



MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

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HELD 17 AUGUST 2022 IN ST KILDA TOWN HALL**

The meeting opened at 6:30pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Development, Felicity Leahy, Acting General Manager Community Wellbeing and Inclusion, Chris Carroll, General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure, Claire Stevens, General Manager Governance and Organisational Capability, Joanne McNeill, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Performance, Brian Tee, Executive Manager City Planning and Sustainability, Dana Pritchard, Manager Open Space, Recreation and Community Resilience, Emily Williams, Council Business Advisor, Merryn Shaw, Governance and Council Meetings Officer.

The City of Port Phillip respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the people of the Kulin Nations. We pay our respect to their Elders, past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Clark is on leave from 28 July 2022 until 30 August 2022.

At 7:32pm, Councillor Crawford joined the meeting virtually.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED Crs Pearl/Sirakoff

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Port Phillip City Council held on 3 August 2022 be confirmed.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer, declared a material conflict in confidential items 17.3 – CEO Employment Matters: CEO Resignation and Appointment of Interim CEO and 17.4 – CEO Employment Matters. He advised that he would leave the meeting at the time of the meeting with Claire Stevens, General Manager Governance and Organisational Capability to assume his chair.

Councillor Pearl noted that in relation to item 10.3 South Melbourne Structure plan, that a close family member had an interest in a superannuation fund which owns a property in the Structure Plan. He had obtained advice that this did not constitute a conflict, but recorded it for transparency.

CONDOLENCE MOTION

DR HELEN LIGHT AM

Community leader and resident of the City of Port Phillip, Dr Helen Light AM, passed away on Sunday 7 August.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Sirakoff

That Council

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

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUBMISSIONS

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

Council Report Submissions:

Item 9.1 Outdoor Commercial Recreation Policy Update and Endorsement of Successful Operators 2022-2055

- Victor Watts

Item 10.3 South Melbourne Structure Plan

- Beti Jay

Item 11.1 Act and Adapt Review & Climate Emergency Action Plan Approach

- Alex Darton
- Deborah Sykes
- Peter Moraitis

Item 13.2 Cost Review 2022

- Brenda Forbath



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

Public Question Time

- **Joe Leong:** According to various council documents, the pop up bike lane in Park Street (between Kingsway and Moray Street) is indeed funded through the Department of Transport (DoT) under the pop up bike lane program. We have received conflicting advice, that the bike lane in Park Street is NOT under the DoT bike lane program. We would like the council to provide a published document which supports the advice that the Park Street bike lane is not under such program. Residents had acted according to the above mentioned published documentation and we demand transparency in council action.

Brian Tee, Executive Manager City Planning and Sustainability advised that in addition to the documents identified in Mr Leong's submission there was a Council report on 2 March 2022 where Council authorised the design and development of a temporary section of Park Street. He undertook to forward to Mr Leong a link to that document.

- **Leigh McCann:** In relation to the proposed sale of three Childcare Centres, Given:
That the Municipality is already one of the most densely populated in Victoria.
That the Municipal Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP 2021), developed in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) highlights the need for pre-emptive investment in quality childcare capacity - estimating that by the end of the decade there will be demand for hundreds of placements for three and four-year-olds that won't be met by existing supply.
That the Municipality's own Children's Services Policy, states "all children in Port Phillip should be able to access quality early education" and care when they need it" Victorian Government has committed \$9 billion to expand kindergarten programs across the state..
That there has been overwhelming community response that is against the proposed sale of Eildon Road Childcare and Kindergarten, Elwood Children's Centre and The Avenue Children's Centre and Kindergarten.
Acknowledging its democratic responsibility to adhere to the will of the electorate, does the council still intend to follow a course of action that is not only counter to the community's wishes, but is also based on an original premise (infrastructure maintenance costs) that is no longer valid?

Chris Carroll, General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure advised that Council was still considering its approach to those children's facilities and hoped to report back to the community as soon as possible when a decision has been reached.

- **Chris Zeiher:** Regarding the Eastern Road Reserve North (bordering Heather Street, Eastern Road and Park Street). This situation is reaching a crisis point for local residents and needs to be addressed urgently. Would Council consider a temporary relocation of the fenced dog park to the large off-leash park of the North side of Albert Park Lake to allow a reprieve from the constancy of barking for residents?

Dana Pritchard, Manager Open Space, Recreation and Community Resilience advised that Council is undertaking a review of all the current off-leash dog parks in this financial year and this will include the Eastern Road Reserve and its ongoing suitability as a dog park. The best way to be notified of this project and upcoming consultation is to register at Council's Have Your Say page. This project will consider any long term closure or other treatments, however we are currently assessing the maintenance of the Reserve which may require temporary closures to refresh the turf on the site.

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- **Adrian Jackson:** I was alarmed to hear that Port Phillip City Council is to force a popular stall holder from the South Melbourne Market of which I buy from regularly; stall 142-143. Why is the council closing the business? Could Council detail the use of consultants in lease negotiations and if so, is Council able to make the details of the consultant public?

Claire Stevens, General Manager Governance and Organisational Capability advised that market management had been in discussions with the trader about his license since 2019, and is working with him closely on an exit strategy that is mutually beneficial and agreeable. At a time that is agreeable to both the trader and the Council. Decisions are made in line with the Retail Strategy and the Market Mix Policy and according to the license. Recommendations for renewals are made to the South Melbourne Market Management Committee for consideration and endorsement, and a range of factors are taken into consideration. Officers will continue to have discussions with the trader about his tenancy. It is not appropriate to identify consultants at this time. Council does not use consultants to terminate leases.

- **Adrian Jackson:** Most dog owners within Port Phillip appear to be responsible dog owners however a small minority are not. The council should require dog owners to provide proof the dog has received obedience training and witness how the owner controls the dog before the dog is registered. Barking dogs should be banned from popular public areas, particularly shopping strips. When will the council require barking dogs to be banned from shopping strips? When will the council implement an obedience training policy for all dogs within Port Phillip and enforce it?

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Development advised that while Council require all registered dogs to be obedience trained prior to registration, it does offer a discounted registration fee for puppies that have completed approved obedience training courses. The Council Domestic Animal Management Plan outlines a range actions to assist with owners controlling their dogs including increasing education and awareness campaigns, especially for owners; exploring new ways to communicate such as signage and stencils; increasing patrols in parks, especially at peak times in hotspot areas; engaging the Lost Dog Home to provide two 'Dogs in the Park' training events per annum and also providing a register of dog training providers on the Council website. Council's animal management team cannot enforce dog parking from a public place. When a complaint is made officers can attend and provide education material to a dog owner, particularly if its' a repeated incident, and we would encourage residents to contact Council and the animal management team will help them.

Council Report Submissions:

Item 10.2 St Kilda Triangle Next Steps

- Krystyna Kynst
- Serge Thomann

Item 13.2 Cost Review 2022

- John Spierings



5. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME .

- **Councillor Pearl:** Can officers provide details of the works to remove bluestone blocks in the gutters around St Vincent's Gardens over the past 12 months? There are reports from the public that the work stopped for a number of weeks. During this time the bluestone blocks were on the sidewalk and on the road, laying stationary, and over a few nights trucks arrived to illegally remove the blocks. Did Council make reports to police, and what security measures are being taken to protect our heritage at this site?

Chris Carroll, General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure took the question on notice.

- **Councillor Pearl:** Can officers provide an update on what has occurred with the FIFA Women's World Cup use of the soccer field at JL Murphy Reserve? What are the next steps Council is looking at to work with the Council and FIFA?

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer advised that council had initially signed an agreement with FIFA to be part of the bid in 2019, to have JL Murphy used as a Venue Specific Training Site (VSTS). That is a site that is used by teams pre-match, as opposed to a team base camp which is used by a visiting team in the host city to train, and is usually part of a package with a hotel.

JL Murphy was initially proposed to be a VSTS site and initial informal inspections occurred where the site was considered to be suitable to be part of the bid process. In December 2021 there was a formal pitch assessment, it was the middle of summer at the end of a period where the pitch had seen less use than has occurred in the last 6 months. At that time the pitch was rated to be about an 80% condition and we were advised of maintenance work that was undertaken. Council staff worked with our contractors and FIFA to do training and make sure that the maintenance was occurring.

Unfortunately the pitch has had a lot of wet weather and heavy use. In July 2022 there was a further assessment that found in particular that the drainage of the pitch had deteriorated to a level which was poor, compared to 'good' which it was previously in December 2021. FIFA advised that structural drainage solutions were required to get the site back up to a proper drainage rate. Preliminary investigations were undertaken in July 2022.

In early August Council was advised that FIFA needed a decision on the site to finalise team brochures. At that point Council were unable to confirm that the work on the pitch would be completed in time for training ahead of the competition next year and subsequently made the decision that we needed to withdraw. Unfortunately that was communicated to FIFA and the Port Melbourne Soccer Club before we were able to brief Council.

Since communication of that decision, the CEO and council executives have met with FIFA and Football Australia to confirm the timeframes. Council is double checking its assessment made in July 2022 that it would not be possible to complete the drainage work in time. The CEO advised that council was very keen if at all possible to keep JL Murphy as a VSTS site. The Mayor will be writing to the Club offering a meeting with himself and myself next week which will be an opportunity to explain the situation to the club, answer their questions and look at options going forward.

- **Councillor Bond:** Can officers provide an update on the status of the Council motion from a few weeks ago with regards to the Department of Transport pop-up bike lanes which continue to be of concern and annoyance to our residents? Where is that motion at, and what actions are being taken to fix it?



Brian Tee, Executive Manager City Planning and Sustainability advised that following the passing of the resolution by Council in which Council asked that a letter be written to the Department requesting certain changes to the pop-ups and an examination of certain other aspects of the State Government's pop-up program, a letter has been written to the Department. The Department has responded and indicated that they are happy to work with Council to develop a response to the resolution. The resolution required that the work be done quickly. Councillors would be receiving a briefing and there would be a report brought to Council on 7 September.

Councillor Bond: At this point I have been unable to ascertain whether anyone at City of Port Phillip was aware of the Department's intention to install all the concrete blocks and bollards prior to them actually being installed. Is anyone able to let me know how knew about it? If not, what did we do about it as a council if we weren't aware that it was part of the infrastructure to be installed on our streets by the Department of Transport?

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer advised that Council was briefed twice in March, once by the Department of Transport and once by officers. He had personally reviewed those briefing documents and both briefings contained pictures of the types of infrastructure that was subsequently installed. In the initial briefing in September there were less pictures, but the images Council was provided in March preceded the commencement of installation.

Councillor Pearl: Were detailed designs of the bollards and their location provided by officers prior to their installation?

Brian Tee, Executive Manager City Planning and Sustainability took the question on notice but confirmed that material on the Department website was material that Councillors had access to. He undertook to establish whether Councillors received any further information.

- **Councillor Sirakoff:** What is the normal practice when Councillors vote on a motion as to the details that they should have so they can vote on something, as in this case the bollards and concrete blocks? Should they be entitled to know what the details are?
Councillor Pearl further clarified if officers could provide some information about the amount of detail that is required to come to Council when they need to make a decision. How are Councillors satisfied that they have the information necessary to make a decision under the *Local Government Act*?

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Development advised that officers do their best to provide as much advice as possible when considering matters before them. Councillors need to satisfy themselves that they have all the information they need to make a decision based on the information they have before them, and through our normal practice of considering items, there is an opportunity for Councillors to ask for additional information before they make a decision, Councillors can come to officers and request as much information as possible. We try to give as much information as we can to assist Council with its decision making process. In terms of the amount and level of information, Councillors need to satisfy themselves that they have what they need to make a decision.

6. SEALING SCHEDULE

Nil.



7. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil.

8. PRESENTATION OF CEO REPORT

Nil.

CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor advised that the order of the agenda would be amended, items 11.1 and 10.3 would be tabled first.

11. SUSTAINABLE PORT PHILLIP

11.1 Act and Adapt Review & Climate Emergency Action Plan Approach

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek Council endorsement of the approach and timeline for the review of the *Act and Adapt Strategy* and development of a *Climate Emergency Response Action Plan*.

MOVED Crs Martin/Copsey

That Council endorses:

- 3.1 The review of the *Act and Adapt Strategy* and the development of Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan be included in two separate but related documents: the *Act and Adapt Strategy* and the *Climate Emergency Response*.
- 3.2 The review of the *Act and Adapt Strategy* retaining the existing 5 key Priority Areas in the current *Act and Adapt Strategy*.
- 3.3 The *Climate Emergency Response* in developing Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan will focus on Council's response to human induced climate change caused by the burning of fossil fuels and landfill that generates greenhouse gas emissions resulting in rising temperatures, sea level rises and floods that will significantly impact the Port Phillip community.
- 3.4 That the review of the *Act and Adapt Strategy* and the development of Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan:
 - 3.4.1 Includes an evaluation of progress made delivering the *Act and Adapt Strategy* and considers if existing actions and targets in the *Act and Adapt Strategy* should be amended, and if additional actions and targets should be included.
 - 3.4.2 Considers updated climate science and technological advancements.
 - 3.4.3 Considers changes to the Local Government Act and other State and Federal Government legislation and policies.
 - 3.4.4 Considers the work of other governments (including other local governments)



and the private sector.

3.4.5 Considers partnership and advocacy opportunities.

3.4.6 Incorporates targets and actions from relevant Council Strategies and Plans, including Don't Waste It Strategy, Move Connect Live Strategy, Asset Management Enterprise Plan, Open Space Strategy, Housing Strategy, Municipal Emergency Management Plan, Greening Port Phillip and Foreshore Management Plan.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Copsey called for a DIVISION.

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

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Sirakoff

ABSTAINED Cr Pearl

The MOTION was CARRIED.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a break at 8:04pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:16pm

10. LIVEABLE PORT PHILLIP

10.3 South Melbourne Structure Plan

Councilor pearl noted an indirect interest in this item due to a family member's investment in a superannuation fund with property in the South Melbourne structure plan.

Purpose

1.1 To seek Council endorsement of the Discussion Paper for the South Melbourne Structure Plan for public engagement.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Cunsolo

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the report on the South Melbourne Structure Plan Discussion Paper;
- 3.2 Endorses the South Melbourne Structure Plan Discussion Paper at **Attachment 2** for the purposes of community consultation on the South Melbourne Structure Plan;
- 3.3 Endorses the technical reports at **Attachments 3-6** as supporting documents to the South Melbourne Structure Plan Discussion Paper for the purposes of community consultation; and
- 3.4 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise and make minor changes that do not materially alter the South Melbourne Structure Plan Discussion Paper and supporting documents at Attachments 2-6 for the purposes of enabling community consultation.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



9. INCLUSIVE PORT PHILLIP

9.1 Outdoor Commercial Recreation Policy Update and endorsement of successful operators 2022-2025

Purpose

- 1.1 To present the updated Outdoor Commercial Recreation Policy for endorsement
- 1.2 To seek endorsement for the Commercial Recreation providers for 2022-2025 following the recent 'Expression of Interest' process.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Adopt the updated Outdoor Commercial Recreation Policy 2022
- 3.2 Note the Expression of Interest process has completed
- 3.3 Endorse the following recommended applicants for a new three-year licence 2022-2025:
 - Rolla Bae
 - Cute and Cuddly Animal Nursery and Pony Hire
 - Command Dog Obedience Training
 - Elwood SUP
 - SUP HQ
 - Go Kite
 - Kite Republic
 - Zu Kite Club
 - Vic Beach
 - Skydive Australia
 - Cold and Conscious
 - Beach Tennis
- 3.4 Decline *Skydive 12 Apostles* application due to scoring lower on the assessment compared to the other Skydiving provider. Noting that the policy only allows for one skydive company in the municipality.
- 3.5 Note that the standard fees Commercial Recreation fees which are set in the Council Budget and by DELWP will be applied to all permit holders and requests that the CEO investigate options for a full or partial rebate equivalent to the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) fees, for operators such as Cute and Cuddly Animal Nursery and Pony Hire where there may be a demonstrated case to maintain affordability and service continuity and bring back to Council recommended adjustments to this policy; including retrospective rebate of fees to the beginning of the permit period for consideration by Council. will be applied to all permit holders.
- 3.6 Authorises the CEO (or delegate) to undertake all activities required to implement the Outdoor Commercial Recreation Policy 2022 and execute three year licences for the approved applicants.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



10. LIVEABLE PORT PHILLIP

10.1 Car Share Policy & Guidelines Review

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek endorsement for Council's Draft Car Share Policy 2023-2028 (Draft Policy) (**Attachment 1**) and Draft Car Share Guidelines (**Attachment 2**) to be released for community consultation.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Martin

That Council:

- 3.1 Endorses the release of the Draft Car Share Policy 2023-2028 and Guidelines for community consultation for a five-week period commencing in September 2022.
- 3.2 Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the ability to make minor editorial amendments to the Draft Car Share Policy 2023-2028 and Guidelines as outlined in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 to facilitate community consultation.
- 3.3 Notes that a report on the outcomes of the community consultation, including an updated Car Share Policy 2023-2028, and Guidelines, will be presented to Council in early 2023.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

10.2 St Kilda Triangle - Next Steps

Purpose

- 1.1 To report back to Council, as requested by Council on 18 August 2021, on a proposed approach to undertake planning and initial market sounding for the St Kilda Triangle for decision.

MOVED Crs Bond/Cunsolo

That Council:

- 3.1 Defer the item '10.2 St Kilda Triangle – Next Steps' to the next available Council meeting being 7 September 2022.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



10.4 Amendment C203port to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme - Consideration of adoption

Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the report and recommendations of the independent Planning Panel appointed by the Minister for Planning to review Amendment C203port (Planning Scheme Review) to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme (**the Amendment**).
- 1.2 To determine whether to adopt the Amendment (with or without changes)

MOVED Crs Pearl/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Adopts Amendment C203port to the Port Philip Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 29 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act), with the changes reflected in the amendment documentation provided at **Attachments 3, 7 and 8**.
- 3.2 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise the amendment documentation for Ministerial approval.
- 3.3 Submits the adopted Amendment C203port documentation, together with prescribed information, to the Minister for Planning for approval, pursuant to section 31 of the Act.
- 3.4 Advises the Minister for Planning that Council accepts the Panel's recommendations in part, for the reasons outlined in **Attachment 4** of this report.
- 3.5 Writes to all submitters to Amendment C203port to advise them of Council's decision and thank them for their participation in the amendment process.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

12. VIBRANT PORT PHILLIP

Nil.

13. WELL GOVERNED PORT PHILLIP

13.1 Annual updated Audit and Risk Committee Charter and Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report as at 30 June 2022

Purpose

- 1.1 To adopt the updated Audit and Risk Committee Charter 2022.
- 1.2 To present the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report as at 30 June 2022.



MOVED Crs Pearl/Sirakoff

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 2022, which details activities of the Committee covering scheduled meetings held on 25 February 2022, 3 May 2022 (annual workshop) and 21 June 2022.
- 3.3 Notes that the updated Audit and Risk Committee Charter will be published on Council's website.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

13.2 2022 Cost Review

Purpose

- 1.1 For Council to endorse the proposed approach to and resourcing of the Cost Review 2022.

MOVED Crs Bond/Cunsolo

That Council:

- 3.1 Endorses the proposed approach to the Cost Review program as outlined in this report.
- 3.2 Authorises the CEO (or delegate) to implement the proposed approach of the Cost Review program.
- 3.3 Allocates \$70,000 from Budget 2022/23 cash surplus for additional resources to assist with implementation of the review.
- 3.4 Notes that while officers will seek to prioritise resources to minimise the cost of the review, additional resources may be required depending on the number and nature of options identified by councillors and the depth of analysis required to appropriately inform decision making.
- 3.5 Notes that the agreed timeline previously resolved by Council at the Ordinary Meeting held on 29 June 2022, for the CEO to present a report back to Council on the results of the cost review was by the end of November 2022.
- 3.6 Approves extension of the timeline for the CEO to present a report back to Council on the results of the review to February 2023 to allow for the planning of any additional engagement that is required to inform the budget process. Noting that officers will seek to complete this earlier if possible.

Cr Pearl called for a DIVISION.

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

AGAINST: Crs Baxter, Crawford and Copsey

The MOTION was CARRIED.



13.3 Appointment of Authorised Officer Pursuant to the Planning and Environment Act 1987

Purpose

- 1.1 To approve a new appointment as an Authorised Officer pursuant to the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Pearl

That Council:

- 3.1 Approves the attached Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation.
- 3.2 Affixes the common seal of Council to the Instrument of Appointment.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Notice of Motion Councillor Pearl – Guidance Note Domain Area DDO26 – Discretionary Controls

MOVED Crs Pearl/Cunsolo

That Council: -

1. Requests officers to prepare a Guidance Note that:
 - 1.1. Is an explanatory document which outlines Council's position on discretionary controls based on VCAT decisions, Panel reports and as agreed to by applicants in other applications.
 - 1.2. Relates to the area that is commonly referred to as the Domain area of DDO26 which covers the area between Dorcas Street (north), St Kilda Road (east), Albert Road (South) and Kings Way (west). The area includes all of sub precinct 2 and parts of sub precincts 1 and 4 of DDO26.
 - 1.3. Addresses the following matters: setback from laneways; visitor parking and loading; consideration of development height if side and rear setbacks cannot be achieved; tower widths / podiums and active frontages.
 - 1.4. Would be available to planning permit applicants.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



15. REPORTS BY COUNCILLOR DELEGATES

Councillor Martin reported as one of two Councillor delegates on the Board of Housing First. Two weeks ago the Urban Developers Awards on the Gold Coast, the Excellence in Industry Leadership Award was won by the Cornelia project for pregnant women experiencing homelessness. This is a partnership between Housing First, Launch Housing and the Royal Women's Hospital. The program has provided a secure newly built dedicated Port Phillip Housing Trust property in St Kilda, managed by Housing First which is the Port Phillip Housing Trustee. The Cornelia program is an Australian first and it fills the missing piece in the maternal and child health and homeless systems. It provides safe and secure medium term accommodation for 36 residents in combination of specialised health and housing services. This high risk group of women and their infants from pregnancies to the first birthday. Since August 2021, 43 pregnant women have resided in the program, 13 Mothers have moved on into permanent secure housing, 40 babies have been born and there are 9 pregnant women currently in residence and enclosing. The Port Phillip Housing trust, initiated by Port Phillip Council in 2005, has played a pivotal role in bringing the Cornelia project to life. Port Phillip Housing Trust in combination with generous State Government funding was able to purchase and redevelop this St Kilda property within the program, and the program is co funded by the State Government and private donors for a minimum of five years which is a really good news story for some of the more under privileged young women in our community.

Councillor Copsey took the opportunity to inform Council that she had formed an intention to nominate as a candidate in the State election for the Upper House Region of Southern Metropolitan representing the Victorian Greens.

Councillor Pearl congratulated Councillor Copsey on behalf of all Councillors on the nomination and wished her all the very best for the election campaign.

16. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.



17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

MOVED Crs Pearl/Cunsolo

That Council resolves to move that the meeting be closed to deal with the following matters pursuant to section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

17.1 South Melbourne Town Hall - Design Contract - Potential Variations - Delegation to CEO

- 3(1)(g(ii)). *private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.*

17.2 Confidential Strategic Property Matter

- 3(1)(a) *Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released*
- 3(1)(c) *land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values*
- 3(1)(g(ii)) *private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage*

17.3 CEO Employment Matters – CEO Resignation and Appointment of Interim CEO

- 3(1)(l) *information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.*

17.4 CEO Employment Matters

- 3(1)(h) *a matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person.*

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting closed to members of the public at 9:07pm.

The meeting reopened at 9:52pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9:52pm.

Confirmed: 7 September 2022

Chairperson _____