



MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

1 SEPTEMBER 2021



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HELD VIRTUALLY ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The meeting opened at 6:30pm.

PRESENT

Cr Crawford (Chairperson), Cr Baxter, Cr Bond, Cr Clark, Cr Copsey, Cr Cunsolo, Cr Martin, Cr Pearl, Cr Sirakoff.

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Brian Tee, Acting General Manager Development Transport and City Amenity, Tony Keenan, General Manager Community Wellbeing and Inclusion, Chris Carroll, General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure, Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capability, Rachel Russell, Manager Governance and Organisational Performance, Kirsty Pearce, Head of Governance, Rebecca Purvis, Governance Officer, Lauren Bialkower, Manager City Growth and Culture, Adele Denison, Head of Arts Festivals and Events, Lachlan Johnson, Executive Manager Construction Contracts and Operations, Anthony Savenkov, Head of Real Estate Portfolio (Development & Transactions), Mark Thompson, Head of Asset Management, John Bartels, Head of Major Transport Projects – Domain Precinct, Kathryn Pound, Acting Manager City Strategy Design and Sustainability, Zoe O'Mahoney, Coordinator Sustainable Policy.

The City of Port Phillip respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners of the land we meet on. 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 Martin/Baxter

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Port Phillip City Council held on 18 August 2021 be confirmed.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.



3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Copsey advised that she owns a property within the general area of 351 St Kilda Road, and declared that out of an abundance of caution to avoid a potential or perceived conflict in item 13.3 Intention to Sell: 351 St Kilda Rd, she would remove herself from the meeting at that item.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUBMISSIONS

The following submissions were made verbally and can be listened to in full on our website: <http://webcast.portphillip.vic.gov.au/archive.php>

Public Question Time:

- **Tim Norman:** Regarding the community petition to reduce significant risk of a child being hit on Liardet St, Port Melbourne by vehicles, as tabled at Council Meeting on 3 February 2021, agenda item 7.5 A Petition containing 212 signatures, was received from local residents and presented to Council on 3 February 2021. It has now been seven months and the risk to the children, families and users of the local parks has not been reduced. I understand that Council has made some progress on this matter. Could the Council please provide an update to the petitioners and the community, covering: works done to date, schedule of works going forward, confirmation of funding, and interim measures to reduce risk prior to completion of works?

Che Sutherland, Acting Manager Partnerships and Transport advised that following the February 2021 Council meeting where this petition was tabled, Council officers undertook pedestrian counts and traffic surveys in March. These confirmed that the pedestrian volumes in this location satisfied the Department of Transport requirements for the installation of a zebra crossing.

Officers have prepared a concept design and received approval from the Department of Transport to install the new crossing, including in principal support to relocate the bus stop. Four weeks of community consultation on the proposed crossing design is planned for October 2021. Although we acknowledge that this may be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

Council will complete detailed designs for the crossing and lighting upgrades this year, and a submission has been made to the Transport Accident Commission for a contribution towards construction in 2022/23. In the absence of any recorded crashes at this location, no interim traffic treatment measures have been proposed. Officers have shared data from recent traffic surveys with Victoria Police and requested the Prahran Highway Patrol Unit continues to undertake speed enforcement operations in the interim.

- **Jenni Roper:** Regarding the Live Action Plan, Firstly, if a booked gig / performance is pre-booked before 23 August 2021 and (is cancelled inclusive 23 August - 31 December 2021) and funding is approved by the City of Port Phillip. Does the artist have an obligation like a IOU to the City of Port Phillip for a future performance at a later date or is the City of Port Phillip giving the artists money with no performance at all? Like a Centrelink payment? With regards to venues claiming up to \$5000, is that the total amount the venues can claim or can they claim each week from the period of 23 August - 31 December 2021? Will the venues at a future date give the City of Port Phillip their venue

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at a reduced amount if they have claimed \$5000? (maybe these venues can be used for artists to play at for future St Kilda Festival is in a smaller capacity). The State Government is also giving money to venues based on their liquor license capacity, so does this mean that City of Port Phillip are doubling up providing rental assistance that is currently being subsidised by the State Government as well? What is the total amount of monies that the City of Port Phillip are actually providing for this period? And What I read in The Live Music Action Plan is about bringing more artists to the City of Port Phillip not subsidising rents. How is this rental assistance, for band rooms and promoters; the City of Port Phillip Council responsibility? When ratepayers are receiving an increase in rates.

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capability thanked Ms Roper for her questions and advised that Council adopted a Live Music Action Plan in May 2021, with the primary objective that Port Phillip is a centre for live music. The Plan outlines ways Council will support, protect and future proof live music locally. With respect to the Please Don't Stop the Music Scheme, if a gig is cancelled and the artist involved is approved for a payment under the scheme, they do not have any future obligations to the City of Port Phillip. The intent is the scheme provides some form of compensation for losses being incurred by this sector as a result of lockdown given the importance of the live music industry to the City of Port Phillip. In the short term this may ensure that cultural activity does not occur at a time of public health restrictions. In the longer term it provides some support to sustain an industry through this period and attract artists, promoters and venues to the City of Port Phillip in the longer term.

Venues can claim compensation for costs involved in cancelling or postponing a gig to a maximum of \$5,000 per week. This is tied to gigs that were confirmed prior to the onset of lockdown and it is highly unlikely most venues will seek to claim that full amount. Further details on the program can be found at the Live N Local website - <https://www.livenlocal.com.au> but in summary Council will consider claims related to recovering costs associated with booking and rescheduling performances including:

- *Contracted supplier fees such as crew, house sound engineers/technicians*
- *Artist / booking fees*
- *Rescheduling costs: including recovering sunk administrative, promotional and ticketing costs from the cancelled performance.*

On 2 December 2020, Council resolved through the report - Financial Update: First Quarter 2020/21 Financial Review to amongst other things:-

- *Approve the re-prioritisation of the \$1.7m budget previously allocated to the St Kilda Festival to the Live Love Local program to support the local economy including the following initiatives in 2020/21 (refer to attachment 3 – Proposed Social and Economic Recovery Initiatives)*
- *COVID Safe community and live music event support (\$200,000)*

This initiative, the Locals Playing Locals and Artist database initiatives when they were created, are intended to complement rather than replicate measures from other tiers of Government. Officers will continue to support Council to advocate to other levels of Government on the importance of this sector to our city, our traders and high streets.

Alan Renshaw: A media release by the City of Port Phillip (City) on 23 August 2021 states “Council is offering up to \$5,000 per week until 31 December 2021 to local live music venues and promoters who must cancel gigs due to lockdowns”, and “\$250 per performance to



artists". The City of Port Phillip Council (Council) is responsible for providing the services and infrastructure required by most residents. Live music events in the City are not accessible to most residents of the City, nor required by them. The "Don't Stop the Music" lockdown assistance scheme is not the responsibility of the Council. The federal and state governments have programs in place to provide financial assistance to businesses and individuals negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. What is Council's justification for providing a special interest group in the music industry with additional financial assistance over that provided by the federal and state governments to all eligible business and displace workers? What is the Council's justification for spending the funds of ratepayers, who are also negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, on providing additional support to a special interest group in the music industry? While the Mayor may think "Live music is a massive part of our City", it can only be enjoyed by a small number of the City's residents. Live music should never be given precedence when Council is allocating ratepayers' funds to the services and infrastructure required by most residents, e.g.: to amenity and public safety, and diverting waste from landfills. The statement that "Please Don't Stop the Music is funded by savings from the cancellation of the 2021 St Kilda Festival", is nonsense. All savings in 2020-21 have been reallocated to the services and infrastructure listed in the 2021-22 budget. The live music proposal will draw funds from the services and infrastructure planned for 2021-22. Council has recently budgeted to increase the rates on property owners in the City. It is incumbent on Council to ensure that increase is only used to fund services and infrastructure required by most residents.

Mr Renshaw's questions were taken on notice for response.

Council Report Submissions:

Item 10.2 Council proposals for consideration by DOT's " Pop- Up " Bike Lane Program for funding and delivery

- Fraser Read-Smith
- Peter Denson
- Freda Erlich
- Karen Baynes

Item 11.1 Community Electric Vehicle Charging Permit

- Karim Benkirane
- Rod Walker
- Deborah Sykes

Item 12.2 St Kilda Festival 2022

- Joseph Betros
- Kate Duncan
- Ann Byrne

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- Janet Rosenberg
- David Blakeley
- Julia Robinson
- Mary Stuart
- Joyce Prescher
- Dale Packard

Item 14.3 Notice of Motion – Councillor Louise Crawford – Proposed State Government Planning Reforms

- Karen Baynes

The following submissions were read out in summary by an officer:

Public Question Time:

Adrian Jackson: if lockdowns continue to cancel events, ratepayers fund should only be paid to local venues, local promoters and live music artists who live in Port Phillip. will council ensure that ratepayers do not subsidise promoters, staging crews and artists from outside the municipality?

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capability advised that the Please Don't Stop the Music lockdown assistance scheme is part of Council's Live Music Action Plan (LMAP). Through this initiative, Council will provide financial contributions to assist venues, promoters, event managers and artists with the sunk cost of cancelled gigs, or the cost to reschedule live music events affected by lockdown. Venues based in the City of Port Phillip are eligible to apply as are artists, booking agents and promoters who are able to demonstrate the cancellation or a confirmed gig in a City of Port Phillip venue. Musicians who wish to register for Council's Live Music Support scheme must demonstrate evidence that they live, work, study or volunteer in the City of Port Phillip.

Adrian Jackson: Why is much of our rates spent on planting in other parts of the city, like Fitzroy St, but Middle Park shopping strip gets less attention despite Middle Park ratepayers paying high rates to the council? Can Council take action to fix this matter promptly as Spring is about to be with us? (Mr Jackson provided a range of photos of plantations in Middle Park and an explanation of works required. This information has been shared with Councillors and will be forwarded to the relevant officers)

Lachlan Johnson, Executive Manager Construction Contracts and Operations thanked Mr Jackson and advised that officers will investigate the site when it is safe to do so and will take his suggestions into consideration when determining suitable plants for this location. Council will prioritise these works during the spring planting season subject to the availability of the plants.

Council Report Submissions:

Item 10.2 Council proposals for consideration by DOT's " Pop- Up " bike lane program for funding and delivery



- John Tabart

Item 10.3 St Kilda Marina Project - Community Engagement Outcomes

- Peter Tanner

Item 12.2 St Kilda Festival 2022

- Adrian Jackson
- James Shanahan
- Simon Myers

5. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Nil

6. SEALING SCHEDULE

Item 6.1 – Procurement Australia Supplier Contract

MOVED Crs Pearl/Bond

That:

- 1.1 The Common Seal of the Port Phillip City Council be affixed to contract documentation with Rec People and The Source, being additional services providers from within the existing 73 approved providers, endorsed through the renewal of the contract with Procurement Australia on 3 February 2021; and
- 1.2 Authorises the CEO, or his delegate, to engage suppliers from the existing Procurement Australia service provider list if required, with expenditure to remain within the previous resolution of Council (being an estimated expenditure of up to \$24M over the four-year contract period).

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.

7. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil.

8. PRESENTATION OF CEO REPORT

Nil.

9. INCLUSIVE PORT PHILLIP

Nil.



10. LIVEABLE PORT PHILLIP

10.1 Road Management Plan

Purpose

- 1.1 To request endorsement of the draft 2021 City of Port Phillip Road Management Plan (RMP), which has been reviewed in accordance with the *Road Management Act 2004* and the *Road Management (General) Regulations 2016*, to be displayed for the required period of 28 days prior to being adopted by Council.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Pearl

That Council:

- 3.1 Approves the Draft Road Management Plan 2021 be displayed on Councils website by close of business on 2nd September, 2021 together with a copy of the existing Road Management Plan 2017 for consultation for a period of 28 days.
- 3.2 Authorises the CEO to make any minor editorial amendments required that do not alter the substantive intent of the policy.
- 3.3 Notes that a further report will be provided to Council at the completion of the consultation period, providing a summary of all feedback received and recommendations regarding any proposed changes to the final Road Management Plan 2021 for adoption by Council.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.

10.2 Council proposals for consideration by the Department of Transport's 'Pop-Up' bike lane program for funding and delivery

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek Council endorsement to pursue funding and delivery of specific pop-up bike lanes proposals through the Department of Transport's \$13M Pop-Up Bike Lane Program.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Martin

That Council:

- 3.1 Endorses the following 'pop-up' bike lane proposals (map of location included at Attachment 2) for funding and delivery by the Department of Transport: Three shimmy (informal bike riding) routes, Park Street (West), Moray Street to Albert Road connector and the Bay Trail to Moray Street link that aligns to the Victoria Government's Shrine to Sea project.



- 3.2 Formally writes to the Department of Transport and the Minister for Public Transport, Roads and Road Safety, commending the creation of the \$13M 'Pop-Up' Bike Lane Program (Program) and seeking consideration of the endorsed proposals - included above at 3.1 – for funding and delivery through this Program.
- 3.3 Request the Department of Transport maximise the benefits for all road users (cars, bike riders, pedestrians) as part of further development of Council's proposals delivered through the Program.
- 3.4 Seeks a commitment from the Department of Transport that for proposals funded by the Program, a process of design, community engagement, evaluation, adjustment and maintenance will be implemented over the life of these trial 'pop-up' bike lanes.
- 3.5 Looks forward to receiving a response from the Department of Transport to Council's request and the opportunity for Council officers to contribute local knowledge and technical expertise in the design of proposals delivered through the Program to help maximise the community benefits.
- 3.6 Notes that following the confirmation of any funding by the Department of Transport Program for Council's proposals, Council Officers will process any permits and approvals necessary for the installation and maintenance of the 'pop-up' bike lane infrastructure on Council owned roads.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Copsey, Martin and Pearl

AGAINST: Crs Bond, Sirakoff and Clark

The MOTION was CARRIED.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a break at 8.21pm.

The meeting resumed at 8.30pm.

10.3 St Kilda Marina Project - Community Engagement Outcomes

Purpose

- 1.1 To present the outcomes of the community engagement program undertaken in June and July 2021 seeking feedback about the concept design for the redevelopment of St Kilda Marina.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Baxter

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the findings of the Stage 6 community engagement program as detailed in the St Kilda Marina Project Stage Six Community Engagement Summary Report (Attachment 1), and the release of the report published on Council's Website on 27 August 2021.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.



11. SUSTAINABLE PORT PHILLIP

11.1 Community Electric Vehicle Charging Permit

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek Council endorsement to proceed with a trial of a 'kerb charging' permit for residents with no off-street car parking to install electric vehicle chargers on Council land.

MOVED Crs Crawford/Martin

That Council:

- 3.1 Endorses a trial of a 'Kerb Charging Permit' for residents and businesses with no off-street parking to install electric vehicle chargers on Council land.
- 3.2 Authorises the CEO or delegate to provide a 'Kerb Charging Permit' to up to five properties on a rolling six months basis, up to a maximum permit period of 31 December 2023. At the conclusion of the first six months, the CEO will arrange for a review of the progress of the trial and report back to Council at the earliest possible opportunity to help shape future policy direction in this area.
- 3.3 Endorses the Kerb Charging Facility Application Guidelines as outlined in Attachment 1 and delegates to the CEO the ability to make minor amendments to this document that do not alter its substantive intent, including reflecting any changes required as a result of this Council resolution, prior to publishing them.
- 3.4 Notes the next steps associated with implementation and evaluation of the trial.

AMENDMENT

Moved Crs Pearl/Cunsolo

That item 3.2 be amended from 'five' to 'ten' properties.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The AMENDMENT was CARRIED.

The AMENDMENT became the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

The SUBSTANTIVE MOTION was PUT under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.



12. VIBRANT PORT PHILLIP

12.1 Business Advisory Group - Terms of Reference and Councillor Representation

Purpose

- 1.1 To formalise arrangements associated with the Business Advisory Group.

MOVED Crs Bond/Pearl

That Council:

- 3.1 Endorses the Business Advisory Group Terms of Reference and delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the ability to undertake minor editorial amendments that do not alter the substantive intent of the document.
- 3.2 Appoints two Councillor delegates to the Business Advisory Group.
- 3.3 Appoints Councillors Clark and Sirakoff to serve as delegates on the Business Advisory Group until December 2021 and notes that appointment beyond this period will be considered as part of Council's regular review of Councillor representation on boards and committees.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.

12.2 St Kilda Festival 2022

Purpose

- 1.1 To present Councillors with information on the 2022 St Kilda Festival and seek direction on Council's preferred way forward.

MOVED Crs Bond/Martin

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes that National Cabinet has released a four-step plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response and from the targets National Cabinet is aiming to be in the Vaccine Consolidation Phase by February 2022.
- 3.2 Notes the challenging environment for events amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, and the changes that public health settings can have on an event's format and budget.
- 3.3 Notes the following three options available to Council with respect to the St Kilda Festival and the associated opportunities and risks: -
- 3.3.1 Option 1 A – Hold a multi-day St Kilda Festival Format in February 2022.
- 3.3.2 Option 1 B – Hold a multi-day St Kilda Festival Format later in 2022.
- 3.3.3 Option 2 – Hold a series of two smaller 'St Kilda Festival' branded events at different periods of 2022 with dates to be determined.



3.3.4 Option 3 – Cancel the 2022 St Kilda Festival with Council to then consider how it wishes to use the saved funds at a later date.

3.4 Resolves to pursue Option 1A and delegates to the Chief Executive Officer implementation of this option.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Bond, Copsey, Martin and Pearl

AGAINST: Crs Cunsolo, Sirakoff and Clark

The MOTION was CARRIED.

13. WELL GOVERNED PORT PHILLIP

13.1 Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report as at 30 June 2021 and annual updated Audit and Risk Committee Charter

Purpose

1.1 To adopt the updated Audit and Risk Committee Charter 2021.

1.2 To present the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report as at 30 June 2021.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Martin

That Council:

3.1 Adopts the updated Audit and Risk Committee Charter (**Attachment 1**)

3.2 Notes the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report as at 30 June 2021, which details activities of the Committee covering scheduled meetings held on 23 February 2021, 4 May 2021 (annual workshop), 22 June 2021 and one special Child Safe meeting held 12 May 2021.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.

13.2 Intention to lease: Jackson Street carpark, 30-34 Jackson Street, St Kilda

Purpose

1.1 To propose that 30-34 Jackson St, St Kilda, be offered for ground lease, and to seek approval to carry out statutory consultation to seek and consider public feedback on that proposal.



MOVED Crs Bond/Sirakoff

That Council:

- 3.1 Resolves to commence the processes required by section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (“Act”) to consider ground leasing 30-34 Jackson Street, St Kilda, by auction or expression of interest, for a periodic rent no less than market rent, and with an obligation to provide no less than 39 car parking bays for use by the public.
- 3.2 Authorises Officers to carry out the community engagement processes arising from section 115 of the Act.
- 3.3 Resolves to hear and consider any submissions received in response to a public notice published as part of that community engagement.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.

Councillor Copsey declared a conflict of interest in item 13.3 and left the meeting at 10.14pm.

13.3 Intention to Sell: 351 St Kilda Rd, St Kilda

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval to carry out the community engagement processes under Section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* regarding an intention to sell 351 St Kilda Rd, St Kilda.

MOVED Crs Martin/Crawford

That Council:

- 3.1 Commences the statutory procedures in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 (the “Act”) to sell the subject land at 351 St Kilda Rd, St Kilda, by competitive market process.
- 3.2 Advertises the Public Notice of Intention to Sell on Council’s website in accordance with Section 114 of the Act.
- 3.3 Notes the strategic opportunity outlined in section 4.17 – 4.21 of this report, to incorporate into the potential transaction terms, an incentive to provide social and/or affordable housing.
- 3.4 Commences a community engagement process in accordance with Section 114(2)(b) of the Act.
- 3.5 Authorises Officers to undertake the administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 114 of the Act in relation to the sale proposal and in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement Policy 2021.



- 3.6 Following the consideration of any submissions, receives a further report at an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Martin and Pearl

AGAINST: Cr Clark

The MOTION was CARRIED.

Councillor Copsey returned to the meeting at 10.26pm

13.4 Status of Council Decisions and Questions Taken on Notice recorded by Council: 1 April 2021 - 30 June 2021

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Councillors with an update on the status of all Resolutions passed by Council at Council and Planning Committee Meetings between 1 April 2021 and 30 June 2021 and the status of actions that were previously reported as outstanding in the last quarterly status report.
- 1.2 To provide Council with an update on the status of Questions Taken on Notice during Council Meetings from 1 April 2021 and 30 June 2021.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Baxter

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the implementation status of Council and Planning Committee Resolutions as contained in Attachments 1 - 3.
- 3.2 Notes the response status of questions taken on notice during Council Meetings as contained in Attachment 4.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.

13.5 Records of Informal Meetings of Council

Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this item is to report to Council written records of Informal Meetings of Councillors at the City of Port Phillip.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Martin

That Council



2.1 Receives and notes the written records of Informal Meetings of Councillors (attached).

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a break at 10.24pm.

The meeting resumed at 10.30pm.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Item 14.1 Notice of Motion - Councillor Heather Cunsolo - Public Toilet Facilities

MOVED Crs Cunsolo/Pearl

That Council:

1. Notes that the provision of clean, fit for purpose public amenities is a key responsibility of Council and that these facilities enable all members of the community to use and enjoy public open spaces.
2. Notes that in 2015 Council removed soap and paper towel dispensers from public toilets across the City in response to vandalism but that considerable time has since passed and that it is timely to review that decision.
3. Requests that the CEO:
 - a. Provide a report to Council on the costs, and timeline for the reintroduction of soap dispensers to Council's public toilets before the commencement of summer 2021/22, and that the report includes measures to assess the effectiveness of the reintroduction.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.

Item 14.2 Notice of Motion - Councillor Tim Baxter - Further support for community members impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns

MOVED Crs Baxter/Martin

That Council:

1. Notes that the current lockdown, which will have been in place for 4 weeks by 2 September 2021, may be extended beyond that date.



2. Notes that our community has been disproportionately impacted by lockdowns, having a higher proportion of those, who through no fault of their own, have been stood down without pay and been unable to pay rent and other bills.
3. Notes that lockdowns play an important role in containing COVID through reduction of transmission.
4. Notes that support for people during lockdown last year, in the form of a state moratorium on evictions, and income support through JobKeeper and JobSeeker, played an important role in helping people stay home and contain the virus.
5. Requests the Mayor to urgently write to the Premier (or relevant Minister) asking State Government to reinstate the moratorium on evictions, rent relief for eligible tenants, and suspension of rental increases, as was in place last year.
6. Requests the Mayor to urgently write to the Federal Treasurer asking for the Commonwealth Government to reinstate income support payments to assist workers and job seekers impacted by the most recent lockdowns, as was in place last year.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Copsey and Martin

AGAINST: Crs Sirakoff, Pearl and Clark

ABSTAINED Cr Bond

The MOTION was CARRIED.

Item 14.3 Notice of Motion - Councillor Louise Crawford - Proposed State Government Planning Reforms

MOVED Crs Crawford/Martin

That Council:

1. Notes that the Victorian government has made a number of changes to the planning system in the last 18 months and is currently considering further significant planning reform.
2. Strongly supports the community having a central role in the planning system and continues to advocate that
 - a. consultation with community and with local government on any reform proposals must occur before reforms are considered or introduced.
 - b. the community's voice must remain central in planning decisions
 - c. community voice is critical for ensuring a transparent planning system that strengthens local neighbourhoods and economies
3. Works with other councils to collectively write to the Minister for Planning to request full consultation with local governments and community before any planning reform decisions are made.
4. Requests the CEO or delegate coordinate with other local governments in regard to any further advocacy on the issue.

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5. Requests a report to Council, within 3 months, with an update and advice on any action Council could take to advocate effectively on this matter.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Nil

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 11.11pm.

Confirmed: 15 September 2021

Chairperson _____