



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

AGENDA

18 APRIL 2018



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Welcome

Welcome to this Meeting of the Port Phillip City Council.

Council Meetings are an important way to ensure that your democratically elected representatives are working for you in a fair and transparent way. They also allow the public to be involved in the decision making process of Council.

About this meeting

There are a few things to know about tonight's meeting. The first page of tonight's Agenda itemises all the different parts to the meeting. Some of the items are administrative and are required by law. In the agenda you will also find a list of all the items to be discussed this evening.

Each report is written by a Council officer outlining the purpose of the report, all relevant information and a recommendation. Council will consider the report and either accept the recommendation or make amendments to it. All decisions of Council are adopted if they receive a majority vote from the Councillors present at the meeting.

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If you would like to ask a question during Public Question Time, please fill in the blue 'Do You Wish to ask a Question or make a Public Comment' form located outside the chamber and give it to the Administrative Officer.

Public Comment / Question

Any person who has made a written submission on an item and requested that she or he be heard in support of that written submission pursuant to section 223 of the Local Government Act will be entitled to address Council.

If you would like to address the Council and / or ask a question on any of the items being discussed tonight, please fill in the blue 'Do You Wish to ask a Question or make a Public Comment' form located outside the chamber and give it to the Administrative Officer.

When your item is being discussed the Chairperson will call your name and ask you to address the Council. The length of time available to each speaker will be at the Chairpersons discretion.





PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To Councillors

Notice is hereby given that an **Ordinary Meeting** of the **Port Phillip City Council** will be held in **St Kilda Town Hall** on **Wednesday, 18 April 2018 at 6.30pm**. At their discretion, Councillors may suspend the meeting for a short break at 8pm and 10pm as required.

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The information contained in the following Council reports is considered to be Confidential Information in accordance with Section 77(2)(a) and Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended).

- 18.1 *Melbourne Renewable Energy Project*



3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST



4. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Item 4.1 Fishermans Bend Parking Implementation

Three Petitions and a Joint Letter have been received, all relating to proposed changes to parking controls in Fishermans Bend.

The Joint Letter (Area 2 (incl. Fennell, Bridge and Bertie Streets)), from 19 signatories, states the following:

We were surprised to receive a brochure marked only 'To the business owner' this week, shoved under our main entrance door with other junk mail. This form of communication is totally unacceptable and reflects poorly upon the City of Port Phillip.

On the matter of the content of the brochure, we have had no prior communications about changes to the current street parking arrangements and are amazed there has not been wider consultation with the community, let alone directly with us. We are a business that employs fulltime employees that work daily in this area.

We believe the current parking 'eco-system' has been evolving and working well for our company and both the small and large businesses in this immediate area. We think the needs of our staff, long and short term visitors, including couriers, are currently well met under the present arrangements. There has been no observance of 'CBD employees' parking in the area.

One of the reasons we originally chose this site was the convenient parking provided by the location. Given the current lack of public transport in the immediate area, we felt the mix of our own on-site parking and the availability of unrestricted street parking was an attractive element. I would argue our original decision to relocate our business to this site has encouraged further redevelopment around our precinct that has subsequently improved the value (and rates income) of the area for all. Free parking is something that our employees factor into their weekly budgeting. With timed parking being installed they may feel forced to either park further away to avoid these areas or take public transport and trek from the closest depot or park nearby and move their car after 4 hours.

In all cases, they will be forced to cross busy roads such as Williamstown Road which has only one crossing and one set of traffic lights where a person can safely cross the road with neither being close to our offices. Or, being full time employees, they'll park nearby and try and move their car to another zone before it clocks 4 hours or they risk being fined which will undoubtedly happen. In each situation above, this creates an unsafe and chaotic traffic environment in and around our offices, wastes time, and will ultimately disadvantage both employee and employer with no upside whatsoever to each.

I understand the whole Fishermans Bend zone is changing but the adoption of more restrictive parking controls is unnecessarily pre-emptive particularly before any improvements have been made.

Other councils in Melbourne have better synchronised parking changes with the changing nature of their respective zones. Our zone lacks public transport, it lacks sufficient pedestrian crossings for people that will now choose not to drive or are forced to park in

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other zones. It lacks alternative public parking options, businesses have been given no opportunity to adjust their own onsite parking options, and the residential component which timed parking would seemingly be put in place to assist, is virtually non-existent in the area where our business is located.

The lack of consultation, poor communications and a blanket approach to planning are disappointing and suggest the City of Port Phillip is inadequately equipped to handle the responsibility of managing the new Fishermans Bend precinct. Quite frankly, it has the appearance of ill thought out revenue raising. We will be working with our fellow tenants, landlords, neighbouring businesses, local Councillors and Members of Parliament to campaign strongly against these proposed changes, but hope the Council can promptly admit its error in this case and reverse these planned changes.

The first Petition (Area 2), from 179 signatories, states the following:

Summary: *The City of Port Phillip have proposed to install restricted Parking in Area 2 as per below. This zone will permit parking for 4 hours only. After which time the vehicle will be subject to fines. Our belief is that these parking restrictions will disadvantage the main users of this area.*

As a business in this area, we were not consulted in any way in regards to these proposed changes. Our Area (2), dotted in orange, will have 4hour parking restrictions enforced.

Action Required: *We support the position that parking in the area should remain as it is presently until adequate infrastructure is put in place to facilitate these changes.*

The second Petition (Evans Street Area 4 Residential), from 36 signatories, states the following:

We the undersigned Evans Street Port Melbourne residents object to the Council's parking plans for our street. Specifically we object to:

- *The failure to provide for parking permits for residents on the park side of the street given that there are too few parking spots on the side with houses to accommodate all the cars owned by residents;*
- *The two or four hour limitation on parking on the park side of the street;*
- *Limits on guest parking;*
- *Limits on permit numbers per property;*
- *The cost of parking permits to residents who pay tens of thousands of dollars to the city in rates each year; and,*
- *The lack of research, as demonstrated by the information materials, into the actual current conditions in the street.*

We call on the Council to halt the implementation of any parking restrictions until there is adequate consultation with residents and a thorough re-evaluation of the need for any restrictions.



The third Petition (Boundary and White Streets), from 64 signatories, states the following:

It is respectfully requested that the Council consider proposed changes as per recent Fishermans Bend Parking Control Changes.

Allowances should be made for free all day parking to support local business and employees working in and for the community.

The following Fulton Hogan employees based out of the South Melbourne Council Depot, whose names, details and signatures are set out on the attached list support this proposal.

A summary of reasons for the proposal is many employees will be affected and this would have a significant impact on those individuals financially. In some cases this would have a 10% impact on their total earnings.

OFFICER COMMENT

Fishermans Bend Parking Implementation Background

Why are we looking to implement new parking controls?

The City of Port Phillip is rapidly growing with a forecast 23% increase in our population over the next 10 years. More people equals more travel. With a finite supply of on-street car parking available, Council needs to ensure this valuable public asset is managed equitable, so more people can find an on-street car park more often. The way to achieve this is with the introduction of parking controls. Our approach is driven by policy and evidence, provided by data collection

Why was this area chosen for new parking controls?

- 1. Evidence of high demand for parking** - Currently parts of Fishermans Bend experience very high parking demand, with difficulty finding an unoccupied space particularly Area 1 where parking occupancy is at 94%. This has the effect of increasing road congestion as people 'cruise' for available parking space. There is anecdotal evidence that there is a large number of CBD commuters who park in Fishermans Bend for free, without providing any benefit for the Port Phillip economy.
- 2. Difficulty in accessing businesses** - High parking demand in the area coupled with low parking turnover is preventing convenient access to businesses for customers and visitors
- 3. Area of CBD scale redevelopment** - The Precinct is currently experiencing a transition of land use from industrial to higher density residential and mixed use developments. There are currently 7,000 approved apartments in Fishermans Bend. Council is seeking to be proactive in advance of new residents moving into the precinct, by better managing equitable access to the limited on-street parking supply.
- 4. Adjacent to areas where parking is priced** - The area is located in close proximity to the Melbourne CBD, Docklands, South Wharf and South Montague precinct where parking on and off-street is priced. It is unusual to provide a large amount of free all day parking in the central city of Melbourne.



5. **Protecting Access in Surrounding Residential Areas** - The introduction of parking controls in adjoining residential areas, such as Port Melbourne will assist residents to have access to on-street parking and protect these areas from the impact of commuters and local employees trying to avoid the parking controls being implemented in Fishermans Bend.

Why are we implementing new parking controls now?

Port Phillip is set to increase by 23% and 28,000 residents by 2027, which includes a large proportion in Fishermans Bend. Car trips are set to increase 20% while residents are set to own 12,000 more vehicles in the same period.

For Port Phillip, there is no 'do nothing' option. Making changes now to parking and transport in Port Phillip will better manage congestion, maintain liveability and ensure equity of access to on-street parking.

Fishermans Bend Consultation

Consultation on the proposed parking changes was conducted from 5 March to 9 April 2018 with letter drops to the affected areas of Fishermans Bend, Port Melbourne and South Melbourne and the surrounding suburbs. Online surveys were conducted and information on the project was provided on the Port Phillip website. As part of the consultation Council received:

- 254 survey responses;
- 83 emails and phone calls;
- 279 petition signatures as mentioned above; and
- 19 signatures on a joint letter as mentioned above.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- Receives and notes the three petitions and one joint letter,
- Includes the petitions and joint letter information into evaluation of the Fishermans Bend parking control consultation; and
- Receives a Council Report in June 2018 that will include an evaluation of the consultation for the Fishermans Bend parking controls implementation and comments on the issues raised in the petitions and joint letters.

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ATTACHMENTS Nil



5. SEALING SCHEDULE

Nil

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RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with Section 77(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended), the meeting be closed to members of the public in order to deal with the following matters, that are considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 89(2) of the Act, for the reasons indicated:

18.1 **Melbourne Renewable Energy Project**

The information in this report is considered to be confidential in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended), as it relates to:

89(2)(d). Contractual matters.