



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

4 MARCH 2020

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP
CITY COUNCIL HELD 4 MARCH 2020 IN SOUTH MELBOURNE
TOWN HALL**

The meeting opened at 6:30pm.

PRESENT

Cr Voss (Chairperson), Cr Baxter, Cr Bond, Cr Brand, Cr Copsey, Cr Crawford, Cr Gross, Cr Pearl, Cr Simic.

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer; Lili Rosic, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainable Development; Tony Keenan, General Manager Community and Economic Development; Lachlan Johnson, Interim General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity; Chris Carroll, General Manager Customer and Corporate Services; Kylie Bennetts, Director Office of the CEO, Anthony Savenkov, Head of Property Projects, Joanne McNeill, Manager Asset Management and Property, Anthony Traill, Manager Open Space and Recreation Services, Kirsty Pearce, Senior Governance Advisor, Rebecca Purvis, Governance Officer.

The City of Port Phillip respectfully acknowledges the Yalukut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respect to their Elders, both past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED Crs Simic/Bond

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Port Phillip City Council held on 19 February 2020 be confirmed.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.



4. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil.

5. SEALING SCHEDULE

Nil.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council received two awards at the recent LGPro Excellence Awards held on 20 February 2020.

Lili Rosic, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainable Development, advised that in partnership with the City of Whittlesea and the City of Wyndham, the City of Port Phillip was awarded the Sustainability Award for developing and piloting the supply chain sustainability schools website to support businesses to improve their own sustainability. Congratulations to all the teams involved in this excellent project.

Lachlan Johnson, Interim General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity, advised that the City of Port Phillip was recognised in the category of Innovative Management, for its earned value project management initiative. Earned value management is a project controls technique that provides a real-time snapshot of the 'health' of a project. This initiative is helping Council deliver projects for the community on time and within budget. Congratulations to Council's project delivery teams on their innovative approach and recognition.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Josh Szental

In relation to the Inkerman Road safe cycling corridor pilot, is there a deal between Port Phillip and Glen Eira Councils on this project about what's going to happen? Will there be a community reference group for Port Phillip? Has this already been voted on? Does Port Phillip have a timeline on this or will the Council just copy what Glen Eira does?

Lili Rosic, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainable Development, advised that the City of Port Phillip has identified the Inkerman bike corridor in its' Move Connect Live Strategy and Council is at the early stages of planning for the corridor. The City of Glen Eira is more progressed and have begun community consultation on the proposal. Council is working in partnership with the City of Glen Eira to ensure alignment of the corridor down St Kilda Street and St Kilda Road through the two municipalities. Council is not at a point yet to consider a community reference group as we are still in the planning stage. Officers will report back to Councillors in regards to the community engagement approach and timelines for project delivery. Council has notified affected residents of Glen Eira's consultation process.

Mayor Voss also advised that planned bike paths over the next 10 years can be viewed within Council's Move Connect Live Strategy.

William Cross

Where does Port Phillip stop and Caulfield start? Why does my street have rubbish bins thrown all around and the Caulfield area has bins stacked up neatly? How come St Kilda



Council spend so much money on putting pictures on walls when they have to repaint them once they've been tagged?

Lachlan Johnson, Interim General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity, advised that he would take the rubbish bin question on notice. With regards to graffiti and murals, Council's Graffiti Management Plan endorses the painting of murals to try and discourage graffiti in some areas and this has been highly successful across the municipality. Council is happy to look at any examples where areas are being graffitied after murals have been undertaken.

William Silvester

In relation to proposed developments on William Street, Balaclava, can a DDO (design and development overlay) be considered for the area and what can residents do to assist in this matter?

Lili Rosic, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainable Development, advised that a response was provided to another resident on a DDO for William Street, Balaclava, and outlined that current planning controls were considered adequate for the decision made by the Planning Committee on 26 February 2020. There is a Carlisle Street Activity Centre Structure Plan which did indicate provision for reviewing controls in a DDO. Given that there was minimal development in the past decade, this was not considered a priority over other pieces of work required in terms of planning amendments. However, the precinct structure plans and urban design frameworks for Carlisle Street and other activity centres in St Kilda have been identified in the Council Plan and we are reviewing the prioritisation and completion of these structure plans for the next financial year. We have now identified this area as an important piece of Council work due to the increase of planning applications and we recognise that it is timely to review the zoning of the area and the DDO to ensure appropriate development for the site. This piece of work could take 2-3 years to complete, and the outcome of the planning controls may allow for greater heights in the area due to increased population and changes to land use. At the moment, heights are discretionary and there are no controls that indicate a specific height limit.

7. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Councillor Brand – in relation to the 'Bring Back Brookes Jetty' item of urgent business passed by Council at the 4 December 2019 Council Meeting, what progress has been made on this motion since it was passed?

Lili Rosic, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainable Development, advised that Council officers have met with Melbourne Water and confirmed in a options workshop held on 17 December 2019 with representatives from 'Bring Back Brooks Jetty' that they will consider the winning designs of the Leighton Prize in the development of options for rebuilding the Shakespeare Grove drain. Officers have been working to arrange meetings with ministers and this advocacy point will be raised at those meetings.

Mayor Voss, added that this issue is on the agenda for upcoming meetings she has with various Ministers.

Councillor Pearl asked if officers provide an update on what precautions are being taken in relation to Coronavirus, particularly with regard to childcare facilities and staff?



Lachlan Johnson, Interim General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity, advised that the main responsibility for this response sits with the state and federal governments however Council does provide support thorough our emergency management planning. Council has an emergency planning committee that meets regularly to deal with issues such as the potential of a Coronavirus pandemic. That committee looks at all of Councils different services that are provided such as childcare services and other direct amenity services provided to the community.

Tony Keenan, General Manager Community and Economic Development, advised that childcare centres are keeping staff and parents up to date with information as it is provided. In the event of an extreme pandemic response, childcare centres can be ordered to be closed. Universal precautions such as handwashing are being reiterated within the centres.

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer, advised that the Municipal Emergency Management Plan has a subplan specifically around managing pandemics. The plan has two states of alert from the Victorian health authorities, the first being standby alert which triggers multiple actions, the second is an action alert once we get to a state of pandemic. We have not yet received a standby alert. Notwithstanding that, we are undertaking internal planning and standing up the committee which will look at the implementation of that standby status and action plan if we are asked to do so by the Victorian health authorities. Communications with staff on the situation will continue to be maintained.

Councillor Pearl asked if Council did need to meet under a situation such as that and couldn't physically be in the same room, how would this be managed under the local law?

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer, advised that he would take the question on notice.

8. PRESENTATION OF CEO REPORT

8.1 Presentation of CEO Report - Issue 63

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Council with a regular update from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Council's activities and performance.

MOVED Crs Baxter/Crawford

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the CEO Report Issue 63 (provided as Attachment 1) including changes to budget forecasts and project portfolio identified in January 2020.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



9. PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

9.1 JL Murphy Pavilion Funding Request

The following speaker made a verbal submission in relation to this item:

Darren Williams

Mr Williams spoke in support of the officers recommendation and responded to Councillor questions.

Purpose

- 1.1 To present a request by the Single Governance Entity at J.L Murphy Reserve Pavilion to forward fund the kitchen fit out and additional furniture items as a loan.

MOVED Crs Simic/Gross

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the request from the Single Governance Entity (JL Murphy Pavilion Committee Incorporated) requesting an interest free loan of \$77,207 paid back over five years.
- 3.2 Notes the loan request is to fund;
 - Kitchen Equipment - \$35,000
 - Cool room infrastructure - \$15,000
 - Additional table and chairs - \$12,000
 - Additional television – \$3,000
 - Kitchen point of sale system - \$3,000
 - Additional pavilion furniture - \$4,207
 - Other – Crockery and cutlery - \$5,000
- 3.3 Resolves to forward fund the kitchen equipment and cool room infrastructure, to the value of \$50,000, to support the essential operational items for the new pavilion.
- 3.4 Resolves the \$50,000 is paid back over a period of four years with quarterly payments of \$3,125.
- 3.5 Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to vary the existing funding agreement, between Port Phillip City Council and JL Murphy Pavilion Committee Incorporated in accordance with this resolution.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

10. TRANSPORT AND PARKING

Nil.



11. SUSTAINABILITY

Nil.

12. PLANNING

Nil.

13. ARTS CULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

14. ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE

14.1 Opportunity to replenish the Strategic Property Fund

The following speaker made a verbal submission in relation to this item:

Lyndon Gasking

Mr Gasking spoke on behalf of Middle Park Kindergarten Committee and queried the lack of consultation with Middle Park Kindergarten on the potential sale of this property.

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval to commence the statutory process under Section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, notifying the public of an Intention to Sell a surplus property at 8 York Street, St Kilda West (the "Property"), and considering the responses to that notice.

MOVED Crs Gross/Bond

That Council:

- 3.1 Resolves that the statutory processes under the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act") be commenced to consider the sale of 8 York Street, St Kilda West, and authorises relevant Officers to carry out the administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act.
- 3.2 Resolves to hear and consider any submissions received in response to public notice published pursuant to sections 189 and 223 of the Act.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



14.2 Register to Disclose Councillor Contact with Developers, Donors & Lobbyists

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Councillors with a report, which provides information and examples from other Councils who have established or intend to establish a register disclosing Councillor contact with developers, donors and lobbyists.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Baxter

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes this report.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Bond left the meeting at 7.39pm and did not return.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

Item 15.1

The following speaker made a verbal submission in relation to this item:

Lisa Dallimore

Ms Dallimore spoke on behalf of Sex Work Law Reform Victoria and spoke in support of the motion.

MOVED Crs Baxter/Gross

That Council:-

1. Notes that:
 - The Victorian Government has launched a Review into Decriminalisation of Sex Work;
 - There has not been a significant review of regulation regarding sex work since 1985;
 - There have been significant changes to the way sex work is conducted and that existing regulations have not kept pace with these changes;
 - While the current laws allow for a minority of sex workers to work legally, the majority of sex work still remains criminalised;
 - Criminalisation of sex work continues to pose a significant threat to the health and wellbeing of people engaged in sex work, including those who are most marginalised



2. Reaffirms Council's commitment to decriminalisation of sex work as the best means of ensuring health and safety of people engaged in sex work and of providing the best public health outcomes for the community
3. Request that officers prepare a submission to the Review into Decriminalisation of Sex Work on behalf of Council and this submission be brought to Council for endorsement

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Pearl called for a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

AGAINST: Cr Pearl

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

16. REPORTS BY COUNCILLOR DELEGATES

Nil.

17. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Confirmed: 18 March 2020

Chairperson _____