

Confirmed minutes



Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 29
Tuesday 1 March 2022
5.30pm

Town Hall Commons

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

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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 three reports from management 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: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the minutes of meeting No 28, held on Tuesday 15 February 2022, 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 meetings

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

5. Public questions

Melbourne Food and Wine Festival

Chris Thrum asked a question relating to the City of Melbourne's involvement in the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival and whether there would be any music events incorporated into the festival.

The following response was provided by Louise Scott, Director Tourism and Events and read out by City Activation Portfolio Lead Cr Campbell.

The City of Melbourne (CoM) supports the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival (MFWF) through sponsorship under the Event Partnership Program and has partnered with MFWF for over 17 years. MFWF previously estimated that \$6.1m of economic impact was delivered to the city through the delivery of the festival.

CoM's support will this year go towards free programming at the Queen Vic Market.

MFWF will have some music at events such as 'Welcome to the Jungle' and 'New Crush' however MFWF is not considered a significant music event.

CoM is supporting a number of music based events in 2022 which include:

- *Midsumma Festival*
- *Vida Melbourne Latin Festival*
- *Lonsdale Street Greek Festival*
- *Arriba Melbourne Mexican Festival*

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6. Reports from management

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that no submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's Governance Rules.

City Planning Portfolio

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

The Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(d) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as his employer, the University of Melbourne owns property affected by the Planning Scheme Amendment. Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 5.37pm, prior to any discussion taking place.

Cr Le Liu declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as he lives in an area that is affected by the Planning Scheme Amendment. Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 5.37pm, prior to any discussion taking place.

Cr Leppert, Deputy Portfolio Lead, assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the City Planning Portfolio.

6.1 Finalisation of the Heritage Places Inventory – Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C396

The purpose of this report was to present the Finalisation of the Heritage Places Inventory Amendment C396 Planning Panel report for consideration, set out management's response to the Panel's recommendations and to propose that the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) recommends that Council adopt the Amendment with changes. This is the final step by Council in the amendment process, prior to consideration for approval by the Minister for Planning.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee recommends Council:*
 - 1.1. *Considers the Finalisation of the Heritage Places Inventory Amendment C396 Planning Panel report and accepts all recommendations (refer Attachment 3 of the report from management).*
 - 1.2. *Adopts the Amendment C396 without further changes, as shown in Attachment 4 of the report from management.*
 - 1.3. *Directs management to submit the adopted Amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.*
 - 1.4. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any required policy neutral changes to the Amendment C396 documentation prior to lodging with the Minister for Planning for approval, should the Melbourne Planning Scheme Planning Policy Framework (PPF) translation be gazetted prior to Amendment C396 being lodged with DELWP.*
 - 1.5. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any necessary editorial and referencing changes to the Amendment C396 documentation prior to lodging with the Minister for Planning for approval.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

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

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

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6.2 Social Enterprise City Impact Grant Program Funding Recommendations

The purpose of this report was to seek approval of recommended applications for funding through the City of Melbourne Social Enterprise City Impact Grant Program.

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Approves applicants through the City of Melbourne Social Enterprise City Impact Grant Program in accordance with the recommendations in Attachment 2 of the report from management.*
 - 1.2. *Endorses management referring eligible unsuccessful City of Melbourne applicants to the Small Business Mentoring Service for professional development opportunities.*

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.

6.3 Welcoming back city workers

The purpose of this report was to update Councillors on the Victorian Government's announcement confirming its decision to end work from home advice and ease mask rules.

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Endorses the City of Melbourne's reactivation and marketing activities that maintain a strong value proposition for workers and visitors to return to the city.*
 - 1.2. *Approves the City of Melbourne's Revitalising Melbourne's Economy Summit aimed at discussing with major employers the revitalisation of the economy to create the conditions for businesses to thrive.*
 - 1.3. *Notes the City of Melbourne's advocacy and leadership in returning workers and visitors to the city.*
 - 1.4. *Requests management report back to Council in six months on the key outcomes of initiatives aimed at increasing the number of office workers in the CBD.*

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.

7. General business

There was one item of general business for consideration.

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7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: City of Melbourne electoral review

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Notes the statement by the Local Government Inspectorate of 22 February 2022 (Attachment 1), disclosing that 5 warnings were issued to persons following the 2018 by-election, and 20 warnings were issued to real estate agents following the 2020 general election, for completing ballot papers on behalf of voters, and that the persons in question were found to have misunderstood the electoral laws.*
- 1.2. *Notes that parts of the electoral system unique to the City of Melbourne have not been comprehensively reviewed since the commencement of the City of Melbourne Act 2001 and, while no systemic or intentional ballot fraud has been found to date, reasserts that the real and perceived integrity of the electoral system is essential, both in its own right and in order to avoid mistrust in the democratic process and governments elected under that process.*
- 1.3. *Notes the resolution of Melbourne City Council of 27 July 2021 (attachment 2), requesting of the Minister for Local Government that he "commence [a review of the City of Melbourne electoral system] in 2022 in order to ensure that reforms are able to be legislated by well in advance of the 2024 Council General elections."*
- 1.4. *Urges the Local Government Minister to respond to this request.*

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.

8. Urgent business

There was one item of proposed urgent business for consideration.

8.1 Status of the City of Melbourne's sister city relationship with St Petersburg

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the matter of the status of the City of Melbourne's sister city relationship with St Petersburg 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 Committee or 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 Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1 *Suspends the sister city relationship with St Petersburg until the Council determines otherwise.*

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1.2 Directs that the following statement be placed on the Council website:

Russia launched a large-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022.

On 1 March 2022, the City of Melbourne determined that it would suspend its sister city relationship with St Petersburg, Russia, for an indefinite period.

The City of Melbourne stands with the people of Ukraine, the people of St Petersburg, and victims of war everywhere. We condemn the acts of violent aggression by the Russian Government.

All Council support for activities by civic, cultural and community organisations requiring cooperation with the government of St Petersburg, and all formal cooperation between the governments of the sister cities, is suspended.

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.

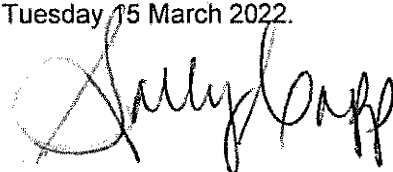
9. Public questions

There were no public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 6.25pm.

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Chair
Future Melbourne Committee