

# Confirmed minutes



**CITY OF MELBOURNE**

## **Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Meeting Number 34  
Tuesday 27 June 2023  
5.30pm**

**Council Chamber  
Level 2  
Melbourne Town Hall**

#### **Present**

Lord Mayor Sally Capp AO (Chair)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece  
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball  
Councillor Roshena Campbell  
Councillor Jason Chang  
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge (via Zoom)  
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 was being streamed live and a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday 28 June 2023.

### Condolence Statement – Tom Roper

The Deputy Lord Mayor read the following statement:

*Last week we learnt of the passing of the Honourable Tom Roper.*

*Tom's dedication to serving his community saw him elected in 1973 to the seat of Brunswick East at the young age of 28. He went on to proudly serve the inner north community in the Victorian Parliament for 21 years and this included 10 as a senior government minister in the Cain and Kirner governments.*

*His contribution and reputation as a reforming minister was felt across a wide range of areas shaping Melbourne and Victorian life. In the two decades in office, he held portfolios of treasury, planning and environment, health, transport, Aboriginal affairs, employment and higher education. His ability to lead and bring people together allowed him to serve as leader of the house in the Legislative Assembly.*

*During his time in Parliament, Tom was known for his passion and ability to advocate for the environment. He was a thinker, an activist and an early campaigner for climate change. His commitment to sustainability saw him continue this pursuit after he left Parliament. He carried on this work through numerous roles including board positions with the Washington-based Climate Institute and Greenfleet Australia and was appointed a Senior Fellow of Melbourne University's Australian Centre for Science, Innovation and Society.*

*To those who knew Tom, whether it be on a personal or professional level, he was known for his intellect, drive, integrity and desire for social justice and building a better future for others. We thank Tom Roper for that.*

*Vale Tom.*

### Condolence Statement – Simon Crean

Cr Griffiths read the following statement:

*On Sunday, we learnt of the sudden passing of the Honourable Simon Crean.*

*Simon has rightly been described as a titan and giant of Australian politics. The outpouring of shock, sadness and admiration for Simon reflects the character, impact and contribution that he made in over 23 years of serving the Australian community as Member of Parliament.*

*Simon's connection to Melbourne and Victoria runs deep. Melbourne born and educated, Simon went on to serve the community through the seat of Hotham between 1990 and 2013. Before that, between 1985 and 1990, he represented the interests of hard working Australians and advocated on their behalf as President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU).*

*Simon was a leader and one whose style, qualities and approach were admired by many on all sides of politics. He served as leader of the Australian Labor Party and leader of the opposition from 2001 to 2003. He was a cabinet minister in the Hawke, Keating, Rudd and Gillard governments.*

*His many achievements can be seen through the pursuit of national interest in portfolios ranging from trade to employment from primary industries and energy to the arts. As President of the ACTU, his greatest legacy was his integral role in bringing in the Accord between unions and employers and forging real progress in the Australian industrial relations landscape. He will be well remembered for his role in speaking truth to power in his opposition to the Iraq war including speaking on the floor of Parliament when President George Bush was attending Canberra.*

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*Simon's support of industry and promoting trade, development and international relations continued after his time in Parliament through roles which included the European Australian Business Council and the Australia-Korea Business Council.*

*Until his passing, Simon remained a trusted advisor, mentor, contributor and friend to many.*

*On behalf of the City of Melbourne, our condolences go to the family and friends of Simon.*

### **2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest**

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

### **3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meetings**

Cr Chang arrived at the meeting at 5.37pm.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

*That the minutes of meeting No 32 held on Tuesday 30 May 2023 and special meeting No 33 held on Tuesday 6 June 2023 be confirmed.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: 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 Lord Mayor advised that the following submissions had been received.

In relation to Agenda item 5.1, **Adoption of the Annual Plan 2023–24 and Budget 2023–24:**

#### **Items of correspondence:**

- Thomas Balakas
- Caitlin McLoughlin
- Lucy Vascott
- Gustaf von Zweigbergk.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, **Post travel report by Councillor Philip Le Liu: InnoEx Forum, Hong Kong, April 2023:**

#### **Item of correspondence:**

- Chris Thrum.

### **5. Reports from Committee**

There were two reports from Committee.

The Lord Mayor called on Cr Le Liu as chair of the Finance, Governance and Risk Portfolio to present agenda item 5.1.

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### 5.1 Adoption of the Annual Plan 2023–24 and Budget 2023–24

The purpose of this report was to recommend that Council adopts the draft Annual Plan 2023–24 and draft Budget 2023–24 following consideration of public feedback.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That Council:*

1.1. *Adopts the Annual Plan 2023–24, subject to the following changes:*

1.1.1. *In relation to Major Initiative 45, add to the activities 'Work to better understand the food delivery economy and its impact on food delivery riders and local infrastructure use', and update the 'governance and milestones' such that Quarter 1 includes 'Consultation on all FY23-24 cycle/micro-mobility infrastructure projects together, in the context of State and neighbouring municipal connector projects'.*

1.1.2. *In relation to Major Initiative 48, update the activities in line with the management advice on page 22 of the report from management (Special Future Melbourne Committee (FMC), 20 June 2023, Agenda item 3.1)*

1.2. *Adopts the Budget 2023–24 incorporating recommended changes outlined in Attachment 5 of the report from management (Special FMC, 20 June 2023, Agenda item 3.1), subject to:*

1.2.1. *Substituting Item 7 in Attachment 5 of the report from management (Special FMC, 20 June 2023, Agenda item 3.1) with: 'Increase grants expenditure Budget by up to \$100,000 to support The Salvation Army Melbourne to work with the City of Melbourne to respond to the impacts of legislative changes on night time street activity in Melbourne'.*

1.2.2. *Additional funding of \$100,000 to be held in contingency to support neighbourhood and community development activities in Docklands.*

1.3. *Approves discretionary fees and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2024, detailed in Appendix F of the draft budget (including recommended changes).*

1.4. *Declares a differential rate for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 as detailed in Appendix B of the draft budget (including recommended changes).*

1.5. *Approves the increase in general rates by 3.50 per cent in line with the rate cap which results in a net annual value increase to the residential rate in the dollar from 3.6497 cents to 3.7852 cents and the non-residential rate in the dollar from 4.2145 cents to 4.2236 cents.*

1.6. *Declares a waste charge (property collection) of \$160 for capital improved value (CIV) less than or equal to \$500,000 and \$383 for CIV greater than \$500,000 and waste charge (public realm) for non-residential properties in the dollar of 0.043474 cents.*

1.7. *Notes non-rateable exempt properties represent 12.2 per cent of the total net annual value of the City of Melbourne.*

1.8. *Authorises the General Manager Finance and Corporate to make any further minor editorial changes to the Budget 2023–24 prior to publication.*

1.9. *Authorises the Director Governance to make any further minor editorial changes to the Annual Plan 2023–24 prior to publication. Notes that, the final Annual Plan and Budget will be made available on the Council website, at the Council Offices or on request to Council.*

1.10. *Advises each of the members of the public who provided feedback on the draft Annual Plan and draft Budget of the Council's decision in relation to these matters and the reasons for the decision, noting that updates will be made to responses to reflect decisions of the Future Melbourne Committee.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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

The Lord Mayor called on Cr Leppert as chair of the Environment Portfolio to present agenda item 5.2.

### 5.2 Dogs in Open Space: proposed timed dog off-leash area in Carlton

The purpose of this report was to recommend that Council creates a timed off-leash area at Canning and Neill Street Reserve, Carlton and to make a Municipal Order under section 26(2) of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Creates a timed off-leash area at Canning and Neill Street Reserve, Carlton as shown on the map in Attachment 2 of the report from management and that the off-leash times be set at:*
  - 1.1.1. *6pm to 8am 1 November to 31 March*
  - 1.1.2. *5pm to 9am 1 April to 31 October.*
- 1.2. *Approves a drinking fountain with dog bowl being installed in Canning and Neill Street Reserve (Reserve) and new fencing being installed on the western end of the Reserve, adjacent to Canning Street.*
- 1.3. *Makes a new municipal order (Order) under section 26(2) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 as shown at Attachment 4 in the report from management, to supersede the municipal order made on 18 August 2022.*
- 1.4. *Notes the Order includes the new area within the reserves listed as well as retaining other existing areas the subject of the earlier municipal order for dog off-leash and dog prohibited areas.*
- 1.5. *Notes management will arrange for the publication of the Order in The Age and the Victorian Government Gazette.*
- 1.6. *Requests management implement effective communication and enforcement of the Order.*
- 1.7. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the Order prior to publication.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

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

## 6. Reports from management

There were three reports from management.

### 6.1 Update on the night time economy

The purpose of this report was to recommend an approach to support the City of Melbourne's night time economy beyond 30 June 2023, when the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee is due to lapse.

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Approves a renewed approach to its support for the night time economy beyond 1 July 2023 that involves the hosting of roundtable discussions or summits to explore topics in depth.*

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- 1.2. *Requests the Lord Mayor write to Night Time Economy Advisory Committee members to thank them for their contribution.*
- 1.3. *Approves the establishment of a City Economy Advisory Committee to advise on challenges and opportunities facing Melbourne's day time economy.*
- 1.4. *Refers to the Future Melbourne Committee meeting of 11 July 2023 a decision to determine the terms of reference of the Committee.*
- 1.5. *Requests management undertake an expression of interest process seeking nominations to the City Economy Advisory Committee and return to Council or Committee with recommended appointments in future.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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

### **6.2 Funding Support Request June 2023**

The purpose of this report was to seek direction from Council as to whether recent requests for funding should be funded via the discretionary fund.

Moved: Cr Louey

1. *That Council:*
  - 1.1. *Approves the purchase of one table for the Hong Kong Australia Business Association Victoria Business Awards Gala Dinner to be held on 27 July 2023 to the value of \$5000 including GST.*
  - 1.2. *Approves the purchase of one table for the LaunchVic Victorian Start-up Gala to be held on 27 July 2023 to the value of \$4500 including GST.*

Seconded: Cr Chang

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: 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 Regent Management Company Pty Ltd: Trading Results for the financial year ended 30 June 2022**

The purpose of this report was to inform Council of the financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2022 of Regent Management Company Pty Ltd.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

*That Council notes the trading results of the Regent Management Company Pty Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: 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.

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### 7.1 Post travel report by Councillor Philip Le Liu: InnoEx Forum, Hong Kong, April 2023

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with information on the travel undertaken by Councillor Philip Le Liu to represent City of Melbourne (CoM) at the InnoEx Forum, associated events and to undertake other meetings with officials in Hong Kong between 12 and 15 April 2023.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That Council notes:*
  - 1.1. *The report by Councillor Philip Le Liu on travel to Hong Kong to attend the InnoEx Forum and associated conferences and to participate in other meetings with officials between 12 and 15 April 2023 at a cost to Council of \$12,786.09.*
  - 1.2. *That the observations and opportunities for further engagement on concepts considered during the visit will be further discussed with Council officers.*

Seconded: Cr Louey

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: 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 were no items of urgent business.

### 9. Closure of meeting to the public

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the items under the following categories:*
  - 1.1 *Agenda item 14.1 as it contains Council business information which if released would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations.*
  - 1.2 *Agenda item 14.2 as it contains private commercial information which if released would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.*
  - 1.3 *Agenda item 14.3 as it contains private commercial information which if released would unreasonably expose grant applicants to disadvantage, by disclosing financial information to competitors.*
  - 1.4 *Agenda item 14.4 as it contains personal information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 6.19pm.

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Chair  
Council