

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee

Minutes

**Meeting Number 81
Tuesday 17 May 2016
5.30pm**

**Council Meeting Room
Level 2
Melbourne Town Hall**

Present

Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle
Councillor Richard Foster
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey
Councillor Cathy Oke
Councillor Ken Ong
Councillor Beverley Pinder-Mortimer
Councillor Jackie Watts
Councillor Arron Wood

Apologies

Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley
Councillor Stephen Mayne

Confirmed at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting
to be held on Tuesday 7 June 2016

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, advised that:

- the meeting was being recorded and would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business tomorrow
- the agenda comprised of eight reports from management and three items of general business
- apologies had been received from Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley and Councillor Mayne.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, advised that conflicts of interest would be disclosed as they arose.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Wood

That the minutes of meeting No 80, held on Tuesday 3 May 2016, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Oke

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

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

5. Public questions

Denise Henderson, co-founder of City School for City Kids asked if it is Council's position to advocate for inclusive local schools for the community even if this is not in alignment with internal directives with public departments of the Victorian State Government. How is Council actively doing this?

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle explained that Council has advocated for schools even if State Government guidelines suggest a school is not warranted. An example of this is in Docklands. Council is not constrained by the State Government. When these matters are brought to Council's attention and if the Councillors decide it is worthy, then Council can advocate for schools within its municipality.

Michael Butcher, South Yarra residents group asked whether it was the Lord Mayor's intention to refuse contributions and donations from property developers?

Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle explained that:

- He will declare all donations received by 30 June 2016, including the \$50,000 donation received in February 2016.
- It is his right to determine if he will accept donations and contributions.
- He has complied with all State Government legislation.

Mark Towler asked a question about the occupation of homeless people at City Square particularly the encampment and whether it may be taken over by other groups with other agendas.

Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, explained that

- He was concerned that there are people who may use that group of homeless people to further other causes.
- Some of the people camping at City Square have met with officers in the Town Hall and have been offered other accommodation but have refused.
- The people at City Square have been offered temporary, private, permanent and long term accommodation. Their request is that they are all dealt with together.
- Minister Foley has today provided funding of \$750,000 to support housing and outreach services.

6. Reports from management

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, advised that as at 3pm the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's *Conduct of Meetings Local Law 2010*.

In relation to **Agenda item 6.1, 'Western Distributor'**:

Request to speak:

- Ian Bird on behalf of Carlton Residents Association Committee.

Item of correspondence:

- Ian Bird on behalf of Carlton Residents Association Committee.

In relation to **Agenda item 6.2, 'Planning Scheme Amendments C272 and C273 – West Melbourne Heritage Review'**:

Request to speak:

- Dan Xia on behalf of Spacious Property Development Group.

Items of correspondence:

- Bill Cook on behalf of The North and West Melbourne Association
- Beverley-Anne Rodan
- Dominic Arcaro
- Phil Bisset
- Timothy Jones
- Daniel Soussan, on behalf of Goldsmiths Barristers and Solicitors
- Dan Xia on behalf of Spacious Property Development Group.

In relation to **Agenda item 6.3, 'Submission to the Central City Built Form Review – Amendment C270'**:

Items of correspondence:

- Tony Penna on behalf of Southbank Residents Association

In relation to **Agenda item 6.6, 'Planning Permit Application: TP-2015-567, 80-82 Lothian Street, North Melbourne'**:

Requests to speak:

- Tim McBride-Burgess on behalf of Contour Consultants
- Bonnie Herring on behalf of Breathe Architects
- Graeme Kane
- Annalise Bonnici
- Carolyn Shine
- Andrew Paull
- Jane Poynter
- Matiu Bush.

Items of correspondence:

- Bonnie Herring on behalf of Breathe Architects
- Graeme Kane
- Andrew Paull and Cecilia Gason
- Jane Poynter
- Carolyn Shine.

In relation to **Agenda item 6.9, 'Resilient Melbourne Strategy'**:

Item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

In relation to **Agenda item 7.1, 'Verbal Submissions on the 2016-17 Draft Annual Plan and Budget'**:

Requests to speak:

- Clem Newton Brown
- Chris Thrum
- Malcolm Wrest.

Items of correspondence:

- Des Aldidge
- Nick Hoffman
- Geoff Leach
- Sam Mofflin
- Clem Newton-Brown
- Angela Williams
- Michelle Currie
- Jorge Mercado
- Fleur Rubens
- Bart Sbeghen on behalf of Bicycle Network
- Malcolm Wrest.

In relation to **Agenda item 7.2, 'Notice of Motion, Cr Mayne: Introduction of an online gift register for Councillors'**:

Items of correspondence:

- Noor Fleming
- Tony Penna on behalf of Southbank Residents Association
- Fleur Rubens.

In relation to **Agenda item 7.3, 'Notice of Motion, Cr Watts: Call for candidates to voluntarily decline donations from property developers, tobacco, liquor and gambling industries'**:

Requests to speak:

- Ian Bird on behalf of Carlton Residents Association Committee
- Michael Butcher, South Yarra residents group.

Items of correspondence:

- Bill Cook on behalf of The North and West Melbourne Association
- Mary Drost
- Michael Kennedy on behalf of Coalition of Residents and Business Associations
- Ian Bird on behalf of Carlton Residents Association Committee
- Geraldine Callister
- Noor Fleming
- Roger Gardner
- Tony Penna on behalf of Southbank Residents Association
- Eugene Schlusser
- Lynette Cracknell
- Ivana Czar
- Patricia O'Loughlin.

Transport Portfolio

Cr Oke assumed the role of Chair to present one report from management for consideration in relation to the Transport Portfolio.

6.1 Western Distributor

The purpose of this report was to provide an outline of the proposed Western Distributor project and seek endorsement for management's proposed approach.

Ian Bird on behalf of Carlton Residents Association Committee addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Wood

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1 *Notes the City of Melbourne's 'Key Issues and Preliminary Analysis (Attachment 2 of the report from management) that will form the basis of Management's advice to the Victorian Government in regard to the Western Distributor project.*
- 1.2 *Note management's intention to work with the project team to pursue relevant policy positions of Council, addressing the key issues outlined in this report.*

Seconded: Cr Oke

Cr Leppert requested the following wording be added after the words 'Preliminary Analysis' in paragraph 1.1 above: *'with the additional issue that the route of the Wurundjeri Way extension should leave enough room between the proposed road and the existing rail group for the potential future addition of a double track to meet future capacity needs'.*

The mover Councillor Wood and seconder Councillor Oke agreed to incorporate Councillor Leppert's additional wording.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle requested paragraph 1.2 above be deleted.

The mover Councillor Wood and seconder Councillor Oke agreed to the deletion of paragraph 1.2.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Oke, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

The motion in its entirety reads as follows:

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the City of Melbourne's 'Key Issues and Preliminary Analysis' (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management), with the additional issue that the route of the Wurundjeri Way extension should leave enough room between the proposed road and the existing rail group for the potential future addition of a double track to meet future capacity needs, will form the basis of Management's advice to the Victorian Government in regard to the Western Distributor project.

Planning Portfolio

Cr Ong assumed the role of Chair to present the five reports from management for consideration in relation to the Planning Portfolio.

6.2 Planning Scheme Amendments C272 and C273 - West Melbourne Heritage Review

The purpose of this report was to present the West Melbourne Heritage Review 2016.

Dan Xia on behalf of Spacious Property Development Group addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *requests the Minister for Planning prepare Planning Scheme Amendment C273 pursuant to section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act) and approve the Amendment to introduce interim heritage controls*
 - 1.2. *seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning under the Act, to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C272 which seeks to introduce permanent heritage controls for the West Melbourne area.*

Seconded: Cr Ong

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Ong, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

6.3 Submission to the Central City Built Form Review – Amendment C270

The purpose of this report was to seek Council endorsement of the proposed submission to Ministerial planning scheme amendment C270 prior to the commencement of Panel hearings.

Moved: Cr Ong

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *endorses the City of Melbourne submission (Attachment 2 of the report from management) to the Minister for Planning in response to Planning Scheme Amendment C270*
 - 1.2. *endorses the Administration's intention to appear at the Amendment C270 Panel Hearings and put forward Council's submission supported by more detailed evidence and advice consistent with the submission.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Ong, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

6.4 Ministerial Planning Referral TPM-2015-40, 915 Collins Street (No. 1 Collins Wharf), Docklands

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of a Ministerial referral of a Planning Application at 915 Collins Street, Docklands.

Cr Wood left the meeting at 6.35pm and returned at 6.37pm.

Moved: Cr Ong

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council supports the proposal subject to recommended conditions of permit outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 3 of the report from management), and requests the further investigation of ground floor street front activation at Collins Street fronting Buluk Park.

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Ong, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

6.5 Ministerial Referral: ID-2016-3 (Amendment GC44) Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre 2-26 Clarendon Street, South Wharf

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of a request to amend the Incorporated Document and associated plans for the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in the Melbourne Planning Scheme to enable the expansion of the convention centre, including a new hotel and carpark on the site.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle and Councillors Louey, Pinder-Mortimer and Wood each declared an indirect conflict of interest in relation to this item. The conflict of interest was due to receipt of an applicable gift under section 78C of the *Local Government Act 1989*, as Team Doyle had received election campaign donations from the owner of the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle and Councillors Louey, Pinder-Mortimer and Wood all left the meeting at 6.45pm, prior to any discussion taking place.

The quorum was subsequently lost and the item could not be considered.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle and Councillors, Louey, Pinder-Mortimer and Wood returned to the meeting at 6.47pm.

6.6 Planning Permit Application: TP-2015-567, 80-82 Lothian Street, North Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of an application that was called in by Councillor Watts at 80-82 Lothian Street, North Melbourne.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Tim McBride-Burgess on behalf of Contour Consultants
- Bonnie Herring on behalf of Breathe Architects
- Graeme Kane
- Annalise Bonnici
- Carolyn Shine
- Andrew Paull
- Jane Poynter
- Matiu Bush.

Moved: Cr Ong

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to the conditions outlined in the Delegates Report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: The Chair, Cr Ong, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer and Wood and the following Councillors voting against the motion: Councillors Foster and Watts.

Finance and Governance Portfolio

Cr Ong retained the role of Chair to present the one report from management for consideration in relation to the Finance and Governance Portfolio.

6.7 2015-16 Third Quarter March 2016 YTD Financial Performance Report

The purpose of this report was to inform the Committee of the financial performance of the Council for the third quarter ending 31 March 2016, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and to provide information on supplementary valuations adopted by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation.

Moved: Cr Ong

That the Future Melbourne Committee accepts the quarterly financial performance report as at 31 March 2016.

Seconded: Cr Wood

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Ong, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

Environment Portfolio

Cr Wood assumed the role of Chair to present the one report from management for consideration in relation to the Environment Portfolio.

6.8 Withdrawn

6.9 Resilient Melbourne Strategy

The purpose of this report was to recommend that the Committee approves the Resilient Melbourne strategy.

Cr Ong left the meeting at 8pm and returned at 8.03pm.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *approves the Resilient Melbourne strategy attached to this report*
 - 1.2. *supports the establishment of the Resilient Melbourne Delivery Office*
 - 1.3. *commits to the 100 Resilient Cities' 10% pledge.*

Seconded: Cr Wood

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Wood, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer and Watts.

7. General business

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, assumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

There were three items of General Business for consideration.

7.1 Verbal Submissions on the 2016-17 Draft Annual Plan and Budget

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Clem Newton-Brown
- Chris Thrum
- Malcolm Wrest.

7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Mayne: Introduction of an online gift register for Councillors

Moved: Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

That the Future Melbourne Committee refers this agenda item to the Council meeting on 31 May 2016.

Seconded: Cr Wood

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

7.3 Notice of Motion, Cr Watts: Call for candidates to voluntarily decline donations from property developers, tobacco, liquor and gambling industries

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Ian Bird on behalf of Carlton Residents Association Committee
- Michael Butcher, South Yarra residents group.

Moved: Cr Watts

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee, prior to the 2016 election, acknowledges that in order to promote greater public confidence in Council decision-making post-election, that all candidates seeking election are encouraged to:*
 - 1.1. *voluntarily decline to accept donations, either in cash or in-kind, from any entity trading primarily within the property development industry sector*
 - 1.2. *voluntarily decline to accept donations, either in cash or in-kind, from any entity trading primarily within the tobacco, liquor or gambling industry sector.*

Seconded: Cr Foster

The motion was put and lost with the following Councillors voting for the motion: Councillor Foster, Leppert, Oke and Watts, the following Councillors voting against the motion: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle and Councillors Louey, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, and Wood.

8. Urgent business

There was one item of proposed urgent business for consideration

Moved: Cr Foster

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that the matter of funding for the following meets the criteria for consideration as an item of urgent business due to the proposed timing of events.*
 - 1.1 *Function on 28 May to mark closure of the Curzon Street Children's Centre*
 - 1.2 *Event to launch the book 'The Forgotten People' during Reconciliation Week.*

Seconded: Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

Moved: Cr Foster

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that funding through the discretionary budget be provided for the following:*
 - 1.1 *\$1000 to the Committee of Management of the Curzon Street Children's Centre as funding towards an event for past and present families marking the closure of the Centre*
 - 1.2 *\$3700 towards the launch of the book 'The Forgotten People'.*

Seconded: Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Councillors Foster, Leppert, Louey, Oke, Ong, Pinder-Mortimer, Watts and Wood.

9. Public questions

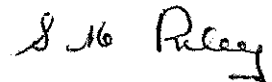
Shane Scanlon, Docklands News asked a question in relation to Amendment C270 specifically the funding. Considering that amendment only applies to the CBD and Southbank, would Council consider mandating that this funding only be spent in these areas?

Councillor Ong explained that Council's position in the past was to try and reach an outcome to combine funding for particular areas because smaller contributions individually do not make much of a difference but combining contributions to create something that could be more appropriate for the area will have great impact for the community.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, declared the meeting closed at 8.47pm.

Confirmed at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 7 June 2016.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee