



**STRATEGY AND POLICY
REVIEW COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

5 MAY 2008

**MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 5 MAY, 2008 IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ST KILDA TOWN HALL**

The meeting opened at 6.02pm.

PRESENT

Cr Cribbes, (Chairperson), Cr Bolitho, Cr Gross (from 6.03), Cr Klepner, Cr Logan (from 6.10) Cr Ray, Cr Sait, David Spokes Chief Executive Officer, Sally Calder Executive Director Organisation Systems & Support, David Yeouart Executive Director Community Assets & Services, Geoff Oulton Executive Director Community Development & Planning, Greg Wood Manager Community Services, David Filmlter Manager Finance, Cathy Henderson Manager Governance and Community Relations, Katrina Terjung Coordinator Strategic Planning, Chris Pike Manager Corporate Planning and Performance, Gary Spivak Housing Development Officer, Norm McClelland Governance Advisor, David Graffen Property Coordinator

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

1. APOLOGIES

MOVED Crs Sait/Bolitho

It was noted that Cr. Logan will be arriving late to the meeting.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOVED Crs Bolitho/Ray

That the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Review Committee held on 7 April, 2008 be confirmed.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Gross arrived at 6.03pm.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Item 1

Brenda Richards of 59 Acland Street St Kilda asked the following questions concerning the Triangle Site.

- 'The Citta website claims the Triangle development is a \$400m investment and others say it is a \$300m investment. Either way it is a substantial financial commitment funded by loans. In light of the credit crunch, has Council or the State Government reviewed the financial capacity of Babcock and Brown to undertake this development in the timeframe it has contracted with Council and the State Government?
- Would Council reassure the community that we will not get a repeat of the Sea Bath's disaster, that the project is viable and that the developer is competent and financial and what financial or other exposure does Council have if Babcock and Brown are unable to proceed with its contracted timeframe and what is that timeframe?
- Would Council outline the protection or provision such as performance bonds or other mechanism in place to protect ratepayers against non completion on the Triangle site, to ensure that the developer cannot walk away from a half built site.

****The CEO advised that the questions asked by Ms Richards go to contractual and legal matters and it is not appropriate to give a verbal response this evening but certainly we will give you a written response to those questions. A number of those matters are the subject of Freedom of Information requests, so we will need to be consistent with that process but also perhaps to reassure you that as was announced by Council at the time, that the winning bidder was selected, the matters of capability and experience were important criteria in picking the Babcock Citta development as the winning tender so those matters have been considered and will be considered in an ongoing way.***

5. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Nil.

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

The order of business was as follows:

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**A1 ST KILDA FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE/ST KILDA TOWN HALL
PRECINCT PLAN**

Purpose

Council to consider a new St Kilda Family and Children's Centre in the context of community/civic facilities in the St Kilda Town Hall Precinct.

Cr Logan arrived at 6.10pm

MOVED Crs Ray/Gross

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve that consideration of the report's recommendation is deferred until the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 26 May 2008.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

A2 INNER MELBOURNE ACTION PLAN - ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07

Purpose

For Council to consider the IMAP Annual Report for the 2006/07 financial year which outlines the progress on implementation of this regional strategy, in partnership with the Cities of Melbourne, Stonnington and Yarra.

MOVED Crs Gross/Logan

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve to:

1. Receive and note the Inner Melbourne Action Plan - Annual Report 2006/07.
2. Acknowledge the progress achieved on key IMAP actions as outlined in the Annual Report, and the demonstrated benefits of on-going regional collaboration between the IMAP Councils.
3. Confirm its on-going participation on the IMAP Implementation Committee and its commitment to the progressive implementation of IMAP actions throughout 2007/08 and 2008/09.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

A3 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT & KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT

Purpose

To provide the Committee with an update on the Quarterly Financial Report and the Key Performance Indicator Report for the period ending March 2008.

MOVED Crs Ray/Gross

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve:

1. That the Quarterly Financial Report from the CEO detailing Council's financial performance for the nine months ended 31 March 2008 be adopted.
2. That the Key Performance Indicator Report from the CEO detailing Council's performance for the six months ended 31 March 2008 be adopted.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

**A4 PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE OF RIGHT OF WAY NO. R2117
REAR 121-123 ROUSE ST, PORT MELBOURNE**

Purpose

This report is to finalise the discontinuance and sale of Right of Way No.R2117 rear 121-123 Rouse St, Port Melbourne.

MOVED Crs Ray/Sait

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve:

1. That the statutory procedures to discontinue the Right of Way at the rear of 121-123 Rouse St, Port Melbourne, be completed. That the land from the Road be sold to the owners of 121-123 Rouse St, Port Melbourne, subject to the land being consolidated to the property.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

**A5 PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE OF RIGHT OF WAY NO. R3127
ABUTTING 8 HOTHAM ST, SOUTH MELBOURNE**

Purpose

This report is to finalise the discontinuance and sale of Right of Way no. R3127 abutting 8 Hotham St, South Melbourne.

MOVED Crs Ray/Sait

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve:

1. That the statutory procedures to discontinue the Right of Way no.R3127 abutting 8 Hotham St, South Melbourne, be completed. That the land from the Road be sold to the owners of 8 Hotham St, South Melbourne, subject to the land being consolidated to the property.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

A6 PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE AND TRANSFER OF A SECTION OF ROAD KNOWN AS RAGLAN ST, PORT MELBOURNE

Purpose

This report is to finalise the discontinuance and transfer of a section of Road known as Raglan St, between Station St and the Light Rail, Port Melbourne.

MOVED Crs Bolitho/Gross

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve:

1. That the statutory procedures to discontinue the section of Road known as Raglan St, between Station St and the Light Rail, Port Melbourne, be completed. That the land from the Road be reserved as part of the Park Reserve in accordance with the proposed Park development.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

A7 AUDIT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Purpose

To advise Council of the matters addressed at the March 2008 meeting of the City of Port Phillip Audit Committee.

Cr Gross declared that he is a director of the MAV Insurance Committee however no conflict of interest occurs.

MOVED Crs Ray/Logan

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve:

1. To receive and note the report outlining the matters considered by the City of Port Phillip Audit Committee at its March 2008 meeting, including issues such as the annual work plan, the internal audit program, excessive leave accruals, the December 2007 CEO Quarterly Report to Council, an update on risk and insurance matters, and review of the following audits, the Contract Management of Parking Services, Tendering Review and the Follow-up of Prior Year Audits.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

A8 RETURN OF 2008 GENERAL VALUATION

Purpose

To advise Council of the outcomes of the 2008 General Valuation.

MOVED Crs Gross/Logan

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve:

1. That the report be received and that the document 'Schedule 3 – Valuation Return Municipal District of Port Phillip Year 2008 – General Valuation' as attached, be adopted by Council to fulfill the requirements of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1989.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

A9 INKERMEN OASIS DEVELOPMENT – PROGRESS REPORT

Please refer to the confidential section of the Minutes for Council's resolution on this item

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Nil.

8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES (COUNCILLOR) APPOINTED TO OTHER BODIES

Nil.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

MOVED Crs Gross/Logan

That the meeting be closed to members of the public in accordance with Section 89 2 (d) of the Local Government Act 1989.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

The meeting closed at 6.52pm.

10. PRESENTATION OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

10.1 POLICY AND PLANNING

A9 INKERMAN OASIS DEVELOPMENT – PROGRESS REPORT

10.2 GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

Nil.

Note:

**Cr Ray declared his interest in this item as he is a board member of the Port Phillip Housing Association and excluded himself from the room.*

Cr Ray left the meeting at 6.52pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.09pm.

Confirmed: 2 June 2008

Chairperson: _____