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Council Meeting

Minutes

Meeting Number 22 Tuesday 30 August 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

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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 is being streamed live and that an audio and video recording would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday
- the agenda comprises seven reports from management, of which one is confidential.

The Lord Mayor advised the meeting that agenda item 6.1, *Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show proposed new licence - 2024 – 2029* has been withdrawn at the request of Management. The Lord Mayor asked the Chief Executive Officer, Justin Hanney to provide an update.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that upon his review of the submissions received on item 6.1, it was identified that a commitment was made to the Friends of the Royal Exhibition and Carlton Gardens in April 2019 regarding their engagement in the process for the awarding of the new licence. The Chief Executive Officer noted that this engagement had not been undertaken and, for procedural fairness, the paper would be withdrawn to allow representatives from management to meet in the coming few weeks with the Friends of Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens. This matter will be considered at the 27 September 2022 Council meeting.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meetings

Moved:

Cr Leppert

That Council:

Adopt the open minutes of Council Meeting No 21 held on Tuesday, 26 July 2022; and Adopt the open minutes of Special Council Meeting No 20 held on Tuesday, 12 July 2022, subject to an amendment to show that the Acting Lord Mayor closed the meeting, rather than the Lord Mayor.

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.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

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

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 6.4, 'Proposed discontinuance and sale of Gough Alley Melbourne':

Item of correspondence:

Chris Thrum.

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5. Reports from Committee

There were no reports from Committee for consideration.

6. Reports from management

There were six reports from management for consideration.

6.1 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show proposed new licence - 2024 - 2029

Item withdrawn.

6.2 Invest Melbourne update and appointment recommendations for the Advisory Board

The purpose of this report was to establish the internal investment promotion agency, Invest Melbourne.

Cr Louey declared a general conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020. One of the proposed appointments for the Advisory Board is the CEO of a company where Cr Louey's son is currently undertaking work experience. Cr Louey left the meeting at 5.36pm prior to any discussion taking place.

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. One of the proposed appointments to the Advisory Board is a colleague of the Deputy Lord Mayor at the University of Melbourne. The Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 5.36pm prior to any discussion taking place.

Moved:

Cr Campbell

1. That Council:

- 1.1. Approves minor amendments to item four in the Invest Melbourne Advisory Board Terms of Reference (Attachment 2 of the report from management), allowing for flexibility of composition, membership and tenure.
- 1.2. Approves the appointment of Ms Amanda Coombs (Chair), Ms Amy Foo, Ms Rachel Watson, Mr Ian McCall, Mr David Chen, Mr Andrew Carter, Dr Julie Wells and Mr Scott Tanner to the Invest Melbourne Advisory Board, for an initial period of 18 months.
- 1.3. Appoints Councillor Roshena Campbell and Councillor Kevin Louey to be the Councillor Representatives on the Invest Melbourne Advisory Board.

Seconded:

Cr Hakim

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

The Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Cr Kevin Louey returned to the meeting at 5.42pm.

6.3 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal 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 30 June 2022.

Moved:

Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That Council accepts the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program quarterly report which confirms a total program expenditure of \$96 million as at 30 June 2022.

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.

6.4 Proposed discontinuance and sale of Gough Alley Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to:

- update Council on the outcome of the statutory public notification process for the proposed discontinuance and sale of 171 m² of land of Gough Alley (Road), adjacent to 572-574 Lonsdale Street and 248-260 King Street Melbourne (Development Land) to 572 Lonsdale Pty Ltd (the Applicant).
- seek Council approval of management's recommendation to discontinue the Road and sell the resulting land to the Applicant.

Moved:

Cr Le Liu

- 1. That Council:
 - 1.1. Discontinues the road known as Gough Alley (as shown on the plan in the public notice published in The Age on 20 June 2022 and on the plan in Attachment 2 of the report from management) and sell the resulting 171m2 of land to 572 Lonsdale Pty Ltd for \$4,200,000 plus GST
 - 1.2. Authorises management to take all necessary actions and execute all necessary documents to implement the discontinuance and sale referred to in paragraph 9.1 above.

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.

6.5 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 fourth quarter of the financial year.

Moved:

Cr Le Liu

- 1. That Council:
 - Accepts the Council Plan 2021-2025 quarter four summary report and performance report (refer Attachments 2 and 3 of the report from management).
 - 1.2. Accepts the 2021-2022 Capital Works Program quarter four summary report on Major and Complex projects (Attachment 4 of the report from management).
 - 1.3. Approves program adjustments in Council Works Program, within the overall adopted budget-funding envelope, as follows (Attachment 5 of the report from management)

- 1.3.1. New budget allocation for -
 - 1.3.1.1. Make Room Vacation of 602 Lt Bourke St, and relocation of Arts Collection (Project 21B3714N) \$1,853,824
 - 1.3.1.2. Shrine of Remembrance Drainage Upgrade (Project 21B1434N) \$30,000
- 1.3.2. Additional budget (internal funding) for -
 - 1.3.2.1. Greenline (Project 21B2514N) from \$1,000,000 to \$1,800,000
 - 1.3.2.2. Property Services City Baths Renewal Works (Project 20B3714R) from \$1,964,401 to \$2,164,401
 - 1.3.2.3. Furniture and Equipment New Purchases (Project 21B3701N) from \$100,000 to \$200,000
 - 1.3.2.4. Our HOOD City of Melbourne Heritage Database (Project 19B3106N) from \$179,294 to \$269,667
 - 1.3.2.5. Public Toilet Installation (Project 19B4430N) from \$352,081 to \$432,081
- 1.3.3. Additional budget (external funding) for -
 - 1.3.3.1. Technology and Digital Innovation New (Project 21B0303N) from \$10,900,000 to \$13,900,000
 - 1.3.3.2. Parks Tree Planting and Replacement Program (Project 21B1422R) from \$1,700,000 to \$1,972,123
 - 1.3.3.3. Memorials (Project 17B3347N) from \$407,274 to \$609,305
 - 1.3.3.4. Street Furniture Renewal (Project 21B1341R) from \$400,000 to \$434,724
- 1.3.4. Budget reduced for -
 - 1.3.4.1. Urban Renewal Open Spaces (Project 21B1432N) from \$10,000,000 to \$50,000
 - 1.3.4.2. Dodds Street linear park, Southbank (Project 14G8129N) from \$5,214,000 to \$250,000
 - 1.3.4.3. Exhibition Street Bike Lane (Project 19B1376N) from \$3,440,000 to \$219,500
 - 1.3.4.4. Cycle Infrastructure (Project 21B1363N) from \$8,060,000 to \$5,200,000
 - 1.3.4.5. Pocket Parks (Project 21B1430N) from \$2.500,000 to \$200,000
 - 1.3.4.6. Library Pop-Ups (Project 21B4501N) from \$1,000,000 to \$251,262
 - 1.3.4.7. Flinders Street Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (Project 21B1371N) from \$1,900,000 to \$1,700,000
 - 1.3.4.8. Climate Adaptation Urban Landscapes New Works (Project 21B1414N) from \$1,400,000 to \$1,250,000
 - 1.3.4.9. Event Fence Branding Wrap (Project 21B5113N) from \$110,000 to \$59,750
- 1.4. Notes that FY 2022-23 Cycle Infrastructure budget will rise by \$3,229,577 to account for underspend in FY 2021-22. 8.5.
- 1.5. Accepts the 2021–22 financial year ending 30 June 2022 Financial Performance Report (Attachments 7 to 10 of the report from management).

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.

6.6 Governance Rules - Minor Amendment

The purpose of this report was to make minor amendments to the Governance Rules to ensure compliance with the new legislation.

Moved:

Cr Le Liu

- That Council adopts the amended Governance Rules, with a change to Clause 60.8, page 18 of Attachment 2 of the report from Management, to remove reference to Council staff, being:
 - 60.8. Without detracting from anything said in sub-Rule 60.7, a Councillor who is attending a meeting by electronic means must be able to:
 - 60.8.1. hear the proceedings;
 - 60.8.2. see all Councillors and members of Council staff who are also attending the Council meeting, at least while a Councillor or member of Council staff is speaking;
 - 60.8.3. be seen by all Councillors, members of Council staff and members of the public who are physically present at the Council meeting; and
 - 60.8.4. be heard when they speak.

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.

6.7 Councillor portfolios

The purpose of this report was to enable Council to update arrangements supporting Councillor Portfolio roles.

Moved:

Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That Council appoints Councillor Davydd Griffiths to the positon of Deputy Lead of the City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations portfolio.

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.

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. Closure of meeting to the public

Moved: Cr Hakim

- 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 category:
 - 1.1 Agenda item 14.1 as it contains Council Business information, which if prematurely released, would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations.

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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.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed to the public at 6.15pm.

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