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## Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 70  
Tuesday 20 February 2024  
5.30pm

Town Hall Commons

### Present

Acting Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece (Chair)  
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

### Apology

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp AO

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee On  
Tuesday 5 March 2024

### 1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, welcomed attendees to the meeting, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land governed by the City of Melbourne, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong / Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin, and advised that:

- the meeting was being streamed live and a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website.
- an apology was received from the Lord Mayor, Sally Capp AO.

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## 2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Acting Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

## 3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Hakim

*That the minutes of meeting No 69 held on Tuesday 6 February 2024 be confirmed.*

Seconded: Cr Chang

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Acting Lord Mayor Nicolas 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 meeting.

## 5. Public questions

Below is a summary of public questions and responses. The full question time can be heard in the live stream recording of the meeting on Council's website at <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings/meeting-archive/pages/future-melbourne-committee-20-february-2024.aspx>

### **Removal of On-Street Public Car Parking Spaces, South Yarra**

Jenni Bolton asked a question relating to the removal of on-street public car parking spaces along Anderson Street, South Yarra and Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra.

Cr Davydd Griffiths, City Infrastructure and Transport Portfolio Lead, thanked Jenni for the question and advised that the goal of car share programs is to reduce the number of people living in the City of Melbourne needing to buy their own car. Cr Griffiths outlined the process for installation of car share spaces within the City of Melbourne and advised that once an application is processed and if considered appropriate, the City of Melbourne arranges for installation of the car share space. The loss of parking is not off-set.

### **International Conflicts**

Joel Burstynier asked a question relating to the number of international conflicts which Council has considered motions on in the last 20 years.

Cr Philip Le Liu, Finance, Governance and Risk Portfolio Lead, took the question on notice.

### **Public Question process**

Ekaterina Send asked a question relating to the City of Melbourne's process on responding to public questions at the Future Melbourne Committee meetings.

Cr Philip Le Liu, Finance, Governance and Risk Portfolio Lead, thanked Ekaterina for the question and advised that all public questions are referred to the Portfolio Lead or Deputy Lead Councillor. To assist, Council officers provide dot points or summary information for Councillors' consideration. The Portfolio Councillor will then provide their response and/or take the question on notice.

### **Community Services for Elderly Residents, Docklands**

Ekaterina Send asked a question relating to community services for elderly residents in Docklands, and how services compare to those in other City of Melbourne suburbs.

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Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead, thanked Ekaterina for the question and advised that there are many community services in Docklands and throughout the municipality, noting that the City of Melbourne caters for where there is the greatest need for services. Services for older people are not only for residents but for any older people who visit the municipality for any reason. Older people may also identify with one or several other cohorts which utilise spaces and services provided by the City of Melbourne (for example, multicultural, LGBTQIA+ or other). Cr Dr Ball noted that Council encourages people to utilise a range of services in a range of places. In this way, for example, services targeted at older people in North Melbourne, are utilised by residents, workers and visitors from many localities and neighbourhoods, particularly due to the geographical position, confluence of public transport points and other factors. Cr Dr Ball further advised that there are a range of community-led groups active in Docklands and that City of Melbourne has a range of grants that groups and individuals can apply for to run events or programs targeted at older people.

### **Procedural Motion - Change to Order of Business**

Moved: Cr Doidge

*That the order of business be changed to now consider Item 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.*

Seconded: Cr Campbell

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

### **7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Jamal Hakim: Reflecting community sentiment on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza**

The following people addressed the committee:

- Glenda Recht
- Adel Salman
- Damien Williams
- Dana AlShaer
- Mohammad Orabi
- Tom Monagle
- Rosie Tsipouras
- Ben H
- Tammy F
- Sarah Baarini
- Nasser Mashni
- Samah Sabawi
- Cara Cross
- Nicholas Failla
- Amin Abbas
- James Kennard
- Maryam Jalili
- Karla Medawar
- Elyse S
- Lillian Kline
- Ramona Chrapot
- Chris Thrum
- Simone Szalmuk-Singer
- David Mayes
- Anna Barker
- Elizabeth O'Shea
- Paris Enten
- Alyshia Mckinnon
- Lisa Emmanuella Kennett
- Mohamed M
- Mariam Orabi
- Corinne Haber
- Daniel Aghion
- Vanessa Cohen
- Steven Praver
- Rabbi Ralph Genende.

Moved: Cr Hakim

*Cr Le Liu Left the meeting at 6:38pm.*

*Cr Le Liu returned to the meeting and resumed his seat at 6:45pm.*

That the Future Melbourne Committee:

1. Endorses the following statement:

The City of Melbourne acknowledges the enduring trauma stemming from the conflict in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. This pain resonates deeply worldwide and within our community. We mourn the horrific loss of innocent lives in both Palestine and Israel and unequivocally condemn all attacks targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure including hospitals, utilities, homes, and places of worship, education, and culture.

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We acknowledge the distress caused by the catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Gaza and recognise the profound impact of recent events, including the atrocities committed on October 7th, the hostages held in Gaza and in Israel, the continuous bombing and total siege of Gaza, including the bombing of Rafah, the last 'safe zone', and that these are part of a history of violence for over 75 years. These experiences are traumatising for many Melbourne residents who have relatives or a connection in the region, or who come from war-torn countries. We express solidarity with these communities.

We recognise that Melbourne is a diverse, multi-cultural, and multi-faith community. We stand firmly against racism, vilification, and discrimination, including Islamophobia and antisemitism.

We support Australia advancing the cause of peace and call on the Australian Government to urgently advocate for a permanent ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, recognition of Palestine and Palestinians' right to self-determination, and the establishment of a just and sustainable peace.

2. Requests that the Lord Mayor relay the above statement to the Australian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, while calling on the Australian Government to:
  - 2.1. Advocate for a permanent ceasefire and the immediate lifting of the siege on Gaza to allow Palestinians in Gaza to have adequate and unimpeded access to food, water, fuel, electricity, medical supplies and construction materials to repair damaged homes and civilian infrastructure.
  - 2.2. Demand the immediate release of all Israeli hostages held in Gaza by Hamas, and the immediate release of Palestinians held in Israeli prisons without charge, including children.
  - 2.3. Urgently provide humanitarian aid to those in need and advocate for safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to the people of Gaza.
  - 2.4. Provide assistance to those who have arrived in Australia after fleeing the conflict, including accommodation, food, and access to employment and health services, including mental health services.
  - 2.5. Advocate for an end to illegal settlements and the illegal occupation of Palestinian territories, in alignment with applicable UN resolutions and international law, and the establishment of a just and sustainable peace.
  - 2.6. Address the rise of antisemitism and Islamophobia in Australian communities through support for local, community led initiatives.
  - 2.7. Urge all parties to uphold international law, including decisions of the International Court of Justice.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

*Cr Chang left the meeting at 7:57pm.*

*Cr Chang returned to the meeting and resumed his seat at 8:00pm.*

*Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 8:12pm.*

*Cr Le Liu returned to the meeting and resumed his seat at 8:14pm.*

*Cr Leppert left the meeting at 8:18pm.*

*Cr Leppert returned to the meeting at 8:21pm.*

### **Foreshadowed Motion**

The Acting Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece informed the meeting of his intention to move an alternative motion in the event that the substantive motion fails.

The motion was put with the following Councillors voting for the motion: Councillors Hakim, Griffiths, Doidge, Leppert and Dr Ball and the following Councillors voting against the motion: Acting Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece, Councillors Campbell, Le Liu, Louey and Chang.

As there was an equal division on the vote, the Chair, Acting Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece used his casting vote and declared the motion lost.

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## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

## Resumption

The meeting was resumed at 9:05pm with all Councillors present except the Lord Mayor, Sally Capp.

## **Alternative Motion**

Moved: Acting Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee:

1. Notes the Joint Statement on 15 February 2024 by the Prime Minister of Australia Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau and Prime Minister of New Zealand Christopher Luxon.
2. Endorses the following statement:

The City of Melbourne acknowledges the enduring trauma stemming from the conflict in Israel and Gaza. This pain resonates deeply worldwide and within our community. We mourn the horrific loss of innocent lives in both Gaza and Israel.

These events are traumatising for many Melbourne residents who have relatives or a connection in the region, or who come from war-torn countries. We express our sympathy and grief for these communities.

We recognise that Melbourne is a diverse, multi-cultural, and multi-faith community. Racism, vilification and discrimination have no place in our city. We do not tolerate statements and speech that incite hatred or aggression.

The City of Melbourne is a proud multicultural city. We are stronger because of our diversity and respect for differences. Our highest priority remains the promotion of peace, cohesion and tolerance in our community. We will make every effort to encourage the de-escalation of tensions and promote social harmony in Melbourne. We encourage everyone to demonstrate respect for one another during these turbulent times. We respect the right to peaceful protests and freedom of expression.

The City of Melbourne will continue to take every action to make our city safe and welcoming for all. City of Melbourne's new graffiti removal contract will see offensive, racist, antisemitic and islamophobia graffiti and materials removed as quickly as possible. Everybody has the right to feel safe in our city.
3. Requests that the Acting Lord Mayor write to the Australian Government and Victorian Government to advocate for:
  - 3.1. Assistance to those who have arrived in Australia after fleeing the conflict, including food, accommodation, and access to employment and health services, including mental health services.
  - 3.2. Measures to address the rise of antisemitism and Islamophobia in Australian communities through support for local, community led initiatives.
  - 3.3. Additional funding for mental health services for Australian residents indirectly impacted by the conflict.

Seconded: Cr Louey

*Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 9:09pm.*

*Cr Le Liu returned to the meeting and resumed his seat at 9:10pm.*

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

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## 6. Reports from management

### Planning Section

The Acting Lord Mayor advised there were two reports from management where Council exercises its responsibilities under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

#### 6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2023-7, Queen Victoria Market Precinct Southern Site, 65-159 Victoria Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report is to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial planning referral seeking approval of the Queen Victoria Market (QVM) Southern Precinct Development Plan, December 2023. The proposed development plan will guide the future land use and built form outcomes within southern portion of the market precinct. The land is currently formally identified as 65-159 Victoria Street, Melbourne.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Mary-Lou Howie
- Bob Evans
- Sarah Macklin, Urbis
- Kate Gray, Lovell Chen
- Nick Bourns, NH Architecture.

Moved: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Transport and Planning that the City of Melbourne supports the application subject to the recommended changes set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management) in addition to the following:*
  - 1.1. *“Replacement of detailed design images for Market Square with simplified concept images throughout the Development Plan document (including but not limited to pages 59, 103, 106, 115 and 117) while retaining the notations regarding design being subject to consultation; and deleting the text on the right side of page 116.”*
  - 1.2. *“Adding these words to the end of the text at Design Principle 1 on page 118: ‘which is designed to integrate with any road redesign required to optimise safety.’*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

*Cr Griffiths left the meeting at 9:27pm.*

*Cr Griffiths returned to the meeting and resumed his seat at 9:31pm.*

*Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 9:44pm.*

*Cr Le Liu returned to the meeting and resumed his seat at 9:48pm.*

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

#### 6.2 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2023-10, Queen Victoria Market Precinct Southern Site, 65-159 Victoria Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report is to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial planning referral for a planning permit application seeking approval for early works associated with the proposed Queen Victoria Market Southern Precinct Development Plan, December 2023. The land is currently formally identified as 65-159 Victoria Street, Melbourne.

*Cr Campbell left the meeting at 10:07pm.*

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Mary-Lou Howie

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Moved: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

*That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Transport and Planning that the City of Melbourne supports the application subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management – Planning Application Report).*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

### **6.3 Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area Development Contributions Plan and Planning Scheme Amendment GC224**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the draft City of Melbourne submission to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) on the Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area Development Contributions Plan (draft DCP) and Planning Scheme Amendment GC224 (draft Amendment GC224).

The Acting 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 due to his employment by University of Melbourne who is an interested party to the matter, and left the meeting at 10.10pm prior to the motion being moved and did not participate in discussion or voting.

#### Temporary Chair

In accordance with the Council resolution of 15 December 2020, Cr Leppert assumed the Chair.

*Cr Campbell returned to the meeting at 10:10pm.*

Moved: Cr Leppert

#### *1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. Approves the City of Melbourne Submission to Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area draft Development Contributions Plan and draft Planning Scheme Amendment GC224 at Attachment 2 of the report from management, subject to the following amendments:*
  - 1.1.1. After paragraph 11, add a new paragraph to read "CoM has prepared this submission on the basis that the Fishermans Bend tram will be completed in a timely fashion. If that does not occur, CoM considers that the objectives of the draft DCP, the draft Amendment GC224, and the Fishermans Bend Framework, will be unachievable. In that event, support for individual elements of the draft DCP and draft Amendment GC224 found in this submission may be withdrawn."*
  - 1.1.2. At paragraph 17, after the words "preferred alignment" add the words "and the proposed start and finish dates for construction";*
  - 1.1.3. At paragraph 26, replace the words "CoM provides in-principle support for the OSU" with the words "CoM holds concerns about the OSU but recognises its potential";*
  - 1.1.4. At paragraph 38, after all existing words, add the words "This support must be read in context of the criticisms elsewhere in this submission, noting that CoM does not have the capacity to fund (and therefore will not fund) open space acquisitions and upgrades of any kind in areas where the capacity to collect open space contributions has been extinguished. Similarly, CoM does not have the capacity to fund (and therefore will not fund) new sports and recreation centres in areas where such infrastructure and land is excluded from the DCP."*
  - 1.1.5. After paragraph 98, add a new paragraph to read "CoM also assumes, in lieu of any economic modelling to the contrary, that the rate cap, which sits among the highest in Victoria, will only be a feasible development cost where land owners have been given certainty as to when the Fishermans Bend tram will be built, which in turn will clarify their development finance strategies."*
  - 1.1.6. Renumber paragraphs as necessary.*

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- 1.2. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any administrative changes required to correct any typographic, grammar and referencing errors to the submission at prior to submitting to the Department of Transport and Planning.*
- 1.3. *Notes that the submission will form the basis of the City of Melbourne's ongoing consultation with the Department of Transport and Planning, in the interest of resolving issues where possible prior to a Precincts Standing Advisory Committee (Precincts SAC).*
- 1.4. *Notes that the submission will form the basis of the City of Melbourne's engagement with the Victorian Government and its agencies on the siting, design, construction, funding and apportionment of the drainage infrastructure.*
- 1.5. *Notes that the draft Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area Development Contributions Plan (DCP) mitigates a significant risk to Council in the funding and delivery of infrastructure by assigning the Victorian Government as the Collecting and Development Agency in the draft DCP.*
- 1.6. *Notes that the draft Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area Development Contributions Plan (DCP) does not include funding in the draft DCP for a number of projects (circa \$70million) that Council would ultimately need to consider delivering. The submission recommends that these are included in the DCP, and states as Council's initial position that the City of Melbourne does not have the capacity to fund open space acquisitions and upgrades of any kind in areas where the capacity to collect open space contributions has been extinguished and, similarly, does not have the capacity to fund new sports and recreation centres in areas where such infrastructure and land is excluded from the DCP.*
- 1.7. *Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Precincts and the Minister for Public and Active Transport calling for the Victorian Government's commitment to the funding and delivery of the Fishermans Bend tram (with reference to the significant arguments in the submission) and Melbourne Metro 2.*
- 1.8. *Requests the Chief Executive Officer write to the Secretary, Department of Transport and Planning, seeking Victorian Government commitment to the:*
  - 1.8.1. *release of a comprehensive funding and finance strategy for all infrastructure classifications and categories*
  - 1.8.2. *release of a Precinct Infrastructure Plan to accompany the DCP*
  - 1.8.3. *development of a governance and implementation strategy*
  - 1.8.4. *funding and updated timeframes for delivery of catalytic infrastructure, including the Fishermans Bend tram and Melbourne Metro 2*
  - 1.8.5. *collaborative development of the Lorimer Precinct Implementation Plan*
  - 1.8.6. *review of the DCP as part of the implementation of the Lorimer Precinct Implementation Plan.*
- 1.9. *Authorises management to make required changes to the submission and subsequent representations through the Precincts SAC process, should further information on the draft DCP and draft Planning Scheme Amendment GC224 may become available, in accordance with the endorsed submission and subject to appropriate briefing of Council.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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

*The Acting Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece returned to the meeting at 10.19pm and resumed the role of Chair.*

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## **Draft Homelessness Strategy 2024-30**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to commence community engagement on the Draft Homelessness Strategy 2024-30 (the Draft Strategy).

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

*1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. Approves the commencement of community engagement on the Draft Homelessness Strategy 2024-30*
- 1.2. Authorises the General Manager Community and City Services to make any further minor editorial changes to the Draft Homelessness Strategy prior to commencing community engagement.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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

## **6.4 Draft Fair Access Sport and Recreation Allocation and Use Policy 2024-2027; Draft Fair Access Sport and Recreation Action Plan 2024-2027**

The purpose of this report is to present the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) with the draft Fair Access Sport and Recreation Allocation and Use Policy (the Policy) and draft Fair Access Sport and Recreation Action Plan (the Action Plan) for approval to be released for community engagement.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

*That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1. Approves the draft Fair Access Sport and Recreation Allocation and Use Policy and Action Plan to proceed to community and stakeholder engagement subject to the Draft Policy first being amended to include, at the end of section 8 ('Implementation'), the following words:  
  
The Council recognises that clubs and associations may, explicitly or implicitly, define their membership on the basis of certain protected attributes in the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.  
  
The Council will avoid adjudicating between clubs and associations that have chosen different lawful bases on which to advance the interests of women and girls. Council will avoid duplicating or supplanting the role of the Australian or Victorian Human Rights Commissions in adjudicating conflicts of rights in law, and avoid duplicating or supplanting the role of amateur and professional sporting associations in choosing the terms of their own sporting competitions.  
  
Council may consider exceptions to the policy where other underrepresented groups are clearly being catered to.*
- 2. Notes that following completion of the engagement process, the Fair Access Sport and Recreation Allocation and Use Policy and Action Plan are scheduled to be presented to the Future Melbourne Committee for final approval on 11 June 2024.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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

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## **Neighbourhood Model (MI37) update and launch of Neighbourhood Pulse Check 2024**

The purpose of this report is to update Councillors on the progress of this resolution and seek approval for the community engagement and communications approach for the Neighbourhood Pulse Check 2024 (pulse check).

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

*1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. Notes the progress through the implementation of the Neighbourhood Model over the past year.*
- 1.2. Approves the commencement of the Neighbourhood Pulse Check 2024 (pulse check) across the ten neighbourhoods in the City of Melbourne.*
- 1.3. Requests management report back to Councillors by 30 June 2024 on the results of pulse check (consultation) and the outcomes of the evaluation of the Neighbourhood Planning Framework.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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

## **7. General business**

There were two items of general business.

### **7.1 Notice of Motion, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece: Adaptive reuse of office buildings**

Moved: Acting Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

*That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

*1. Notes:*

- 1.1. Significant recent interest in adaptive reuse of buildings, particularly the conversion of office buildings to residential and other uses;*
- 1.2. Council's recent endorsement of the Retrofit Melbourne plan, which seeks to encourage the retrofitting of commercial buildings in the central city to improve their energy efficiency;*
- 1.3. The planning controls in the inner city regarding the choice and change of land use are highly permissive and often as-of-right and that the most significant barriers to adaptive reuse of central city office buildings are outside the planning system;*
- 1.4. The City of Melbourne is a strong supporter of adaptive reuse wherever practical; and*
- 1.5. The City of Melbourne is completing an adaptive reuse pilot project by converting its building at 602 Little Bourke Street into supported residential accommodation.*
- 2. Requests that Management produce and publish updated policy guidance, in the form of an Industry Guidance Note (or similar), for publication by June 2024, to provide clear advice to owners, developers and the community who are considering the adaptive reuse of office buildings within the City of Melbourne. In producing this publication, Management is requested to:*
  - 2.1. Ensure that the guidance note provides easy to interpret and use advice on the planning and building frameworks and relevant statutory considerations regarding adaptive reuse, including the distinction between the different frameworks;*
  - 2.2. Include in the guidance note the offer of a comprehensive planning-and-building pre-application meeting for property owners and developers considering adaptive reuse of office buildings;*
  - 2.3. Complement Council's Retrofit Melbourne plan;*
  - 2.4. Consider similar documents and measures introduced by other Australian and global cities relevant to the adaptive reuse of buildings.*

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3. *Requests that management make further changes to the Industry Guidance Note after June 2024 if and when Council implements any policy directions canvassed in Council's Retrofit Melbourne plan, to ensure consistency across all City of Melbourne policies and communications material.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

### 7.3 Condolence Statement – Former Councillor, John Blake

Cr Griffiths noted the passing of former Councillor, John Blake, and shared the following condolence statement.

John served as Councillor between 1982 and 1988. He was elected as one of the West Ward Councillors with the return of Councillors following a brief period of Commissioners in office.

Over the course of his six years on Council, John took on a variety of roles which aimed to deliver better services and infrastructure for the local community. He chaired the Planning and Public Works Committee and served on the Health and Community Services Committee for a number of years. He also served on Council's Strategy Plan Steering Committee which sought to set the strategic direction of Melbourne.

John's commitment to the local community and the West Ward in particular saw him take on advisory and steering committee roles which were key to the future of the area. This included contribution to the vision for the lower Maribyrnong River and the surrounding precinct and a role in the Council's Lynch's Bridge Special Committee. This Committee oversaw planning for the transformation of the former stock yards in Kensington to deliver the thriving residential precinct we know today as Kensington Banks.

On behalf of the City of Melbourne we recognise John's contribution to Melbourne and its community and extend our condolences to his wife Pam, family and friends.

### 8 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

### 9 Public questions

There were no further public questions.

### 10 Closure of meeting

The Acting Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece declared the meeting closed at 10.54pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 5 March 2024.

  
Chair  
Future Melbourne Committee