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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 55
Tuesday 16 May 2023
6.00pm**

Community Hub at The Dock, Docklands

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apology

Councillor Jason Chang

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On Tuesday 6 June 2023

C o n f i r m e d m i n u t e s

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

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 17 May 2023.
- an apology was received from Councillor Chang.

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 meeting

Moved: Cr Hakim

That the minutes of meeting No 54 held on Tuesday 2 May 2023 be confirmed.

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, 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.

Presentation for Docklands community

The Lord Mayor asked the Committee to temporarily suspend the Governance Rules to allow for presentations from officers on the Docklands neighbourhood.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the Governance Rules be suspended to enable presentations from officers on the Docklands Neighbourhood Priorities.

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

The Governance Rules were suspended at 6.06pm.

The Committee received presentations from Michelle James, Manager Neighbourhoods and Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy.

Cr Le Liu arrived at the meeting at 6.11pm.

Moved: Cr Campbell

That the Governance Rules be resumed.

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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The Governance Rules were resumed at 6.16pm.

Variation to order of business

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee, in accordance with Division 3(16) of Council's Governance Rules, resolves to amend the order of business to allow the consideration of agenda item 8 Urgent Business prior to the consideration of agenda item 5 Public Questions.

Moved: 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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

8. Urgent business

There was one item of urgent business.

8.1 ATET

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the matter of ATET meets the criteria for consideration as an item of urgent business as it has arisen since the distribution of the agenda, and cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Committee or Council meeting.

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the Future Melbourne Committee refers to the Council meeting of 30 May the matter of whether or not to terminate the Crown Land Licence issued to Floating Spaces Pty Ltd (trading as ATET).

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

5. Public questions

Extension of Public Question Time

Due to the number of public questions received prior to the meeting, a procedural motion was considered to extend Public Question Time for 15 minutes, allowing for a total of 30 minutes.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That public question time be extended for 15 minutes, allowing for a total of 30 minutes.

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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Below is a summary of public questions and responses. The full version can be heard in the recording of the meeting located on Council's website at <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings/meeting-archive/pages/Future-Melbourne-Committee-16-May-2023.aspx>

Point Park timed off-leash dog park

Caroline asked a question on behalf of Jenny Levya de Loryn regarding the timing designated for the dog off-leash area at Point Park and requested that the timing be extended.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead thanked Jenny for the question and advised that timed off-leash access is a widely used model of ensuring fair access to parks for all park users to promote balanced use of open space. Cr Leppert noted that as part of the review process in 2022, the community was asked to indicate their preferred timed access model from three options for Point Park, and that the model implemented by Council was the model that was ranked highest by respondents.

Docklands Sports Courts lighting

Graham Mercer submitted a written question asking what the hourly electricity cost and environmental carbon impact is of running floodlights at the Docklands Sports Courts, and why these lights have been on during daylight hours since early April despite multiple enquiries to Council.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead thanked Graham for the question and advised that the cost per day averaged over the last financial year is \$13.58, and that there is no carbon impact from the operation of the lights as City of Melbourne sources its energy from 100 per cent renewables. Cr Leppert further advised that officers will investigate the programming and timing of the lights.

Docklands wayfinding improvements and cycle traffic

Ben Ball submitted a written question asking about any immediate improvements resulting from a Future Melbourne Committee resolution made on 8 November 2022 pertaining to wayfinding signage around Victoria Harbour, Harbour Esplanade, Newquay and Lorimer Street. Ben's question drew attention to the elevated veloway exiting onto Harbour Esplanade which is expected to increase cycle traffic into Docklands and asked what is being done to address this expected traffic.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked Ben for the question and referred to Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change, who advised that most of the outcomes associated with the immediate uplift of the public realm in Docklands were focused on smaller scale interventions such as planter boxes and basic cleaning and uplift around the precinct. Evan further advised that in relation to the veloway and managing impacts of West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP), Council's City Infrastructure branch works with the state government on a joint fund, the Transport Amenity Program, to mitigate impacts of WGTP. Evan stated that officers will contact Ben directly to provide a detailed response on traffic modelling and interventions.

Marvel Stadium works impacting nearby apartment common areas

Shireen Bangah raised concerns regarding wear and tear of common property at the Lacrosse and M Docklands apartment buildings due to increased foot traffic as a result of Marvel Stadium renovations.

Cr Griffiths, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Deputy Portfolio Lead thanked Shireen for the question and advised the common property of apartment buildings is private property rather than Council's responsibility. However, Cr Griffiths extended an invitation to Shireen to have a further discussion on how to best proceed with the issue.

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Maritime Heritage Precinct and rail bridge by the Bolte Bridge

William Reid asked whether Council has any information on the status of plans to put a rail bridge near the Bolte Bridge, noting that such a bridge will adversely impact the 1903 Australian built tall ship Alma Doepel's ability to operate out of Docklands once she returns to operational activity. William also asked if Council has a clear vision on where a maritime heritage precinct will be located within Docklands and, if so, who is the responsible authority/person who might include the Alma Doepel in community consultations on essential features that such a facility will need.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked William for the question and advised that Council does not have further information on the proposed rail bridge, however Council will continue to advocate for the best outcomes for the city and for Docklands. The Deputy Lord Mayor noted that the final decision of erection of the rail bridge rests with the Department of Transport and Planning and Port of Melbourne.

In relation to the maritime heritage precinct, the Deputy Lord Mayor advised that the 2015 Harbour Esplanade Master Plan identified the north side of Central Pier as the area for heritage vessels, however due to the closure of the pier in 2020, this planning has been placed on hold.

Planning in Docklands

Lin Win raised concerns relating to planning in the Docklands area that is negatively affecting residents, citing the current ATET issue and various high rise building applications. Lin asked if Council will consider these matters in future, not just for the interests of building companies.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked Lin for the question and reiterated that Council exists to serve the whole community and wants to see development which builds on Melbourne's reputation as a world-class city. The Deputy Lord Mayor stated that Council's vision for Docklands is a vibrant, active waterfront area with a mix of commercial, high density residential development and innovation uses. The Deputy Lord Mayor further advised that the recently lodged application adjacent to Buluk Park will need to comply with the relevant planning controls and will not result in any loss of designated open space as identified in the Victoria Harbour Development Plan.

Raphael S made comment regarding the many cars coming into Docklands during New Year's Eve fireworks and spoke about traffic congestion in Docklands generally, citing peak hour traffic on weekdays and events at Marvel Stadium. Raphael asked what impact this congestion has on emergency services access.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked Raphael for the question and advised that the provision of emergency services rests with the state government, however Council does liaise with the state government on infrastructure provisions to serve the growing population of Docklands.

Liquor licence reform / late night safety in Docklands

Aditi Rawal asked a question regarding the recently announced liquor licence reform from the state government which grants licensed venues the right to supply liquor late into the night, and asked how the City of Melbourne will ensure the safety of residents and protect their right to the quiet enjoyment of their home, while concurrently introducing night time economy initiatives such as Dusk till Dawn.

The Lord Mayor thanked Aditi for the question and advised that Council is putting together a submission to the Minister for Planning requesting to strengthen planning guidance for licensed venues in the municipality through changes to the Melbourne Planning Scheme. The changes include additional guidance such as the number of patrons and operating hours for bars and nightclubs in Docklands and other areas of municipality. The intent of the changes to further protect residential amenity and also provide planning policy direction and clarity to the community and licensed venue operators.

At this point in the meeting the time for consideration of questions expired and resumed at the end of the meeting.

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6. Reports from management

The Lord Mayor advised that the following submissions had been received.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Draft Budget 2023–24:**

Requests to speak:

- Ariel Valent, The Centre: Connecting Community in North & West Melbourne
- Ekaterina Send.

Items of correspondence:

- Rajesh Naik
- Ariel Valent
- Ekaterina Send.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, **Parking and Kerbside Management Plan:**

Items of correspondence:

- Anita Donnelly
- Nick Hall
- Kyna Leong
- Wayne Gatt, Secretary, The Police Association Victoria.

In relation to Agenda item 6.6, **Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-474 82-84 Jolimont Street, East Melbourne:**

Item of correspondence:

- Anna Barclay, Urbis.

In relation to Agenda item 6.8, **Brunswick Level Crossing Removals:**

Item of correspondence:

- Kaye Oddie, Secretary, Friends of Royal Park, Parkville.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, **Post travel report – Councillor Dr Olivia Ball, Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit, London:**

Request to speak and item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

6.1 Draft Annual Plan 2023–24

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for the public exhibition and community feedback on the draft 2023–24 Annual Plan.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

That the Future Melbourne Committee approves the draft 2023–24 Annual Plan for public exhibition and community feedback between 16 May and 8 June 2023.

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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6.2 Draft Budget 2023–24

The purpose of this report was to seek approval of the draft Budget 2023–24 for public exhibition and consultation in accordance with the requirements under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Ariel Valent, The Centre: Connecting Community in North & West Melbourne
- Ekaterina Send.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Approves the draft Budget 2023–24 for community feedback.*
 - 1.2. *Notes the income statement underlying deficit of \$17.1 million for the financial year ending 30 June 2024, as detailed in Appendix A, as the budget seeks to provide essential services for the community now, while embracing Melbourne's new rhythm and invest for growth.*
 - 1.3. *Notes that Council proposes to:*
 - 1.3.1. *invest \$247.5 million in infrastructure over the coming year, including \$99.7 million in new assets, \$53.8 million for renewing assets, and \$69.5 million for upgrade and expansion works, to deliver much needed community services, stimulation of the economy and jobs creation.*
 - 1.3.2. *invest \$60.9 million to make our city cleaner, safer and fairer.*
 - 1.3.3. *invest \$28.2 million in events, festivals and activations to attract new visitors and stimulate our economy.*
 - 1.4. *Notes that Council anticipates borrowing \$234.8 million in 2023–24 to fund the Council's plans.*
 - 1.5. *Notes the projects included in the Council works program detailed in Appendix E.*
 - 1.6. *Notes the proposed changes to discretionary fees and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2024, as detailed in Appendix F.*
 - 1.7. *Notes the intention to declare a differential rate for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 as detailed in Appendix B.*
 - 1.8. *Notes the proposal to increase general rates by the 3.5 per cent Victorian Government rate cap, resulting 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.*
 - 1.9. *Notes that non-rateable exempt properties represent 12.1 per cent of the total net annual value of the City of Melbourne.*
 - 1.10. *Notes copies of the draft Budget 2023–24 will be made available for inspection at Town Hall Administration Building and to be viewed online at participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/budget-2024*
 - 1.11. *Considers any community feedback which is received via Participate Melbourne from 6pm Tuesday 16 May 2023 to midnight Thursday 8 June 2023.*
 - 1.12. *Notes the intention to hear any person wishing to be heard in support of their submission or a person acting on their behalf at a special meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee to be scheduled for 20 June 2023.*

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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Adjournment of meeting

Due to the length of the meeting, a procedural motion was considered to allow for a short break.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the meeting be adjourned for a short break.

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.56pm.

Resumption of meeting

The meeting resumed at 8.06pm with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.3 Council Plan update

The purpose of this report was to seek approval of updates to the 2021–25 Council Plan for public exhibition and community feedback.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee approves for public exhibition and community feedback between 16 May and 8 June 2023:*
 - 1.1. *The proposed update to the major initiative titles in Attachment 2 of the report from management.*
 - 1.2. *The proposed update to the strategic indicators in Attachment 3 of the report from management.*

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.4 Parking and Kerbside Management Plan

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the final Parking and Kerbside Management Plan and approval for next steps.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Endorses the Parking and Kerbside Management Plan (Attachment 2 to the report from management).*
 - 1.2. *Authorises the General Manager Community and City Services to make any further minor editorial changes to the Plan before publication.*
 - 1.3. *Approves management continuing engagement with the off-street parking sector, businesses and other key stakeholders to develop initiatives which support better use of the city's off-street parking capacity.*
 - 1.4. *Approves the commencement of neighbourhood reviews of parking and the delivery of parking improvement initiatives starting with the CBD, as noted in paragraph 10, from July 2023.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey and the following Councillor voting against the motion: Cr Campbell. Cr Le Liu, being present but not having cast a vote (abstaining), was taken to have voted against the motion.

Planning Section

The Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider two reports from management where Council exercises its responsibilities under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

6.5 Planning Permit Applications: TP-2018-1005 and 46 others Address: Various road reserves in Melbourne and Carlton

The purpose of this report was to provide an update and seek Future Melbourne Committee approval of a position for the upcoming 10 week Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal hearing for 47 telecommunication facilities and associated signage proposed in the Melbourne CBD and Carlton.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *Having considered all relevant provisions of the Melbourne Planning Scheme, in addition to the matters required under section 60 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that management advise the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal that:*
 - 1.1. *Council has considered the 47 amended applications filed and served by JCDecaux Australia Pty Ltd on 14 February 2023 (and subsequently corrected on 2 March 2023).*
 - 1.2. *Council does not object to the amended applications being formally substituted in the various proceedings pursuant to section 127 and clause 64 of schedule 1 of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998.*
 - 1.3. *On the basis of the amended applications and subject to:*
 - 1.3.1. *any specific modification to the applications detailed in the applicable Assessment Sheet in Attachment 3 of the report from management; and*
 - 1.3.2. *the standard conditions contained in the Schedule of Standard Conditions in Attachment 3 of the report from management**Council supports the grant of a permit for 12 of the applications as recommended in Attachment 3 of the report from management.*
 - 1.4. *On the basis of the amended applications Council continues to oppose the grant of a permit for 35 of the applications on the grounds set out in Attachment 3 of the report from management.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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6.6 Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-474 82-84 Jolimont Street, East Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of Planning Permit Application TP-2022-474 at 82-84 Jolimont Street, East Melbourne.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management – Delegate Report).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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 Sally Capp resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6.7 North Melbourne Town Hall public open space

The purpose of this report was to respond to a resolution of the Future Melbourne Committee on 14 June 2022, which requested management to undertake actions pertaining to public open space near North Melbourne Town Hall.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Notes the investigations and preliminary layout options developed to create additional public open space on Queensberry Street, North Melbourne.*
- 1.2. *Directs management to engage with key parking and traffic stakeholders and progress development of the preliminary layouts to design options.*
- 1.3. *Authorises community engagement on viable design options.*
- 1.4. *Requests a further report on either a draft concept or any other outcome be presented to a meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee by March 2024.*

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.8 Brunswick Level Crossing Removals

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the Brunswick Level Crossing Removals (Project) position paper, noting the paper will be used as the basis to articulate Council's position, priorities and expectations for the Project, both in its delivery phase and in its design.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Endorses the Brunswick Level Crossing Removals Position Paper (Position Paper) as set out in Attachment 2 of the report from management as Council's position on the Brunswick Level Crossing Removals (Project), subject to further amendments by management to reflect the following:*
 - 1.1.1. *Insistence upon the City of Melbourne Parks Policy's primary objective of requiring "no net reduction" of parkland, with the reduction test inclusive of all expanded paved areas ancillary to the rail project proper.*

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- 1.1.2. *Deletion of the sentence in 7.1 commencing “Continuing the raised railway...” while retaining the sentences before and after.*
 - 1.1.3. *Deletion of the first requirement in 7.1 and replacement with “A new grade-separated connection between Royal Park North and Royal Park South strictly in accordance with the Royal Park Masterplan and assessed heritage values of the Park, in a location and with a design to be determined in conjunction with the City of Melbourne.”*
 - 1.1.4. *Incorporation of recommendations and requirements that minimise lighting and noise impacts of any new structure through Royal Park.*
 - 1.1.5. *Incorporation of a requirement to retain the heritage features of the railway line where possible, including gates and the gatekeeper’s cabin.*
 - 1.1.6. *Inclusion of all other suggestions made in written submissions to this meeting that management agrees add value without materially altering the Council’s proposed requirements.*
- 1.2. *Authorises the General Manager Property, Infrastructure and Design to make any further minor editorial changes to the Position Paper prior to its finalisation, submission to the Project, and publication on Council’s website.*
 - 1.3. *Requests the Lord Mayor to write to both the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Planning advising Council’s position and seek their response to the issues as set out in the Position Paper.*

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There was one item of general business.

7.1 Post travel report – Councillor Dr Olivia Ball, Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit, London

The purpose of this report was to provide the Future Melbourne Committee with information on the travel undertaken by Councillor Dr Olivia Ball to London to attend the Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit on non-communicable disease and injury prevention between 14 and 16 March 2023.

Chris Thrum addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the report by Councillor Dr Olivia Ball on her observations and insights arising from her attendance at the PHC Summit in London, between 14 and 16 March 2023, at a cost to Council of \$68.92.

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

8. Urgent business

There were no further items of urgent business.

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9. Public questions

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 9.32pm, and returned at 9.34pm.

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Docklands Primary School (green play space)

Ekaterina Send expressed appreciation for Council, in particular the Deputy Lord Mayor, for his initiative and advocacy for the Docklands Primary School obtaining a green play space next to the school whilst the developer of the land was not ready to start construction. Ekaterina noted that the overflow of enrolments at the school meant that the school's students have become the most disadvantaged students in Australia in regards to the learning and play space area per student and again thanked Council for taking a proactive approach in responding to the needs of the community.

O'Brien Icehouse

Ekaterina Send asked a question regarding the proposed sale of the O'Brien Icehouse and stated that the local community would like to make sure that the ice skating rink will continue to be a feature of Docklands after the current lease expires.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked Ekaterina for the question and referred to Julian Edwards, Director Planning and Building, who advised that planning controls do not lock in a particular use as circumstances can change over time, and that the sale of the land does not necessarily mean the land use will change. Julian further advised that if the new owner wished to amend the land use, they would need to apply to Council for approval, and Council would need to consider the application on its merits against the planning scheme.

Docklands green space

Raphael S asked a question on behalf of Sandra Severin regarding any actions Council is undertaking for the health and wellbeing of residents and the amenity of the suburb to protect and promote greenspace in Docklands, citing a number of rezoning planning applications.

The Lord Mayor thanked Sandra for the question and referred to Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change, who advised that Council did resolve to rezone some open spaces under amendment C380 however this view was not supported by the independent planning panel due to the stage of redevelopment that urban renewal precinct is within. Evan further advised that the development of Docklands is guided by a Development Plan which steps out the framework for each of the precincts within Docklands.

Evan stated that officers will contact Sandra directly to answer any further questions pertaining to this topic.

Parking offence penalty units

Marion Attwater asked a question pertaining to the penalty applied for parking offences, noting that the *Road Safety Act 1986* stipulates the penalty is 0.2 penalty units, however local councils can by resolution fix the penalty to be anything up to 0.5 penalty units. Marion asked if and when Council resolved for those parking infringements to be 0.5 penalty units.

The Lord Mayor, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead thanked Marion for the question and advised that Council resolved on 27 February 2007 that all parking penalties would be set at 0.5 penalty units from 1 March 2007, and noted that the annual review process of penalty units is undertaken by the state Treasurer under the *Monetary Units Act 2004*.

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Nuclear Submarines

Chris Thrum requested Council to engage with Wurundjeri and Bunurong elders regarding the proposal from the federal government to bury nuclear reactors from submarines underground post 2050.

The Lord Mayor, Aboriginal Melbourne Portfolio Lead thanked Chris for the question and advised that Council will find a way of raising this issue with elders to get their feedback, and will inform Chris in due course.

ATET

Helen Burdett submitted a written question asking if Council has ever supplied monetary help by way of grants or any other avenue to ATET. Helen also asked if it is Council's intention to provide funds to ATET in the future, by way of aid for noise attenuation, relocation or any other monetary assistance.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked Helen for the question and advised that no monetary assistance has been provided to ATET.

Gene Servadei thanked Council on behalf of Docklands residents for considering the urgent business motion earlier in the evening regarding ATET.

Availability of meeting documentation

Sheila Byard expressed disappointment at the online unavailability of several documents for consideration at this meeting, and noted a previous Council practice to make meeting papers available for inspection at each branch library. Sheila asked if this practice could be reinstated.

Cr Le Liu, Finance, Governance and Risk Portfolio Lead thanked Sheila for the question and advised that Council and Committee papers are generally made available online at 2pm on the Thursday prior to the Tuesday meeting, with some papers dealing with strategic and policy matters being made available even earlier, providing an extra week for community review. Cr Le Liu further advised that the draft Budget and draft Annual Plan were launched at 10am on the day of this meeting and this is the only time of the year when public access to Committee papers is delayed. Cr Le Liu noted that the three week consultation process on the draft documents has begun and there is time to review them prior to Council considering feedback in June.

10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.51pm.

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Chair
Future Melbourne Committee