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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Council Meeting

Minutes

**Meeting Number 46
Tuesday 30 April 2024
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 Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apology

Councillor Elizabeth Doidge

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council
on Tuesday 28 May 2024

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1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, 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.
- Councillor Dr Olivia Ball joined virtually via Zoom.
- an apology was received from Councillor Elizabeth Doidge.

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: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the minutes of meeting No 45 held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be confirmed.

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

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 Lord Mayor advised that the following submissions had been received.

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Urban Forest Fund Grants Program – Round Five:**

Items of Correspondence:

- Jane Miller
- Liz Aird
- Chris Thrum
- Prue Gill

5. Reports from Committee

There was no report from Committee.

6. Reports from management

There were four reports from management.

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6.1 Urban Forest Fund Grants Program – Round Five

Cr Hakim declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. Cr Hakim owns a property in the neighbouring building to Make Room which is a recipient. Cr Hakim left the meeting at 5.34pm prior to discussion taking place.

The purpose of this report was to seek Council endorsement of the recommended funding allocation for the Urban Forest Fund Grants Program Round Five.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. That Council

1.1. Endorses the allocation of funds to four successful applicants for Round Five of the Urban Forest Fund Grants Program:

1.1.1. 'Project Cultivate Phase 1C' (\$500,000)

1.1.2. 'Make Room Rooftop Space' (\$423,098)

1.1.3. 'Southern Cross Station Urban Forest' (Stage 1) (\$500,000)

1.1.4. 'Melbourne SkyFarm' Stage 2 (\$400,000).

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, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Cr Hakim returned to the meeting at 5.42pm.

6.2 Affordable Housing on Council land

The purpose of this report was to update Council on the outcomes of investigations into the delivery of affordable housing on 44-60 Curzon Street, North Melbourne and 325-341 Victoria Street, West Melbourne and seek Council approval to commence engagement on the proposed lease of these two sites for the purposes of affordable housing.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. That Council:

1.1. Approves the commencement of community engagement pursuant to section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020 of Council's proposal to lease:

1.1.1. 44-60 Curzon Street, North Melbourne

1.1.2. 325-341 Victoria Street, West Melbourne,

for the purpose of affordable housing and ancillary uses.

1.2. Notes that the decision regarding the lease of the sites under section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020 will be the subject of a future report to Council.

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

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6.3 Second term of the Invest Melbourne Advisory Board

The purpose of this report was to seek Council endorsement for a second term of the Invest Melbourne Advisory Board (the Board), the appointment of Dr Julie Wells to the Chair of the Board and the filling of three vacancies on the Board with subject matter experts in the life sciences, venture capital and retail sectors.

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. That Council:

- 1.1. Approves a second term for the Invest Melbourne Advisory Board (Board) to expire on 31 March 2026.*
- 1.2. Appoints Dr Julie Wells as Chair of the Board for the second term.*
- 1.3. Requests that management undertake a public advertisement process to fill the vacant seats on the Board, in accordance with the Terms of Reference.*
- 1.4. Authorises the General Manager Business Economy and Activation to make the following changes to the Terms of Reference prior to commencing a public advertisement process to fill vacant seats:*
 - Update 4.12.6 Selection Criteria to state: In the event the Chair is unavailable, the members of the Advisory Board, shall appoint a current member of the Board as Acting Chair.*
 - Update 6.1.4 Conduct of Meetings to state: Supply interpreters, cab vouchers or any other reasonable requirements in order to support members to attend and participate in meetings; and*
 - Update 8.1 Review to state: The Invest Melbourne Advisory Board will be reviewed biennially.*
 - Update the subheading of the Terms or Reference document to reflect the 2024 version.*

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

6.4 Proposed participation in the World Cities Summit, Singapore, June 2024

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*, as the Lord Mayor could directly benefit from the decision.

In accordance with the *Governance Rules*, the Chief Executive Officer, Alison Leighton, provided written notice to the Lord Mayor, Sally Capp prior to the meeting declaring a conflict of interest in this matter.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp and the Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 5.56pm prior to discussion taking place.

The Deputy Lord Mayor assumed the role of Chair.

The purpose of this report was to seek Council approval for the Lord Mayor Sally Capp to travel to Singapore to participate and present at the 2024 World's Cities Summit (WCS) between 2 and 5 June 2024.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. That Council:

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- 1.1. Approves the Lord Mayor's proposed participation at the World Cities Summit to be held in Singapore between 2 and 5 June 2024 at an estimated cost to Council of \$900.
- 1.2. Notes that a report will be prepared for the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp and the Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting at 6.01pm.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp and resumed the role of Chair.

7. General business

There were no items of general business.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

9. Closure of meeting to the public

Moved: Cr Griffiths

1. That pursuant to section 66(1) and section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 (Act), the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the agenda items titled:
 - 14.1 Council Business Information
 - 14.2 Private Commercial Information
 - 14.3 Private Commercial Information
 - 14.4 Private Commercial Information
 - 14.5 Private Commercial Information
 - 14.6 Private Commercial Information
 - 14.7 Council Business Information
2. These agenda items are confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 because:
 - 2.1. Agenda item 14.1 and 14.7 contain Council business information, being information which if prematurely released, would unreasonably prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations [Section 3 (1)(a)].
 - 2.2. Agenda items 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6 and 14.7 contain private commercial information, b being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—
 - (i) relates to trade secrets; or
 - (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage [Section 3 (1)(g)].

Seconded: Cr Louey

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

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 6.02 pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 28 May 2024.

Chair
Council