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Council Meeting

Minutes

Meeting Number 47
Tuesday 26 November 2019
5.30pm

Council Chambers
Level 2
Melbourne Town Hall

Present

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood
Councillors 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

Apology

Councillor Jackie Watts

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council
on Tuesday 10 December 2019

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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 recorded and the audio would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business tomorrow
- the agenda comprised one report from Committee and 15 reports from management, of which five were confidential.
- an apology had been received from Councillor Watts.

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 Riley

That the minutes of meeting No 46, held on Tuesday 29 October 2019, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Oke

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 and Riley.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

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

Submissions/Correspondence

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, advised that the following submission had been received in accordance with the Council's *Meeting Procedures Code*.

In relation to Agenda item 6.9, '**Proposed travel by Lord Mayor, Councillors (to be nominated): City of Melbourne business mission to Chengdu, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Nanjing, Taipei, Tianjin, China and Osaka, Tokyo, Japan – March/April 2020**':

Item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

5. Reports from Committee

There was one report from Committee for consideration in the open session.

Planning Portfolio

Cr Reece presented the one report from the Future Melbourne Committee in relation to the Planning Portfolio.

5.1 Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C308 Urban Design in Central Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to seek Council's endorsement of Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C308 Urban Design in Central Melbourne.

Moved: Cr Reece

1. That Council:

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- 1.1. *Adopts Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C308 as shown in Attachment 5 of the report from management.*
- 1.2. *Endorses the Central Melbourne Design Guide as the visual companion to the proposed DDO1 as shown in Attachment 2 of the report from management.*
- 1.3. *Submits the adopted Amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.*
- 1.4. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the Amendment documents prior to submitting to the Minister for Planning for approval.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

6. Reports from management

There were 10 reports from management for consideration in the open session.

6.1 Records of Assemblies of Councillors

The purpose of this report was to present the most recent written records of assemblies of Councillors for Council to note.

Moved: Cr Oke

That Council notes the written records of the assemblies of Councillors as detailed in Attachment 2 of the management report.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

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 and Riley.

6.2 Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal (QVMPR) Program Reserve Quarterly Report

The purpose of this report was to provide a progress update to Council on the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal (QVMPR) Program Reserve for the period ending 30 September 2019.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

That Council accepts the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Program Reserve report as at 30 September 2019 which shows a reserve balance of \$48.65 million.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

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 and Riley.

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6.3 Queen Victoria Market Pty Ltd Annual Report 2018–2019

The purpose of this report was to note the Queen Victoria Market Pty Ltd Annual Report 2018–2019.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

That Council notes the Queen Victoria Market Pty Ltd Annual Report 2018–2019.

Seconded: Cr Oke

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 and Riley.

6.4 2019 Citywide Pty Ltd Annual Financial Report

The purpose of this report was to note the Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd Annual Financial Report for 2019.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

That the Council notes the 2019 Annual Financial Report of Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd.

Seconded: Cr Oke

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 and Riley.

6.5 Small Business Grants and Social Enterprise Grants recommendations 2019-20

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement for the second round of Small Business Grants and Social Enterprise Grants 2019-20.

Moved: Cr Riley

1. *That Council:*

1.1. *Approves the second round of the 2019-20 Small Business Grants and Social Enterprise Grants as detailed in Attachment 4 of the report from management.*

1.2. *Authorises the General Manager City Economy and Activation to approve funding for all reserve applications to a total value of \$165,000 in the event one or more of the recommended businesses cannot proceed or declines funding.*

Seconded: Cr Pinder-Mortimer

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 and Riley.

6.6 Funding Support Requests November 2019

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

Moved: Cr Leppert

That Council approves a contribution of \$5000 to Corpus Medicorum, as well as in-kind support (logo and official messages of support for sister city related activities with key stakeholders in China).

Seconded: Cr Riley

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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 and Riley.

6.7 2019–20 Council Works Program First Quarter Report

The purpose of this report was to inform Council of the financial performance of the 2019–20 Council Works Program as at the end of the first quarter and to seek an adjustment to the program budget.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That Council:*

1.1. *Notes the 2019–20 Council Works Program (CWP) first quarter report.*

1.2. *Approves program adjustments to this year's allocation reducing the CWP from \$205,388,055 to \$202,294,957 (\$3,093,098):*

1.2.1. *Returned Funds include:*

1.2.1.1. *Construct Emergency Services Victoria Memorial returned \$2 million as this project is a duplication of Victoria Emergency Services Memorial in Treasury Gardens.*

1.2.1.2. *Southbank Promenade Stage 1 returned \$1.37 million in 2019-20. Balance of \$3.26 million will be re-phased into 2020-21. Total project budget has reduced from \$11 million to \$9.33 million.*

1.2.1.3. *Lady Huntingfield Integrated Children's Hub has returned \$470,000 in 2019-20 due to construction delays. This will be re-phased into 2020-21. No change has been made to the overall project budget.*

1.2.2. *Additional Funds:*

1.2.2.1. *Green Our City Strategic Action Plan Implementation has requested an additional \$85,275. This relates to an external contribution received from Melbourne Water in 2018-19, which will now be expended in 2019-20.*

1.2.2.2. *Source to Pay Project Phase 2 has requested an additional \$251,200 to rollout Phase 2 of the Contract Management System.*

1.2.2.3. *River Lights Upgrade – Alexandra Gardens/Birrarung Marr has requested an additional \$60,000 to complete installation of the new lighting infrastructure.*

1.2.3. *External Contributions:*

1.2.3.1. *External contributions of \$146,643 have been received for water main relocation works to facilitate Installation of Security Bollards – Melbourne East Police St.*

1.2.3.2. *Additional external contributions of \$144,751 have been received to reflect the 2019-20 Roads to Recovery allocation.*

1.2.3.3. *Additional external contributions of \$58,105 have been received to reflect the 2019-20 Victorian Grants Commission - Local Road Funding allocation.*

1.2.4. *Internal Transfers:*

1.2.4.1. *Creative Spaces Website Redevelopment has requested an additional \$100,000 to finalise the website and design which is offset in savings from Technology Modernisation - Renewal. Note, this project is 50/50 funded City of Melbourne and Creative Victoria.*

Seconded: Cr Frances Gilley

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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 and Riley.

6.8 Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund 2019–20 recommendations

The purpose of this report was to seek Council's endorsement of the recommended projects for the inaugural Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund.

Councillors Oke and Reece declared an indirect conflict of interest in this matter because of a conflicting duty under Section 78B of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Both Councillors are employed by University of Melbourne who is a recipient of the fund. They left the meeting at 5.55pm prior to discussion taking place.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Approves the Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund 2019–20 grants for recommended projects as detailed in Attachment 2 of the report from management.*
- 1.2. *Authorises the Director Waste and Recycling to execute final funding agreements with each organisation in accordance with this Council resolution and the Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund guidelines.*

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

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, Pinder-Mortimer and Riley.

Councillors Oke and Reece returned to the meeting at 5.59pm after the vote had been taken.

6.9 Proposed travel by Lord Mayor, Councillors (to be nominated): City of Melbourne business mission to Chengdu, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Nanjing, Taipei, Tianjin, China and Osaka, Tokyo, Japan – March/April 2020

The purpose of this report was to seek Council approval for the Lord Mayor and Councillors (to be nominated) to travel to China (Chengdu, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Nanjing, Taipei and Tianjin) and Japan (Osaka and Tokyo) to lead the City of Melbourne business mission (Mission) in late March/early April 2020.

Moved: Cr Louey

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Approves participation for the Lord Mayor and up to three Councillors (to be determined at a future Council meeting) to travel to China and Japan to lead the 2020 City of Melbourne Business Mission in late March/early April 2020.*
- 1.2. *Approves an amount of \$37,500 to cover the travel costs of airfares, accommodation and day to day meals and incidentals.*
- 1.3. *Notes that a report on travel undertaken will be prepared for the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.*

Seconded: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

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 and Riley.

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6.10 Election Period Policy (Caretaker Policy) and Voting Method

The purpose of this report was to seek Council endorsement of an Election Period Policy that defines appropriate procedures and practices in the lead up to the 2020 Melbourne City Council elections.

The Council agreed to vote on the motion in two parts.

Part 1

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That Council:*

- 1.1. *Adopts the Election Period Policy (Caretaker Policy) as contained in Attachment 3 to the report from management.*
- 1.2. *Authorises the Director Governance to make any minor editorial changes to the Election Period Policy.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

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 and Riley.

Part 2

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

That Council notes that the method of voting for the 2020 Melbourne City Council elections will be via postal voting unless Council resolves otherwise.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

Foreshadowed motion

Councillor Leppert gave notice that he intended to move the following motion in the event the substantive motion failed: *That a decision on whether to conduct the 2020 poll by postal or attendance voting be considered by a Special Council meeting in February 2020, after considering advice from the 4 February 2020 Future Melbourne Committee, thus allowing for public debate.*

Substantive motion

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

Cr Leppert's foreshadowed motion subsequently lapsed.

7. General business

There were no items of general business for consideration in the open session.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration in the open session.

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9. Closure of meeting

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood

That pursuant to sections 89(2)(d) and (h) of the Local Government Act 1989, the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the items under the following categories:

- *Agenda items 14.1, 14.2 and 14.5 as they contain information which if released would prejudice the Council or any person.*
- *Agenda item 14.3 and 14.4 as they contain information about a contractual matters.*

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 and Riley.

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, declared the open meeting closed at 6.18pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 10 December 2019.

Chair
Council