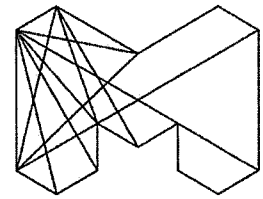


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

Meeting Number 84

Tuesday 1 September 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

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On Tuesday 15 September 2020

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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 two reports from management and one item of general business.
- 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: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

That the minutes of meeting No 83, held on Tuesday 18 August 2020, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Riley

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 two written public questions had been received.

The first written question was submitted by Chris Thrum in relation to sister city relationships with prominent cities overseas. Mr Thrum asked if these sister city relationships should continue and queried how the City of Melbourne benefitted from such relationships?

The Lord Mayor referred the question to Cr Le Liu as Chair of the International Engagement Portfolio.

Cr Le Liu advised that the City of Melbourne highly values sister city relationships and strategic partnerships with cities around the world. City to city relationships help to generate economic, educational and cultural benefits for both cities, and cement Melbourne's position as an international city and a destination of choice for visitors and businesses. Council expects our city relationships will continue to play a key role in generating cultural and economic benefits for Melbourne as we work towards our COVID recovery.

The second written question was submitted by Chris Thrum in relation to the COVID Stage 4 restrictions. Mr Thrum noted the significant drop in case numbers and the transmission rate. Mr Thrum asked if we should move to Stage 3 restrictions now and start, with immediate effect, the gradual opening of restaurants, cafes, bars and businesses? Would it help businesses if we went to Stage 3 tonight?

The Lord Mayor referred the question to Cr Louey, as the Chair of the Prosperous City Portfolio.

Cr Louey acknowledged that businesses in Melbourne are being significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and that decisions on restriction levels are made by the Victorian government. Small businesses are a critical part of the city's fabric and it is critical that all three tiers of government work together to support businesses through this critical phase and into recovery. The City of Melbourne has a comprehensive economic

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support package to support local businesses and we look forward to working with the Victorian government as it releases its roadmap for reopening the city.

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, '**Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2015-1/A, 32-44 Flinders Street, Melbourne**':

Requests to speak:

- Natalie Burdon, GPT
- Julian Anderson, Bates Smart
- Brendan Rogers, Urbis.

Item of Correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, '**Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2019-21, 694-704 Collins Street, Docklands**':

Requests to speak:

- Chris Hansen, Cromwell Property Group
- Chris Godsell, Nettleton Tribe.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, '**Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Council projects on land on the Victorian Heritage Register**':

Items of Correspondence:

- Kaye Oddie
- Paul Leitinger
- Felicity Watson, National Trust of Australia (Victoria)
- Bea McNicholas
- Charles Sowerwine, Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- Daniel Whykes, Urban Camp
- Fiona Bell, Protectors Of Public Lands Victoria Inc.
- Jennifer McDonald
- Margaret O'Brien & Yolande Leonardi, Friends of the Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens
- Mary-Lou Howie
- Yolande Leonard

Planning Portfolio

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

6.1 Item withdrawn

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

6.2 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2015-1/A, 32-44 Flinders Street, Melbourne

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The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial planning referral seeking to amend an existing permit that allows for the construction of a multi-storey mixed-use building at 32-44 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Natalie Burdon, GPT
- Julian Anderson, Bates Smart
- Brendan Rogers, Urbis.

Moved: Cr Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council does not object to this application subject to the conditions outlined in the delegate report (refer to 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, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood and Councillors Le Liu, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Riley and Watts; and Cr Frances Gilley voting against the motion.

6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2019-21, 694-704 Collins Street, Docklands

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Planning Application seeking approval for partial demolition and construction of a multi storey office, residential hotel and apartment tower on the north portion of the site, partially connected to the existing retained office building; and reduction in the statutory bicycle requirements at 694-704 Collins Street, Docklands.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Chris Hansen, Cromwell Property Group
- Chris Godsell, Nettleton Tribe.

Moved: Cr Reece

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) that the Melbourne City Council does not support the proposal on the grounds outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management). Noting that:
 - 1.1. The grounds are confined to the inclusion of apartment bedrooms with 'snorkel' window arrangements that do not comply with the Better Apartment Design Standards (BADS - D26 Windows).
 - 1.2. Any redesign of the 'snorkel' window arrangements may potentially impact on the architectural integrity and environmental performance of the proposal.
 - 1.3. Council's position is that the applicant should be required to demonstrate that 'snorkel' window arrangements can be redesigned to comply with BADS Standard D26 to ensure adequate daylight to bedrooms without impacting on the architectural integrity and environmental performance of the proposal prior to the Minister for Planning making a decision.
 - 1.4. However should the development proceed in its current form, DELWP should undertake independent daylight testing considering a recognised daylight standard

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such *BESS* or the *draft Green Star for New Buildings Framework* to assist the Minister for Planning in making an informed decision.

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.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, resumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

7. General business

There was one item of General business for consideration.

7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Council projects on land on the Victorian Heritage Register

Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood left the meeting at 6.41pm and did not return.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the extensive tracts of public parkland added to the Victorian Heritage Register in the last seven years for which the City of Melbourne is the Committee of Management.*
 - 1.2. *Notes that the City of Melbourne's requirement to seek permits and exemptions in accordance with the Heritage Act 2017 has increased considerably as a result of these additions, given the extent of projects for works required and proposed to be carried out in accordance with Council plans and policy.*
 - 1.3. *Expresses the view that the City of Melbourne can improve how it goes about applying for Heritage permits and Heritage permit exemptions, and that a review of internal processes and protocols in relation to planning for works on land on the Victorian Heritage Register is timely.*
 - 1.4. *Requests that management conduct a review of the internal processes and protocols across all work areas that manage the planning and delivery of building and works to places on the Victorian Heritage Register and report the outcomes of this review to councillors by September 2021, including by reporting to this Committee or the Council any proposed changes to Council policy that require formal resolution. In conducting the review, management is requested to consider the matters raised in the notice.*

Seconded: Cr Reece

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

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

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9. Public questions

There were no additional public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

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Chair
Future Melbourne Committee