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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 25 August 2020

Agenda item title: * 6.4 Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters Committee

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Well done for continuing this excellent practice of having an independent chair of the standing CEO Employment Matters committees and Jude Munro is a good choice to perform that role.

The pay – 5k in a regular year and 20k in a recruitment year – is also appropriate.

However, I'm a little puzzled as to why this is being put up shortly before the council elections when there is no need. Shouldn't the new council determine if it wants this model to continue and also resolve on the size and composition of the committee? Perhaps a deferral until December would be the best approach on Tuesday night.

Similarly, why is Cr Pinder being re-appointed to the committee when she flagged in public comments to The Age

on August 21 that she is likely to be retiring?

It would make more sense to populate the committee with councillors likely to be re-elected. To that end, if this item is not deferred, I recommend that Cr Leppert be appointed to the committee in place of Cr Pinder.

Cr Pinder's uncalled for public criticisms of Lord Mayor Sally Capp in The Age on August 21 ("Do I want to serve under this Lord Mayor? No, probably not. She is not a leader. You consult with your team. You don't go consulting with rich people in Toorak.") also arguably warrant her removal from the committee. These comments were unseemly, unfair and inappropriate. And if Cr Pinder doesn't want to serve under Lord Mayor Capp why would she put her name forward to continue working with her on this particular committee?

In summary, it is probably best to defer this item until after the election but if councillors determine to proceed, please amend the resolution to appoint Cr Leppert to the committee in place of Cr Pinder.

Subject: Re: Council Meeting 25/08/2020

My apologies, here is the podcast...

Regards,

Yolande

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/backgroundbriefing/the-bird-and-the-businessman/10588700>

On 21 Aug 2020, at 9:47 am, Yolande leonardi <yolande@bigpond.net.au> wrote:

Council Meeting 25th August 2020 (Meeting 58 at 5.30pm)

7. General Business

Items 7.1 & 7.2

Dear Lord Mayor & Councillors,

I would like to express my support for the 2 NoMs 7.1 & 7.2 These are matters that need urgent address.

I attach a podcast that concerns World Heritage & EPBC fyi. It undoubtedly shows the clout that political donations have. We ordinary folk would rather see a move away from political donations, but at least feel what Cr. Watts proposes should be given unanimous support.

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/backgroundbriefing/the-bird-and-the-businessman/10588>

Sincerely
Yolande Leonardi
CBD Resident

Hello City of Melbourne Meeting Group Team

This is a written response in regards to the Agenda Item 7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Jackie Watts, Electoral Transparency, Disclosure of positions and beneficial interest.

It is important to strive for greater transparency and awareness of interests and positions held by candidates in the upcoming elections.

As an example of the quest for transparency, the following can be considered a search for an optimum level of transparency in Government.

Best regards
Chris Thrum

I am not convinced that there is a need to extend a State of Emergency in Victoria by 12 months. The most recent new cases count in Victoria was about 118 or so. The lowest since July 5.

Ask any mathematician to have a look at the new cases daily graph and the trend is a very clear and apparent downward one.

How long has the transmission rate been beneath one? Yesterday it was 0.94.

The seven day average is plummeting as well.

If anything, we should go to Stage 3 restrictions as soon as possible.

Look at the data and statistics. Look at the trends!

The general public is now very well educated on protocols of social distancing and mask wearing.

Look at the mathematical results of this.

It is outrageous to demand 12 more months of a state of Emergency. Is that a response to the present situation that is both wrong and histrionic?

What is the agenda here?

We should have a schedule to get to Stage 3 and we should have the ambition to have a schedule to open up restaurants and cafes and small businesses.

The notion that we need a 12 months extension of the State of Emergency must be resisted.

Best regards
Chris Thrum

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Agenda item title: 7.2 Donations Register

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Transparency around donations is welcome but the model proposed of sending an email to CBD News within 5 days of each donation would be administratively complex and an unreasonable burden on the third party data host who would then have to assemble lists of donations.

It would be preferable to follow the model voluntarily adopted in 2016 where councillors agreed that any tickets they were involved with would provide the 3rd party website host (in that case The Age) with a list of all donations above \$500 received up to a point in time.

The 3 dates chosen in 2016 was probably too much so I would propose going with the follow two dates:

October 15: Tickets are to provide a PDF list of all donations above \$500 received between July 1, 2020 and October 10, 2020.

November 1: Tickets agree to provide CBD News with an updated list of all donations above \$500 received between July 1 and October 30.

Any later donations will be captured by the state legislation and published on council's website 40 days after the election.

In relation to 7.1, I don't think it is necessary to change the current system and involve a 3rd party host in disclosing the register of interests. Councillors should stay focused on the most important issue which is transparency around campaign finance.

Kind regards, Stephen Mayne