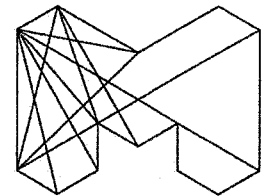


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

Meeting Number 83
Tuesday 18 August 2020
5.30pm

Virtual Meeting

Present

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood
Councillor Nicolas Frances Gilley
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey
Councillor Cathy Oke
Councillor Beverley Pinder-Mortimer
Councillor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Susan Riley
Councillor Jackie Watts

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On Tuesday 1 September 2020

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 5.36pm.

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 six reports from management
- no apologies had been received.

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 Pinder

That the minutes of meeting No 82, held on Tuesday 4 August 2020, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Frances Gilley

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

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

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, advised that six public questions had been received, two of which would be asked via live audio link.

Stephen Mayne asked a question relating to Council's view on the whether the local government elections should be delayed, and if they are delayed, what will be the costs and logistical challenges?

Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised that a few months ago, Councillors made a submission to the Municipal Association Victoria supporting a delay in the election. In the last couple of weeks, the general view had however moved to proceeding on the basis that the election date is close and Council, Councillors and candidates have progressed activities and in some cases, commitments and costs, based on the 24 October 2020 election date.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp referred the question on costs to Justin Hanney, Chief Executive Officer, who took the question on notice.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, advised that, in reading aloud the four written questions received she was not attesting to the veracity or factual nature of any statements contained in the questions.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, read out the written question received from Warwick Norman in relation to Agenda item 6.4, 'Mission to Seafarers – Redevelopment Proposal':

The Melbourne Seafarers Centre is a proposed stakeholder in the Mission to Seafarers building at 717 Flinders Street. I would like to understand how this proposal will impact on the proposed Melbourne Seafarers Centre.

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Cr Le Liu, as the Deputy Chair of the Knowledge City Portfolio, advised that, as part of any feasibility report and business case in relation to the Mission to Seafarers building, consultation with key stakeholders will be a requirement. This will of course include the existing users of the building and any proposed stakeholders such as the Melbourne Seafarers Centre.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, read out the following written question received from Andrew Turner in relation to Agenda Item 6.1 'Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2020-2 Carlton Recreation Ground, Princes Park, Carlton'.

Incorporated Document May 2020 at Clause 4

- Q Does this mean that the Carlton Football Club will be able to make changes under Clause 6 without recourse to Council approval and community views? If this is so we must register our strong disapproval about taking away community rights.*
- Q We request that the Melbourne City Council convey to the Minister of Planning that the proposal is not in line with the Council's open government and consultation philosophies?*
- 3. The Strategic Assessment of the Amendment has a section*
- Q How does the Amendment implement the objectives of planning in Victoria?*
- Four of the objectives is to provide for the fair, pleasant, efficient, and safe, working, living and recreational environment and benefits for all Victorians and visitors to Victoria*
- Q As the document only details the development is for AFLW purposes, how is this fair and orderly when the community is excluded from any use including development of junior football, netball and other sports male and/or female or community development and recreation?*
- Q Does the Council believe the proposed expenditure of \$40 million of public money to provide for only AWFL purposes an excessive overspend on a narrow vision of community sporting development?*
- Q We request the Future for Melbourne Committee to agree that Amendment C377 is not in the best interests of Melbournians and Victorians?*

Cr Reece, as the Chair of the Planning Portfolio, advised that, if approved by the Minister for Planning, the Incorporated Document for Ikon Park Stadium will be followed by the submission of detailed plans by the Carlton Football Club to Council for approval. These detailed plans would be exempt from third party notice and appeal rights, but only if they are generally consistent with the Incorporated Document. For this reason, the recommendation to the Future Melbourne Committee includes that significantly more detail be included within the Incorporated Document and that the applicant be required to complete the public consultation that was previously commenced, but is understood to have not yet been completed due the COVID-19.

While the proposal is broadly consistent with Council and planning policy, and relates to an already existing use, our urban planners have recommended additional requirements regarding matters such as traffic, parking and lighting be added to the Incorporated Document to protect the amenity of the park and nearby residential areas. This planning process does not consider the details of future user groups as these matters are more appropriately dealt with through lease arrangements between Council and Carlton Football Club via a separate process.

Planning policies support investment in and improvement of these types of sporting and recreational facilities; noting that \$20million in funding is from the Victorian Government and \$15million from the Australian Government, with no current funding from Council.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, read out the following written question received from Stephen Mayne.

Given council's deteriorating financial position, has any consideration been given to exploring a privatisation of Citywide to free up more than \$100 million in cash to provide relief for ratepayers and greater support for city businesses through expanded stimulus programs. This is particularly relevant given the increasingly national operations of Citywide and the reducing percentage of its revenue which comes from City of Melbourne contracts.

In terms of City of Melbourne contracts which council does have with Citywide, the \$20 million-plus Civil Infrastructure Services contract expires in 10 months on June 30, 2021. What is the timetable in terms of the competitive tender to be run with this important contract and how will Council's obvious conflict of interest be managed given that this is the biggest single services contract both for Citywide and City of Melbourne and any loss of this contract by Citywide would significantly impair council's asset base and future dividend stream from Citywide.

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The Lord Mayor referred the question to Justin Hanney, Chief Executive Officer, who advised that following many years of strong financial management Council continues to be focussed on maintaining an appropriate level of financial reserves as well as considering future borrowings to support Council major capital projects. With Cash equivalents and term deposits of \$107m as at 30 June 2020, we don't believe divestment of subsidiary businesses or assets are required to support ongoing operational expenses. Citywide continues to provide an important stream of dividends to Council.

Justin Hanney, Chief Executive Officer advised he would take the question regarding the Civil Infrastructure Services contract on notice.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, read out the following written question received from Chris Thrum relating to the current Stage 4 lockdown due to COVID-19.

With an educated public, 7 Day average plummeting and daily cases dropping from the sky, should we go to Stage 3 now?

Cr Pinder, as the Chair of the People City Portfolio, advised that the City of Melbourne acknowledges that this is a State Government decision and that they need to consider all of the facts and data whilst we are in Stage 4 restrictions. At this stage the State has declared a State of Emergency until midnight 13 September, with Stage 4 restrictions applying until then.

It is encouraging to see that the number of new cases is declining but all members of the community need to remain vigilant so that we can continue to see these numbers declining.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp noted that Stephen Mayne had registered to ask a second question at the end of the meeting.

6. Reports from management

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, 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, '**Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2020-2, Carlton Recreation Ground, Princes Park, Carlton**':

Requests to speak:

- Cain Liddle, CEO Carlton Football Club
- Andrew Turner, on behalf of Protect Park Street Precinct Residents Group.

Items of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum
- Stephen Mayne.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, '**Planning Permit Application: TP-2020-12 550-558 Spencer Street, West Melbourne**':

Requests to speak:

- Shane Wintershoven
- Paul Little, Planning and Property Partners.

Items of correspondence:

- Beverley Rodan
- Bill Cook
- Shane Wintershoven.

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In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **'Draft Development Plan: TP-2019-246 - 156-232 Kensington Road, West Melbourne'**:

Requests to speak:

- David Scalzo, Perri Projects
- Simon Gilbertson, Contour Consultants.

Items of correspondence:

- Jeanette Large, CEO Women's Property Initiative
- David Scalzo, Perri Projects
- Simon Gilbertson, Contour Consultants.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, **'Mission to Seafarers - Redevelopment Proposal'**:

Requests to speak:

- Neil Edwards AM, Chairman Mission to Seafarers Victoria
- Michael O'Brien, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network
- Ross Brewer, Chairman, Offshore & Specialist Ships Australia
- Jeff Gordon, President Melbourne Passenger Boating Association
- David Goodwin, President, Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand
- Gregory Harper.

Items of correspondence:

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| • Neil Edwards AM, Chairman Mission to Seafarers Victoria | • Michael Julian |
| • Michael O'Brien, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network | • Michael Taman |
| • Ross Brewer, Chairman, Offshore & Specialist Ships Australia | • Tony Lewis, Bay Steamers Maritime Museum Ltd |
| • Dr Liz Rushen | • Neil Thomas, Secretary, Maritime Museums of Victoria Inc |
| • Jeff Gordon, President Melbourne Passenger Boating Association | • Neil Thomas, Chairman, Polly Woodside Volunteers Association Inc |
| • Colin White, Secretary, Queenscliff Maritime Museum | • Mark Sims, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network. |
| • Lindsay Rex | • Graham Pilkington |
| • Karen Bugeja, Secretary Amazon 1863 Project Inc. | • Brett Holwett and Gabriek Kok, Riverlee |
| • David Goodwin, President, Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand | • Howard Mumford, Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology |
| • Gareth Johnson | • Gideon Perott, Kangan Institute |
| • Gregory Harper | • Ian French, The Company of Master Mariners of Australia Limited |
| • Steve Walker, Boating Industry Association of Victoria | • Charles Sowerwine, Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc |
| • Emma Russell, Director and Principal Historian, History at Work | • John Widmer |
| • Shane Stevens, Victoria Branch Secretary, Maritime Union of Australia | • Brian Mallon |
| • Jeff Malley | • Simon Ambrose, CEO National Trust of Victoria |
| • Tim Bracher, Yarra River Business Association | • Robert Mair AM and Susanne Etti, Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc |
| | • Andrew Coccoli. |

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In relation to Agenda item 6.5, 'Endorsement of the schematic design for the redevelopment of the Kensington Community Recreation Centre':

Requests to speak:

- Lloyd Davies
- Fiona Clay.

Items of correspondence:

- Patricia Sandell
- Clara Davies
- Viviana Arteaga
- Ellie Maxwell
- Lloyd Davies
- Courtney Ford
- James Hutchison
- Fern Cadman
- Marisa Black
- Fiona Clay
- Ellis Davies
- Carla Abbott
- Kelly Lim
- Sebastian Saliba
- Mel Irons
- Jane Stabb.

In relation to Agenda item 6.6, '2019-20 Financial Performance Report':

Request to speak:

- Stephen Mayne.

Item of correspondence:

- Stephen Mayne.

Planning Portfolio

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

6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2020-2 Carlton Recreation Ground, Princes Park, Carlton

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of an application to amend the Melbourne Planning Scheme (the amendment) to apply a Specific Controls Overlay (SCO) to the land known as the Carlton Recreation Ground or Ikon Park, Carlton. The amendment would also introduce a new site specific

The following people/person addressed the Committee:

- Cain Liddle, CEO Carlton Football Club
- Andrew Turner, on behalf of Christine Christian, President, Protect Park Street Precinct Residents Group.

Moved: Cr Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council:*
 - 1.1. *Acknowledges the broader benefits the future redevelopment of the Carlton Recreation Ground will generate, including the advancement of women's sport.*
 - 1.2. *Supports the proposed amendment to the Melbourne Planning Scheme subject to the recommendations and conditions outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).*

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- 1.3. *Considers it appropriate that the applicant be required to complete the voluntary public consultation process that was initiated but not completed, noting that given the current public health crisis, this consultation might be in the form of digital communications as opposed to traditional consultation meetings.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

6.2 Planning Permit Application: TP-2020-12 550-558 Spencer Street, West Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a planning permit application for 550-558 Spencer Street, West Melbourne, seeking approval for demolition of buildings and the construction of a nine-storey mixed use building, a reduction of car parking requirements and alterations to a Road Zone, Category 1.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Shave Wintershoven
- Paul Little, Planning and Property Partners.

Cr Watts left the meeting at 6.40pm and returned at 6.42pm.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp left the meeting at 6.44pm and returned at 6.45pm.

Cr Oke left the meeting at 6.45pm and returned at 6.46pm.

Moved: Cr Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit, subject to the conditions outlined 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, Councillor Reece, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley and Watts.

6.3 Draft Development Plan: TP-2019-246 156-232 Kensington Road, West Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of the submission of the West Melbourne Waterfront Development Plan (WMWDP) affecting the land at 156-232 Kensington Road, West Melbourne. The submitted WMWDP seeks to establish future land use and built form guidance.

The following people/person addressed the Committee:

- Simon Gilbertson, Contour Consultants
- David Scalzo, Perri Projects.

Moved: Cr Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that the West Melbourne Waterfront Development Plan has been prepared to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and is approved subject to the requirements and updates 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, Councillor Reece, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Frances Gilley, Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley and Watts.

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Knowledge City Portfolio

Cr Watts assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the Knowledge City Portfolio.

6.4 Mission to Seafarers – Redevelopment Proposal

The purpose of this report was to update Councillors on a Victorian Government proposal to redevelop the Mission to Seafarers building as part of a proposed joint feasibility/business case for a commercial maritime heritage precinct in Docklands.

Cr Watts, declared an indirect conflict of interest in relation to this item. The conflict of interest was due to conflicting duties under section 78B of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Cr Watts is a Director of Offshore & Specialist Ships Australia (OSSA) and is Chair of the Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network, both of which are impacted by the proposal.

The Chair, Cr Watts, left the meeting at 7.24pm, prior to any discussion taking place. The Deputy Chair, Cr Le Liu, assumed the Chair.

Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood left the meeting at 7.34pm and returned at 7.35pm.
Cr Frances Gilley left the meeting at 7.37pm and returned at 7.38pm.
Cr Pinder-Mortimer left the meeting at 7.46pm and returned at 7.48pm.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Neil Edwards AM, Chairman Mission to Seafarers Victoria
- Michael O'Brien, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network
- Ross Brewer, Chairman Offshore & Specialist Ships Australia
- Jeff Gordon, President Melbourne Passenger Boating Association
- David Goodwin, President Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand
- Gregory Harper.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee recommends:*

- 1.1. *Management undertake a feasibility study and business case for a commercial maritime heritage precinct/experience with a hub possibly based at the Mission to Seafarers, jointly funded with the Victorian Government up to \$30,000 each.*
- 1.2. *Management actively pursue a capital investment agreement with the Victorian Government for it to fund the refurbishment of the Mission to Seafarers building (conditional on recommendations from the feasibility report and business case).*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

Cr Watts returned to the meeting at 7.51pm

People City Portfolio

Cr Pinder-Mortimer assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the People City Portfolio.

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6.5 Endorsement of the schematic design for the redevelopment of the Kensington Community Recreation Centre

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the schematic design for the redevelopment of the Kensington Community Recreation Centre (KCRC) prior to tender of works. The KCRC redevelopment is included in the 2020-21 Annual Plan and Budget as a major initiative which aims to complete the design documentation ready for construction.

Cr Frances Gilley left the meeting at 7.53pm and returned at 7.54pm.

Lloyd Davies addressed the Committee.

The committee noted that Fiona Clay, who had requested an opportunity to speak, was not present at the virtual meeting to address the committee.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee defers consideration of this matter to the 1 September or 15 September meeting, and requests that management:*
 - 1.1 *provides to that meeting:*
 - 1.1.1 *a summary of community engagement undertaken on the two stages of consultation undertaken in 2019;*
 - 1.1.2 *a high level assessment of the cost benefit of pursuing the major thematic requests arising from the community, being:*
 - 1.1.2.1 *The placement of a childrens play pool/s outdoors and the easy integration of the paid pool areas indoors and outdoors;*
 - 1.1.2.2 *The placement of the café to service the indoors and outdoors area on the JJ Holland Park side; and*
 - 1.1.2.3 *A hydrotherapy pool.*
 - 1.2 *provides notice of the agenda item by email to all who participated in the formal community engagement stages, by no later than the day of the publication of the agenda.*

Seconded: Cr Pinder-Mortimer

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

Finance and Governance Portfolio

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

6.6 2019–20 Financial Performance Report

The purpose of this report was to inform the Future Melbourne Committee of the financial performance of the Council for the financial year ending 30 June 2020, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and to provide information on supplementary valuations adopted by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation.

Cr Pinder-Mortimer left the meeting at 8.03pm and returned at 8.04pm; left the meeting at 8.06pm and returned at 8.09pm; left the meeting at 8.10 and returned at 8.13; left the meeting at 8:17 and returned at 8:18pm.

Stephen Mayne addressed the Committee.

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Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Accepts the preliminary underlying deficit of \$17.2 million excluding compensation from City Square and Laneway sales for Council (or \$6.5 million net underlying surplus including these items) in the 2019–20 financial year.*
- 1.2. *Accepts the preliminary comprehensive result including asset sales and revaluations of \$132.1 million derives a surplus of \$205.2 million for Council in the 2019–20 financial year.*
- 1.3. *Approves the submission of the Consolidated Financial Statements and Performance Statements to the Audit and Risk Committee on 27 August 2020 and then to Council.*
- 1.4. *Requests the Lord Mayor call a Special Council meeting on the 8 September 2020 to consider and approve in principle the Consolidated Financial Statements and Performance Statements.*

Seconded: Cr Oke

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

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

Stephen Mayne asked Lord Mayor, Sally Capp if she could provide a timeframe of when she would be announcing her team for the upcoming local government elections.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp advised that once there is certainty around when the election date, she will have more certainty on dates.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 1 September 2020.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee