



MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

21 JULY 2021



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HELD VIRTUALLY VIA WEBEX ON 21 JULY 2021**

The meeting opened at 6:32pm.

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, Lili Rosic, General Manager Development Transport and City Amenity, Tony Keenan, General Manager Community Wellbeing and Inclusion, Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capability, Lachlan Johnson, Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure, Rachel Russell, Manager Governance and Organisational Performance, Kirsty Pearce, Head of Governance, Rebecca Purvis, Governance Officer, Anthony Traill, Manager Open Space, Recreation and Community Resilience, Lauren Bialkower, Manager City Growth and Culture, Marc Jay, Coordinator City Permits.

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.

Removal of item from Agenda

The Mayor advised that she had been requested by the CEO for consent to remove an item from the meeting agenda. The Mayor asked the CEO to please advise the meeting.

The CEO, Peter Smith advised the following:

With your consent Mayor I am removing from the Agenda Item 14, being the notice of motion by Councillor Pearl in relation to Anzac Station and Albert Road. I am doing this under governance rule 19 and with the consent of Councillor Pearl, I apologise for the late notice. We have identified operational implications with the way the motion has been constructed, and this item will be withdrawn in order to assist the Councillor to refine the motion before republishing on an upcoming Agenda

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Crs Pearl/Crawford

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Port Phillip City Council held on 7 July 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

Cr Martin declared an interest in item 9.1 Sport Surface Operating Guidelines and Outdoor Sports Lighting Operating Guidelines, but given the wide reaching application of this decision, does not believe himself to have a conflict in this matter.

CONDOLENCE MOTION

DR. ANNE LONGMIRE

That Council

- Expresses its deep regret on the passing of Dr Anne Longmire.
- Offers its sincere condolences to her family and places on record its appreciation for her service to the City of Port Phillip.

Moved Crs Pearl/Copsey

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark
AGAINST: Nil
The **MOTION** was **CARRIED**.

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>

Condolence Motion – Dr Anne Longmire

- David Brand
- Helen Halliday

Council Report Submissions

Item 7.2 Petition – Objection to the approved permit and planned removal of a Significant Tree at 3 Charles Street, St Kilda

- John Hatzis
- James Norman

Item 12.1 Draft Business Parklet Policy Guidelines and Fee Structure'

- Mary Stuart
- Travis Atkins



Item 12.2 Skyline Ferris Wheel Application

- Terry and Jane Jones
- Travis Atkins
- Mary Stuart
- David Blakeley
- Angela Dawson

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

Council Report Submissions

Item 7.1 Petition - Basketball Court Lighting at Peanut Farm Reserve

- Steve Howe

Item 12.2 Skyline Ferris Wheel Application

- Janet Rosenberg

Public Question Time:

- **Adrian Jackson:** Following on from officer comment at the meeting on 07 Jul on why soap and paper towels were withdrawn from council toilets due to theft and vandalism, does the council support this position that soap and hand towels are not present in council outdoor toilets?

Lachlan Johnson Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure advised that Council no longer provides soap and hand towels in public toilets. This change was made a number of years ago in response to vandalism and theft and this remains the current approach taken to provide facilities to the public. Any Councillor may table a Notice of Motion to have officers provide further information on this and/or prepare proposals for the reintroduction of soap and hand towels in public toilets.

- **Adrian Jackson:** Will council allow events such as Stihl Timber Sport events and Hot Rod shows to be staged when it is again safe to do so given the CV-19 threat currently, rather than continue with the St Kilda music Festival which costs the municipality greatly?

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capability advised that Council will continue to work with event producers to stage events in a COVID-safe matter as guided by DHS. In conjunction, we will deliver our own programs of arts, festivals and events to assist the community, our traders and cultural organisations with economic, cultural and social recovery.

- **Adrian Jackson:** A few years ago, Acland St, at corner Barkly St, St Kilda, was closed to create a plaza. Even before CV-19 affected the area this plaza was not performing a useful function after the intersection was closed to car traffic. Does council think that this plaza has been an unsuccessful project?

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capability advised that Works to revitalise the Acland Street streetscape and upgrade the tram terminus were delivered through a partnership between state and local government, in particular Public Transport Victoria (PTV), the City of Port Phillip and Yarra Trams. A 12 month post construction evaluation was conducted in February 2019 which looked at community satisfaction, pedestrian counts, transport conditions amongst other things. Details of this



evaluation can be found on Council's website - [Twelve month post construction evaluation | Acland Street upgrade | Have Your Say Port Phillip](#) and [Acland Street Upgrade | Have Your Say Port Phillip](#) Since then the entire municipality including Acland Street have been impacted by COVID-19. Council has been working closely with traders over the last 12 months to help reinvigorate the City under the COVID-19 economic recovery roadmap.

5 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Nil.

6. SEALING SCHEDULE

Nil.

7. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Item 7.1 Petition - Basketball Court Lighting at Peanut Farm Reserve

A Petition containing 246 signatures, was received via Change.org.

MOVED Crs Bond/Pearl

That Council:

1. Thanks the community for their petition and acknowledges the community benefits and social connectiveness that informal recreation provides.
2. Notes that the use of the sports lighting at Peanut Farm netball courts has a primary purpose to support safe sporting club training and competitions.
3. Supports the use of these courts for informal recreation outside of permitted use by sporting clubs.
4. Notes that a timer has recently been installed on the lighting system that enables the lights to be turned on and off at programmed times, currently for the sports clubs bookings only, to eliminate the risk of lights not being turned off at night.
5. Programs the timer on the courts to activate Monday to Fridays between the hours of 5pm – 9pm for the community, when daylight savings is not available.
6. Notes in a normal winter season the courts are traditionally used 2 nights per week for sports club activities.
7. Notes that 'Outdoor Sports Lighting Guidelines' have been drafted to formalise standards for sports fields lighting and other opportunities for the community, such as dog walking and informal use of sporting facilities, and are being considered for endorsement at report number 9.1 of the 21 July Council meeting agenda.

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 7.2 Petition – Objection to the approved permit and planned removal of a Significant Tree at 3 Charles Street, St Kilda

A Petition containing 13 signatures, was received from local residents.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Baxter

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Petition and the issues raised by petitioners.
2. Notes that the issued permit (ref: 69/2021/ST) has been cancelled pursuant to clause 68 of Council's Local Law and as such the tree cannot be removed at this point in time.
3. Notes that officers have commissioned an independent arborist to review the decision to issue permit 69/2021/ST, and this will include undertaking an assessment of the health of the tree, any risks it presents and its amenity value.
4. Notes that the outcome of the independent review once completed, will be communicated to petitioners, the applicant and Councillors.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

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

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.

8. PRESENTATION OF CEO REPORT

Nil.

9. INCLUSIVE PORT PHILLIP

9.1 Sport Surface Operating Guidelines and Outdoor Sports Lighting Operating Guidelines

Purpose

1.1 Council is asked to endorse the attached Operating Guidelines;

1. Outdoor Sports Lighting Guidelines, and
2. Sports Surface Guidelines

These guidelines will enable Council to ensure our existing facilities can meet the increasing demand from sporting clubs and community.

MOVED Crs Crawford/Bond

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes a need for Guidelines which will help establishing and maintaining Sports Lighting and Sport Surfaces on Council facilities.
- 3.2 Notes action is required to ensure maximum use of sports facilities to meet increasing demand of growing junior and female participation rates in organised sport.
- 3.3 Notes there is also increasing pressure for use of sporting sites from schools and community for unstructured recreation, including dog walking at night, when organised sport is not programmed.



- 3.4 Notes several petitions have been received requesting sports lighting.
- 3.5 Notes Council has an established sports lighting upgrade capital program that is already improving our outdoor sports facilities annually.
- 3.6 Resolves to endorse the Outdoor Sports Lighting Operational Guidelines (Attachment 1).
- 3.7 Notes Council has already been renewing natural grass sports surfaces with improved subsurface designs to improve the programming capacity and performance of these grounds.
- 3.8 Notes Council has already been implementing hybrid grass and synthetic turf patches to manage high usage areas of a natural grass sporting surfaces.
- 3.9 Notes environmental factors commonly raised with synthetic surfaces have been considered in the development of the sports surface operating guidelines.
- 3.10 Resolves to endorse the Sports Surface Operating Guidelines (Attachment 2).
- 3.11 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake annual desktop reviews of these guidelines and make administrative amendments as necessary.

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. LIVEABLE PORT PHILLIP

10.1 Good Design Guide for Buildings in Flood Affected Areas of Fishermans Bend, Arden & Macaulay

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek adoption of the *Good Design Guide for Buildings in Flood Affected Areas in Fishermans Bend, Arden and Macaulay (the Guide)*.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Cunsolo

That Council:

- 3.1 Adopt the *Good Design Guide for Buildings in Flood Affected Areas in Fishermans Bend, Arden and Macaulay* contained at **Attachment 1**.
- 3.2 Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor changes to the Guide as necessary to resolve issues in conjunction with project partners City of Melbourne and Melbourne Water.

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 Award of Carpentry & Handyman Services Panel Contract

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek Council approval to enter into Contract 000062 – Carpentry and Handyman Services Panel with Johnson Building and Maintenance Proprietary Limited Company and ARA Property Services Pty Ltd.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Pearl

That Council:

- 3.1 Enters into Contract 000062 Carpentry and Handyman Services Panel with Johnson Building and Maintenance Proprietary Limited Company and ARA Property Services Pty Ltd for an initial three-year period commencing 1 August 2021.
- 3.2 Affixes the Common Seal of the Port Phillip City Council to Contract 000062 between Johnson Building and Maintenance Proprietary Limited Company and ARA Property services Pty Ltd
- 3.3 Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to extend the contracts for two, one year terms.
- 3.4 Notes the estimated total spend across the five-year length of the contract to be \$1,650,000 exclusive of GST.

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

Nil.

12. VIBRANT PORT PHILLIP

12.1 Draft Business Parklet Policy, Guidelines and Fee Structure

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek Council endorsement to proceed to the second stage of consultation on the Draft Business Parklet Policy, Draft Business Parklet Guidelines and Draft Fee Structure.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Bond

That Council:

- 3.1 Endorses the Draft Business Parklet Policy, Draft Business Parklet Guideline and the Draft Fee Structure for consultation with the community and businesses.



- 3.2 Authorises the CEO to make any editorial amendments required that do not materially change the intent of the documents to support the release of these for public consultation.
- 3.3 Notes the next steps associated with the Draft Business Parklet Policy and Guidelines including intentions around an expression of interest process later this year to provide confidence for businesses prior to the conclusion of the 2021 calendar year.

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 Skyline Ferris Wheel application

Purpose

- 1.1 To consider provision of a multi-year permit for the Skyline Ferris Wheel to operate on South Beach Reserve from October to March in 21/22 with a 1+1 year extension pending post event review and consent from DELWP and other stakeholders.

MOVED Crs Martin/Crawford

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes this request.
- 3.2 Agrees to issuing a permit for the Skyline Ferris Wheel to operate from South Beach Reserve from October 2021 to March 2022 with the possibility of a 1+1 year extension pending a post event review (which will include evaluation of the local economic and social benefits delivered from the event, feedback from local traders, other event stakeholders and the community) as well as consent from DELWP.
- 3.3 That any permit for an extension be brought back to Council for consideration.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo and Martin

AGAINST: Crs Bond, Sirakoff, Copsey, Pearl and Clark

The MOTION was LOST.

13. WELL GOVERNED PORT PHILLIP

13.1 Councillor Expenses Monthly Reporting - May 2021

Purpose

- 1.1 To report on the expenses incurred by Councillors, in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Support Policy for the month of May 2021.

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MOVED Crs Copsey/Pearl

That Council:

- 3.1 Receives and notes the monthly Councillor expense report for May 2021 (attachment 1); and
- 3.2 Notes that the expense reports will be made available on Council's website.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

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

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion – ANZAC Station and Albert Road – Councillor Pearl

Withdrawn from Agenda.

15. REPORTS BY COUNCILLOR DELEGATES

Councillor Pearl reported that the South Melbourne Market has been listed as a Tier 1 exposure site for the third time and a deep clean has been conducted of all affected areas. Cr Pearl assured that the market is very much safe and ready for patronage this weekend. Thank you to the staff at the South Melbourne Market for dealing with a difficult situation.

16. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.47pm.

Confirmed: 4 August 2021

Chairperson _____