



**SPECIAL MEETING OF  
COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**11 JUNE 2009**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY  
COUNCIL HELD ON 11 JUNE 2009, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
ST KILDA TOWN HALL**

The meeting opened at 5.36pm.

**PRESENT**

Cr. O'Connor (Chairperson), Cr. Bolitho, Cr. Klepner, Cr. Middleton, Cr. Powning, Cr. Thomann, Cr. Touzeau.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Kay Rundle Chief Executive Officer, Sally Calder Executive Director Organisation Systems & Support, Geoff Oulton Executive Director Community Development & Planning, David Yeouart Executive Director Community Assets & Services, David Filmalter Chief Financial Officer, Greg Wood Manager Community Services, Sam Hewett Manager Asset Services, Cathy Henderson Manager Governance and Risk Management, Chris Pike Manager Corporate Planning and Performance, Rowena McLean Senior Corporate Planning Consultant.

*Council pays its respects to the people and elders, past and present, of Yalukit Wilam and the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge and uphold their relationship to this land.*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

### **3. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

The order of business was as follows:

#### **1. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2009-2010 (INCLUDING THE STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN) AND DRAFT 2009-2010 BUDGET**

##### **Purpose**

Council needs to receive and hear submissions on the draft Council Plan 2009-2013 and draft 2009/2010 Budget following the conclusion of the 28-day statutory consultation period.

The following speakers made a verbal submission in relation to this item and raised the following issues:

- Noel Jones:
  - requesting additional funding to increase South Melbourne Sports District Club facilities to allow additional members to participate in various sports.

*Cr Klepner left the meeting at 5.43pm.*

*Cr Klepner returned to the meeting at 5.44pm.*

- Trevor Nink:
  - requesting an increase in funding to improve the toilets at Waterfront Place, Port Melbourne;
  - toilets at Sandridge beach, Port Melbourne;
  - shower at Port Melbourne beach;
  - concerns regarding the finalities of the handover of Beacon Cove, Port Melbourne (in particular the maintenance responsibility when Council becomes asset holder);
  - concerns regarding the pedestrian crossing at Beach Street, Port Melbourne (lighting is inadequate and traffic flow);
  - stormwater drains at Beacon Cove, Port Melbourne.
- James McCaughey:
  - requesting funding to undertake a feasibility study to upgrade the theatre building at Gasworks Park, Port Melbourne.
- Roger Windham:
  - highlighted an omission in the Budget and Strategic Resource Plan for streetscape works at Coventry Street, Clarendon Street, South Melbourne and Fitzroy Street, St Kilda;
  - suggest Council work on the management of late night venues (Liquor Licensing Accord);
  - introduction of a tourist body in the City of Port Phillip.
- Susan Humphries:
  - the Council Plan needs to have the capacity to respond to change rather than being prescriptive;
  - concerns regarding binge drinking;

- open space protection;
- Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM);
- Adrian Jackson:
  - 'Diversity and Inclusiveness' should be included in the Council Plan;
  - population control;
  - climate change;
  - inclusion of 'Prosperity' as one of Council's objectives in its Council Plan.
- Les Ronsenblatt:
  - transport;
  - climate change and global warming in the City of Port Phillip;
  - Council to particularly focus on multi-use dwellings.
- Liz McArthur:
  - concerns regarding Rouse Street, Port Melbourne Public Works (western part), requesting works to be completed earlier with an increase in funding for the project.
- Ann Birrell:
  - concerns regarding climate change, green open space and lack of funding by Council for climate change issues;
  - residents rights to object to Council Projects;
  - Council website search function is not operating.
- Meni Christofakis:
  - language not consistent throughout the documents;
  - concern when Councillors do not chair Special Committees of Council;
  - no action plan or strategy for flood prone zones in the municipality;
  - concerns regarding stormwater catchments for parks/gardens and sports grounds;
  - council should investigate introducing electric cars into the fleet;
  - Council should join a climate change alliance.
- Pauline O'Maley:
  - concern regarding the extension works by the Port of Melbourne Corporation to the Port and its impacts on local residents and the municipality, suggested that the community to be involved in future discussions.
- Helen Halliday:
  - Council should undertake a comprehensive review of the species in its important streetscapes and parklands;
  - support and interaction with other Councils to look at catchment based storage and treatment proposals;
  - accelerate incorporation of water sensitive urban design principles into Council works.
- Jack Halliday:
  - concerns that Council is not doing enough to reduce its greenhouse gas emission targets more quickly;
  - develop a greenhouse gas management plan;
  - set up a Community Action Foundation similar to Moreland City Council.

- Geoff Par-Smith:
  - the Budget document is difficult to understand and it should be aligned with the Draft Council Plan;
  - concerns regarding waste management recovery targets and that Capital Works items listed have no explanation of what they are;
  - there is a need to develop a Greenhouse Gas Management Plan;
  - Council should work closely with businesses to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.
- Boris Oiberman:
  - requesting a small room for a Russian speaking discussion club in the St Kilda/Balaclava area (*the CEO via the Executive Director Community Development and Planning to investigate and to respond to request*).

**MOVED Crs Bolitho/Powning**

That Council resolve to:

1. Receive the report regarding public submissions on the draft Council Plan 2009-2013 and draft 2009/2010 Budget.
2. Note that a further report on the Council Plan 2009-2013 and 2009/2010 Budget will be presented at a Special Meeting of Council on Monday 29 June 2009.
3. Acknowledge and thank the submitters for the quality and range of submissions presented to Council.

**A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.**

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.43pm.

Confirmed: 22 June 2009

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_