

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

**Meeting Number 28
Tuesday 20 February 2018
5.30pm**

**Council Meeting Room
Level 2
Melbourne Town Hall**

Present

Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood
Councillor Nicolas Frances Gilley
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey
Councillor Pinder-Mortimer
Councillor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Susan Riley
Councillor Jackie Watts

Apology

Councillor Cathy Oke

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
on Tuesday 6 March 2018

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood, advised that:

- the meeting was being recorded and the audio would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business tomorrow
- the agenda comprised of five reports from management
- an apology had been received from Councillor Oke.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood, advised that conflicts of interest would be disclosed as they arose.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Reece

That the minutes of meeting No 27, held on Tuesday 6 February 2018, be confirmed.

Seconded: Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer, Reece, Riley, and Watts.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

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

5. Public questions

Chris Thrum asked if it would be possible to receive the results of a debate held last week regarding the Apple store in Federation Square which Councillor Leppert participated in, and to receive a brief summary of the debate from Councillor Leppert.

Cr Leppert advised that the debate found that 90 to 95 per cent of participants were opposed to the development; that it was unfortunate that the debate was held after the development had been approved, and that details of the debate can be found on Facebook.

Chris Thrum then asked about Australia Day celebrations which the City of Melbourne holds. He commended Council on its efforts of reconciliation and support that it offers to the Wurundjeri and other aboriginal peoples to hold their own festival during Australia Day. Chris then asked if Council will continue to support the event in the future.

Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood advised that the support will continue and that Council undertakes pro-active reconciliation through its employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Acting Lord Mayor then advised that Council has no plans to change the date of Australia Day celebrations, but that Council is having active conversation regarding reconciliation and is looking at potential ways to be more inclusive during Australia Day celebrations in the future.

Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association, congratulated the City of Melbourne on the recent White Night event, particularly in regards to the low levels of rubbish that he witnessed. He then asked if there would be any changes or impacts to the City of Melbourne due to China refusing to take rubbish from Australian Councils.

Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood advised that at the moment the City of Melbourne has not been directly exposed to the issue due to existing waste contracts but that structural changes may need to be implemented in the waste industry, and that Sustainability Victoria are actively working on reviewing the state-wide strategy.

Sunny Liu, CBD News, asked about the status on the Freckelton report.

Ben Rimmer, Chief Executive Officer, advised that the status of the report has not changed since the last meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee, Tuesday 6 February 2018.

Sunny then asked if the delay had anything to do with the health of the former Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle.

Ben Rimmer advised that he would not be able to comment.

6. Reports from management

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood, advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's *Meeting Procedures Code*.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, '*Amendment C308 Central City and Southbank Urban Design*':

Request to speak:

- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association.

Items of correspondence:

- Amy Muir
- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, '*Planning Application TP-2017-768, 49 Henderson Street, North Melbourne*':

Requests to speak:

- Monica Cameron, Urbis
- Veronica Grant, Glossop Town Planning
- David Cowie, Lost Dogs Home.

Item of correspondence:

- Sue Zhang, Glossop Town Planning.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, '*Planning Scheme Amendment C258 Heritage Policies Review and West Melbourne Heritage Review*':

Requests to speak:

- Veronica Grant, Glossop Town Planning
- Sharon Vladusic
- Laura Goodin
- Mary Kehoe
- Nicholas Selisky, Melbourne Assessment Prison.

Items of correspondence:

- Goldsmiths Lawyers
- Sue Zhang, Glossop Town Planning, on behalf of the Lost Dogs Home
- Sharon Vladusic
- Laura Goodin
- Jennifer McDonald.

Planning (General) Portfolio

Cr Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider the three reports from management in relation to the Planning (General) Portfolio.

6.1 Amendment C308 Central City and Southbank Urban Design

The purpose of this report was to present a new Central City and Southbank Urban Design policy package (Amendment C308), as a significant step to improve the quality of urban design of private developments.

Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association, addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C308 (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management), subject to the proposed Design and Development Overlay Schedule 1 ordinance being amended such that:*
 - 1.1.1. *In sub-clause 6.0 (Application Requirements), replace the second dot point text with "Written and diagrammatic demonstration of how the development addresses the design objectives and design requirements and does not deliver outcomes that are listed under "Avoid" in this schedule."*
 - 1.1.2. *In sub-clause 7.0 (Decision Guidelines), replace the first dot point text with "Demonstrated high quality response to the Design Objectives, Design Requirements while complying with the provisions listed as "Avoid"."*
 - 1.2. *Notes the synthesis report 'Promoting high quality Urban Design outcomes in the Central City and Southbank' which outlines the rationale and evidence which underpins the proposed policy changes (refer Attachment 3 of the report from management).*
 - 1.3. *Endorses the Central Melbourne Design Guide as a reference document listed in DDO1 (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management).*
 - 1.4. *Notes the stakeholder engagement that has occurred to date, which has informed the development of Amendment C308 and the Central Melbourne Design Guide (refer Attachment 1 of the report from management).*
 - 1.5. *Notes that management will continue to engage proactively with the design and development industry and the community, in addition to the investigation of design quality processes, to drive a culture change and support the implementation of the policy to deliver high quality urban design.*
 - 1.6. *Authorises the Acting Director, City Strategy and Place to make any further minor editorial changes to the amendment documentation, synthesis report and reference document if required.*
 - 1.7. *Requests management to investigate further options for promoting improved design outcomes outside of the statutory planning system, including:*
 - 1.7.1. *Introducing a rating system for design and architectural quality of development proposals*
 - 1.7.2. *Design awards*
 - 1.7.3. *Design competitions.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Reece Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley, and Watts.

6.2 Planning Application TP-2017-768, 49 Henderson Street, North Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a planning application TP-2017-768 affecting land at 49 Henderson Street, North Melbourne.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Monica Cameron, Urbis
- Veronica Grant, Glossop Town Planning
- David Cowie, Lost Dogs Home.

Moved: Cr Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit be issued subject to the conditions outlined in attached delegate report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: The Chair, Councillor Reece, Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Leppert, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley, and Watts, with Councillor Le Liu voting against the motion.

6.3 Ministerial Application TPM-2015-19, 162-188 Turner Street, Port Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial planning application for land at 162-188 Turner Street, Port Melbourne. The site is located within the Lorimer Precinct of the Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area.

Cr Frances Gilley left the meeting at 6.27pm and returned at 6.30pm.

Moved: Cr Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Supports the proposal subject to the conditions outlined in the attached delegate report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management).*
 - 1.2. *Applies to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to be joined as a party to the proceeding.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Reece, Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley, and Watts.

Planning (Heritage) Portfolio

Cr Leppert assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider the one report from management in relation to the Planning (Heritage) Portfolio.

6.4 Planning Scheme Amendment C258 Heritage Policies Review and West Melbourne Heritage Review

The purpose of this report was to present the outcomes of the exhibition of Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C258 and recommend the Future Melbourne Committee request the Minister for Planning appoint a panel, to consider submissions to Amendment C258.

Councillor Reece declared an indirect conflict of interest in this matter because of a conflicting duty under section 78B of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Councillor Reece is employed by the University of Melbourne, who is affected by the matter. Councillor Reece left the meeting at 6.36pm, prior to any discussion taking place.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Veronica Grant, Glossop Town Planning

- Sharon Vladusic
- Laura Goodin
- Mary Kehoe
- Nicholas Selisky, Melbourne Assessment Prison.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes management's consideration of the submissions as set out in Attachments 2, 3 and 4 of the report from management.*
 - 1.2. *Requests the Minister for Planning to appoint an Independent Panel to consider all the submissions to Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C258.*
 - 1.3. *Agrees that the form of the Amendment to be presented to the Independent Panel will be generally in accordance with Attachment 4 of the report from management, subject to the following changes:*
 - 1.3.1. *In proposed policies 22.04-5 and 22.05-5, the sentence "The demolition of a non-contributory place will generally be permitted" be deleted, on the basis that the suggested addition of this text post-exhibition was not strictly necessary, and that the responsible authority when assessing an application under the heritage overlay may be required to consider that a heritage place is 'contributory' or 'significant' despite there being no record in the heritage inventory for whatever reason, and so the new policy should not unduly limit such discretion.*
 - 1.3.2. *In proposed policy 22.04-7, deletion of the dot point "New additions must not build over or extend into the air space above the front or principal part of a significant or contributory building".*
 - 1.3.3. *Any further minor editorial changes authorised by the Acting Director, City Strategy and Place.*

Seconded: Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Councillor Leppert, Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley, and Watts.

Councillor Reece returned to the meeting at 7.10pm, after the vote had been taken.

Finance and Governance Portfolio

The Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider the one report from management in relation to the Finance and Governance Portfolio.

6.5 2017-18 Second Quarter YTD Financial Performance Report

The purpose of this report was to inform the Future Melbourne Committee of the financial performance of the Council for the first quarter ending 31 December 2017, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and to provide information on supplementary valuations adopted by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation.

Moved: Acting Lord Mayor, Arron wood

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Accepts the quarterly financial performance report as at 31 December 2017.*
 - 1.2. *Resolves not to refer any matters to the Audit and Risk Committee.*

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Reece, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley, and Watts.

The Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood, resumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

7. General business

There were no items of General business for consideration.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

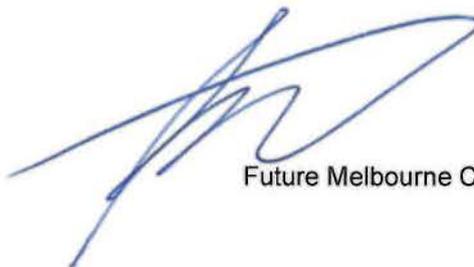
9. Public questions

There were no public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Arron Wood, declared the meeting closed at 7.13pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 6 March 2018.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee