission on the MAV Rules Review included as Attachment 2 of the report from management.*

- 1.5. *Notes that the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) will be held between 19 and 22 June.*

- 1.6. *Approves Councillor participation in the ALGA NGA through Councillor Rohan Leppert and other Councillors to be determined by the Lord Mayor in advance of the NGA at an estimated cost of \$3,800 per person.*

- 1.7. *Submits the following motion to the June ALGA NGA, and requests management to complete the rationale and other information required to submit the motion by deadline:*

*That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a new dedicated fund that councils can access to enable their municipal communities' transition to renewable energy, through deployment of community scale energy storage systems.*

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.

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### 6.5 Shopfront Activation Program

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on the Shopfront Activation Program (the Program).

Moved: Cr Louey

*That the Council notes the work underway to activate vacant shopfronts and support budding entrepreneurs, artists and artisans to test their business ideas in a retail or creative space.*

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.

### 7. General business

There were no items of General business for consideration in the open session.

### 8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration in the open session.

### 9. Closure of meeting to the public

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 the items under the following categories:*

1.1 *Agenda items 14.1, 14.2, 14.3 and 14.4 as they contain private commercial information, which if released, would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.*

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.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed to the public at 6.17 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 22 February 2022.



Chair  
Council