



SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

15 FEBRUARY 2017



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP
CITY COUNCIL HELD 15 FEBRUARY 2017 IN ST KILDA TOWN
HALL**

The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Carol Jeffs, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Claire Ferres Miles General Manager Place Strategy and Development, Vanessa Schernickau Acting General Manager Community Development, Fiona Blair General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity, Melissa Harris Acting General Manager Organisational Performance.

The City of Port Phillip respectfully acknowledges the Yalukit Willam 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. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Discussion took place in the following order:

3.1 Review of Councillor Code of Conduct February 2017



3.1 REVIEW OF COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT FEBRUARY 2017

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

Peter Holland

- Stated that the current media protocol is not compliant with the Charter of Human Rights or the principles of good governance whereas the proposed media protocol does.
- Suggested three amendments to the proposed media protocol:
 1. 3.4.4 should not be a licence to grandstand
 2. Recognise that Ward Councillors can legitimately speak without prior authorisation from the Mayor on specific ward issues.
 3. Recognise that sometimes it is not possible to check with the Mayor in advance before exercising their rights.

Purpose

- For Council to review its Councillor Code of Conduct prior to 22 February 2017 to meet Council's statutory obligations under section 76C of the Local Government Act 1989.

Moved Crs Gross/Brand

That Council:

- 1.1 Having reviewed its Councillor Code of Conduct in accordance with sec 76C(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 approves the Councillor Code of Conduct (attachment 1).

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Bond requested a DIVISION.

For

Cr Copsey
Cr Brand
Cr Simic
Cr Gross
Cr Baxter
Cr Voss

Against

Cr Bond
Cr Pearl
Cr Crawford

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

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As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.12pm.

Confirmed: 1 March 2017

Chairperson _____

