



MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

5 MAY 2021



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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL
HELD 5 MAY 2021 IN ST KILDA TOWN HALL**

The meeting opened at 6:32pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Lili Rosic, General Manager Development Transport and City Amenity, Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capability. Dennis O'Keeffe, Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure, Pam Newton, Acting General Manager Community Wellbeing and Inclusion, Rachel Russell, Manager Governance and Organisational Performance, Kirsty Pearce, Head of Governance, Emily Williams, Council Meetings Officer, Lauren Bialkower, Manager City Growth and Culture, Brian Tee, Manager Partnerships and Transport. Lachlan Johnson, Executive Manager Construction Contracts and Operations, Anthony Traill, Manager Open Space, Recreation and Community Resilience. Danielle Bleazby, Executive Director South Melbourne Market.

The City of Port Phillip respectfully acknowledges the Yalukut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respect to their Elders, both past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED Crs Martin/Baxter

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Port Phillip City Council held on 21 April 2021 be confirmed.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.



4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUBMISSIONS

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

Public question time:

- **Trina Lewis:** Does the council have a code of conduct for how councillors treat each other and behave constructively as a team? If so, does this include how you treat each other inside and outside of council? Further to the behaviours I noted last meeting, I have also recently seen examples of this on Councillors Facebook pages. Is this not a breach of some behavioural protocols? I expect better of people in elected positions representing the broader, diverse community. Do Councillors work together with a set of constructive behavioural protocols. If not, why not? If so, what are the consequences of not according to these principles and protocols?

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capability, advised: The Council has a code of conduct which was endorsed and signed by Councillors following its adoption by Council in February 2021. This code includes a set of mandatory standards of conduct set by the Local Government Act 2020. The code applies to a Councillor who is conducting the business of Council, the business of the office to which they have been elected or appointed and/or acting as a representative of Council. In terms of the process for considering complaints and the outcome of a complaint, that is also documented in the Code. The Code is available publicly on Council's website and has been signed by all Councillors.

The Mayor asked to clarify whether Councillors are allowed to bring any amendments to reports brought to Council.

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capacity, advised that in Council's Governance Rules it outlines the process for Council. Councillors are free to move the Officers' recommendation or any variation to that. And throughout the debate process, Councillors are able to move amendments to what's before them.

- **Paul Hickey:** Plant and equipment managed by Council is a major investment and cost, depreciated at \$25m a year. Why is City of Port Phillip losing nearly \$6m per annum on the sale of its plant and equipment across its forward estimates. Why are these assets not being sold at written down value or recorded fair value? What is the finance and asset management doing? (IAS16) And where are the councillors asking why City of Port Phillip is selling these assets at such a discount?

Dennis O'Keeffe, Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure, advised that Council records the value of its assets in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, recognising infrastructure, land and buildings at fair value in accordance with AASB 13, and formally revaluing these every 1-3 years in accordance with AASB 116. Other plant and equipment assets are recognised at cost. These figures are reviewed and signed off annually by the Victorian Auditor-Generals Office as required under statute. Infrastructure assets, which contribute to over \$700M of Council assets, including roads, drains, footpaths and parks assets, are disposed (written off) where the works undertaken involve significant renewal or upgrade of the assets. As such these are not sold in an open market. City of Port Phillip actively manages its property portfolio. Selling underperforming and surplus property assets helps fund the delivery of higher performing ones. Our ordinary practice is to sell



property at no less than market price. Proceeds of land sales are directed to Council's Strategic Property Fund, for re-investment in Council's property portfolio .

Mr Hickey also asked to follow up on a question asked at the 21 April Council Meeting during item 14.5 Draft Council Plan 2021-31, Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan, Revenue & Rating Plan, and Budget 2021-22, Release for public consultation 'Why, given the financial difficulties faced by many rate payers owners during the Pandemic, are Port Phillip rates still so much higher than comparable properties in neighbouring municipalities?'

Dennis O'Keeffe, Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure took the question on notice.

Council Report submissions:

Item 7.1 Petition – Reintroduction of the hard copy newsletter 'Diversity' into community circulation

- Freda Erlich

Item 10.1 Inkerman Safe Travel Corridor - Update

- Josh Szentel
- Councillor Tony Athanasopoulos
- Julie Clutterbuck
- Mya Aronfeld
- Allyson Bader
- Peter Holland
- Samaa Kanani

Item 12.1 SMM Strategic Plan 2021-15 - endorsement of draft for community engagement

- Jo Plummer

The following people made submissions made prior to the meeting, and these were read out in summary form by the head of governance and can be listened to on our website:

<http://webcast.portphillip.vic.gov.au/archive.php>

Public question time:

- **Jennifer stone:** My questions tonight are an attempt to better understand Councils intentions regarding borrowings for the ten-year cycle of financial planning and forecasting: The documentation emphasises that borrowings are an appropriate strategic lever and appropriate property acquisitions large capital works or operating projects that provide intergenerational community benefit. Given the documents also recognised the lack of property upgrades as well as identifying the low-key infrastructure projects such as the redevelopment of the St Kilda Library plus the historic all time low interest rates and Council' borrowing of \$80 million, I'm really keen to understand why there isn't a single



project identified for borrowings nor a budget line item for new borrowings identified in the Council Plan? Given the plan is going out for consultation, will further information be provided about appropriate and sensible plans for borrowing and financial modelling implications?

Dennis O'Keeffe, Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure advised that Council determines its infrastructure needs across the municipality and plans for this expenditure via budget allocations for capital projects and allocations to reserves for future projects (funded via budget or via developer contributions). Other renewals of assets (e.g. Palais Theatre, St Kilda Marina) have been funded through partnership arrangements with long term leases. Council continues to manage its budget carefully and prudently and has been able to fund required infrastructure investment without the need for substantial borrowings. Borrowings will always be considered for any infrastructure project where the project will benefit our community over the long term and / or provide Council with future cashflow to service borrowings. Despite interest rates being at historical lows, borrowing to fund projects comes with an obligation to not only service the interest payments but also repay the debt. Council balances the risks of taking on substantial borrowings with its ability to fund infrastructure from its own funds, due to prudent financial management."

Council Report submissions:

Item 7.1 Petition – Reintroduction of the hard copy newsletter ‘Diversity’ into community circulation

- Adrian Jackson

5. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Councillor Martin: If a member of the public, when addressing Council during Public Question Time and Submissions, makes statements that are factually incorrect, is there a process that enables Council officers to correct statements that miss represents an aspect of Councils operations?

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capability advised that There are several options available to Council and Councillors as outlined in Councils Governance rules. Under section 50.9, the Chair may respond, or may nominate an officer to respond, in addition, section 73 enables the Chief Executive Officer to make a brief statement to correct factual errors in respect of any statement made at the Council Meeting.

Councillor Martin: During public question time and submissions at the previous Council Meeting held 21 April 2021, there was a statement made that Council had retrenched up to 80 staff members in the past 12 months. Can officers confirm if that statement is correct and if not what is the correct figure. What were the reasons for any retrenchments that were made?

Dennis O'Keeffe, Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure advised that In the August 2020 CEO report a detailed statement was made with respect to the 2020 organisational change. Details of this can be found at - <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/0oqlzso0/report-8-1-attach-1.pdf> by visiting page 24 of the report. Port Phillip Council underwent this organisational change in response to the financial challenges caused by the COVID-19 health crisis, where a decision was made to reduce the number of Divisions from five to four, delivering both savings and recognising the

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new organisational capability required to support our community as we move towards the recovery phase of COVID-19. The savings from this change were \$0.6M per annum and resulted in a net reduction of Management and Administration roles of 8 FTE. The 2020/2021 Budget, outlines a net decrease of 62 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions resulting in a budget on budget reduction of \$5.6 million for salaries and wages for 2020/2021. The reasons for this reduction include the 8 FTEs mentioned above in addition to 54 based on lower demand, part year recommencement of council services, efficiency savings and a reduced capital portfolio. We expected that 25 of these positions would be required in 2021/22 as the capital program and service demand ramped up again following COVID-19. In addition to this organisational change, the organisation, like all businesses reviews its operating model from time to time. This typically occurs at the Department level and is managed by local area management with proposals presented to the Executive Leadership Team for consideration.

Councillor Martin asked a clarifying question to confirm if the figure of 80 or 8 staff members?

Dennis O’Keeffe, Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure advised that I’m not familiar with 80, the number is 8 regarding the organisational change last year and an additional 54 that were identified in the budget.

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer clarified that a reduction in positions doesn’t necessarily mean a redundancy. There was a reduction in 8 FTE, the actual number of redundancies last and this year was I think 7, and that’s because we can delete a position that’s vacant which reduces the FTE, but it doesn’t create a redundancy as there is no staff member in that position at the time. This still represents a saving, as we are not filling that position.

Councillor Martin: Can Council officers clarify the correct figure of Council’s financial loss for the 2020-21 financial year?

Dennis O’Keeffe, Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure, advised that in the 2020-21 budget, adopted in August 2020, the operating deficit was \$17.3 million. In the current third-quarter forecast, being presented at the meeting, we are now forecasting the operating deficit for 2021 will be \$11.5 million. The \$17.3 million figure was predominantly due to the impact of COVID on Council’s revenue streams especially in relation to parking and infringements, and the money expended on the customer experience program in 2020-21. The improvements have been driven by an increase in net revenue since August 2020 and a decrease in net expenditure of \$3.8 million.

Councillor Martin: What are the figures of rate revenue per resident for the City of Port Phillip in the 2020/21 financial year, and similar figures for neighbouring municipalities?

Dennis O’Keeffe, Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure, advised the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework is used across Councils to compare the average rates per rateable assessment and that information has been published and is public. With respect to rates per capita, it’s not a number used commonly across the sector, but for 20/21 Port Phillip rates and charges: \$1,085 per capita (this includes all properties – commercial, industrial, residential). Glen Eira: \$728. Bayside: \$911. Stonnington: \$975. Yarra: \$1,080.

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Councillor Martin: How has this per capita charge increased over the past 5 financial years, and how do the percentage increases compare with neighbouring municipalities.

Dennis O’Keeffe, Acting General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure, advised that between financial year 15/16 and 19/20, it has increased at a rate of 1.27% per annum for City of Port Phillip. Glen Eira: 2.59% per annum. Bayside: 2.64% per annum. Stonnington: 2.06% per annum. Yarra: 0.92% per annum.

Councillor Martin: Is it appropriate for speakers at Public Question Time of a Council Meeting to make allegations against another organisation, and how should Council respond if such allegations are made?

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capacity, advised that under section 50.5 of Council’s Governance Rules, the Chair may disallow a question if they believe it relates to matters outside the duties, functions and powers of Council. Council could ask members of the public who have concerns about a particular organisation to contact that organisation directly. Alternatively, if it relates to an organisation with which Council has a relationship, members of the public can contact the Mayor or Councillors or the Chief Executive Officer to directly raise these concerns.

Councillor Pearl: Can officers provide an update on the South Melbourne Town Hall, which is currently closed. Would the money allocated to the draft 2021/22 budget allow for the hall to reopen, regardless of proposed funding from the Australian National Academy of Music, and if so what’s the ETA on that opening date?

Lachlan Johnson, Executive Manager Construction Contracts and Operations, advised that the current status of the project is that Council is about to commence procurement to undertake detailed design for the South Melbourne Town Hall refurbishment process, which has been outlined in the CEO Report. Funding in the draft budget would pay for the design work to prepare the building, and to commence delivery works in 2022. Mr Johnson took the question around the budget implications on notice.

Councillor Pearl: Can officers explain reports of a fence that has been placed around the South Melbourne Life Saving Club?

Lachlan Johnson, Executive Manager Construction Contracts and Operations, advised that some maintenance work is being undertaken and took the question on notice to provide further detail.

Councillor Cunsolo: who is the authority responsible for the median strips on Bay Street and Beach Road, Port Melbourne? Is there any additional planting planned for Bay Street and if so what is planned and when is it scheduled?

Lachlan Johnson, Executive Manager Construction Contracts and Operations, advised that the Department of Transport is the maintenance authority for those streets. Up until mid-2020, Council maintained those spaces on a paid contract arrangement with DoT. Council resolved as part of the 2020 budget response to covid-19 to identify some savings. As part of this, Council decided to stop doing that maintenance work because the DoT funding did not match the expenditure that was required to meet maintenance requirements. So if any members of community have concerns or questions about the maintenance of those assets, they are best directed to the DoT. Council is still contracted by the DoT to maintain the trees



in the median strips. Some trees were removed recently and will be replaced over the next few months, but there is currently nothing else planned.

Councillor Copsey: Further to public submissions made on item 7.1, is it possible for a community member to receive a printed copy of *Diversity* in the mail if they contact Council to request it?

*Lauren Bialkower, Manager City Growth and Culture, advised that staff would always try first to ascertain if there were other mechanisms the resident could use to obtain the magazine, for instance visiting a library or receiving a home library service if necessary. But if there is no other option for the resident to receive a copy, staff would be willing to consider posting *Diversity* to individuals.*

Councillor Cunsolo: Have the lights been switched on at Lagoon Reserve, Port Melbourne?

Anthony Traill, Manager Open Space, Recreation and Community Resilience, advised that Council resolved in 2018 in response to a petition to provide community-level lighting for residents at Lagoon Reserve. However there have been numerous complaints since then about lights shining into residential properties. Until 2021, there were two “community” nights when the lights were switched on, as well as nights when a sporting club was active on the reserve. This club has temporarily moved to Albert Park Reserve, and so to accommodate the resident amenity complaints, the number of nights with lighting has been reduced to just the two community nights this year, which is the same number of community nights as the last few years. The lights will be active from 6-8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mr Traill advised that the lights were not working last night, but are being checked so they will be active again from tomorrow night.

6. SEALING SCHEDULE

Item 6.1 Document for Sealing – Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation – Planning and Environment Act 1987

MOVED Crs Pearl/Martin

That the Common Seal of the Port Phillip City Council be affixed to the Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation - Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Attachment 1)

.A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



7 PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Item 7.1 Petition – Reintroduction of the hard copy newsletter ‘Diversity’ into community circulation

A Petition containing 111 signatures was received from local residents.

MOVED Crs Martin/Copsey

That Council:

- 1.1 Receives and notes the Petition.
- 1.2 Thanks the petitioners, noting their passion and connection for their community.
- 1.3 Acknowledges that Council Officers have taken measures to provide a printed option of the online version of Diversity.
- 1.4 Notes that the online delivery of Diversity does not suit all in the municipality, particularly those without access to or who have difficulty with computers.
- 1.5 Supports the additional measures proposed by officers to widen the distribution of the printed version of Diversity.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

8. PRESENTATION OF CEO REPORT

8.1 Presentation of CEO Report - Issue 74

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Council with a regular update from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Council’s activities and performance.

MOVED Crs Martin/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the CEO Report Issue 74 (provided as Attachment 1) including changes to budget forecasts and project portfolio identified in March 2021.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

9. PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

Nil.



10. TRANSPORT AND PARKING

10.1 Inkerman Safe Travel Corridor - Update

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek Council's endorsement to progress the Inkerman Safe Travel Corridor Project including developing concept design options for the corridor between Hotham Street and St Kilda Road which is wholly managed by the City of Port Phillip.

MOVED Crs Baxter/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Endorses Officers to progress the development of concept designs for the Inkerman Safe Travel Corridor Project that includes the designs detailed in Options 1, 2 and 3, for the section of the corridor between Hotham Street and St Kilda Road.
- 3.2 Officers provide a report to Council in early 2022 that includes the Inkerman Road Bike Corridor concept designs and a communication and engagement plan for the project. Noting Council will review whether to progress the Inkerman Bike corridor to the next stage of the project which includes community consultation at this meeting.

Cr Clark called for a DIVISION.

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

AGAINST: Crs Bond, Sirakoff, Pearl and Clark

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED

The mayor adjourned the meeting for a break at 8:34pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:44pm.

11. SUSTAINABILITY

Nil.



12. PLANNING

12.1 SMM Strategic Plan 2021-15 - endorsement of draft for community engagement

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Council with the draft South Melbourne Market Strategic Plan 2021-25 (**Strategic Plan**) and seek endorsement from Council to undertake broad community consultation on this draft.

The following question was taken on notice during discussion of the item:

Councillor Pearl: With regard to hostile vehicle mitigation, why is it placed against the South Melbourne Market budget, whereas usually when Council installs vehicle mitigation on Council land outside of a private tenant, Council does not charge the tenant for this but absorbs the cost via the appropriate internal department.

Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Organisational Capacity, advised that the item is included in the strategic plan to give an accurate sense of future costs. However with regard to why the costing is listed as being charged to the Market, Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice, to be directed to the Chief Financial Officer.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Thanks the South Melbourne Market Advisory Committee for their work in developing a draft Strategic Plan for the Market.
- 3.2 Notes the draft South Melbourne Market Strategic Plan 2021-25 as outlined in **Attachment 1**.
- 3.3 Endorses consultation being undertaken on the draft Strategic Plan in line with the community engagement approach outlined below.
- 3.4 Authorises the CEO to undertake minor editorial amendments to the draft Strategic Plan that do not alter the material intent of the document.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



13. ARTS CULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13.1 Proposed extension to the Seabaths summer activation

Purpose

- 1.1 To consider a request by the St Kilda Sea Baths to extend their outdoor activation permit through to end of March 2022.

MOVED Crs Crawford/Baxter

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes this request.
- 3.2 Agrees to extend the permit for the extension in front of Beachcomber Restaurant to 30 November 2021.
- 3.3 Does not agree to extend the permits outside the Encore and Republica spaces.
- 3.4 Waives the event permit fee for this time period.
- 3.5 Reconsiders the expiry date of 30 November 2021 when the Public Space Activation Policy is considered by Council later this year.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED..

14. ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE

14.1 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 as required by the Local Government Act.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Martin

That Council

- 2.1 Receives and notes the written records of Informal Meetings of Councillors (attached) as required by the Local Government Act.
- 2.2 Amends the Record of the Informal Meeting of Councillors for Port Melbourne Yacht Club - capital investment planning – potential future development, held on 7 April 2021, to correctly identify that Councillor Copsey and Councillor Baxter declared a conflict of interest in the item, and removed themselves from the meeting, and updates the public record to reflect this amendment.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



14.2 2021 Mayoral And Councillor Allowances Review

Purpose

- 1.1 To commence the formal review process of Mayoral and Councillor allowances as required in accordance with section 74 of the Local Government Act 1989.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Baxter

That Council:

3.1 Notes:

- 3.1.1 that the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal is now responsible for the determination of Mayoral, Deputy Mayoral and Councillor allowances;
 - 3.1.2 that the Tribunal is unlikely to make its first Determination until late 2021; and
 - 3.1.3 that Councils must undertake their own review of allowances before 30 June 2021 to comply with the Local Government Act, until a Determination is made by the Tribunal.
- 3.2 Proposes to make no adjustment to the Mayoral and Councillor allowances until the first Tribunal Determination comes into effect later in the year, and continues the current Councillor allowance at \$31,444 plus 9.5% (as an equivalent amount to the Superannuation Guarantee contribution), and the Mayoral allowance at \$100,434 plus 9.5% (as an equivalent amount to the Superannuation Guarantee contribution), being the maximum amount payable for a category 3 Council.
 - 3.3 Gives public notice that a review of the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances is being conducted and invites submissions on the proposed allowances.
 - 3.4 Considers all submissions received and makes a determination on the level of allowances at the Council Meeting 16 June 2021.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

14.3 Financial Update: Third Quarter 2020-21 Financial Year

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Council with the Third Quarter budget review and highlight changes that have occurred since the mid-year financial review.

MOVED Crs Baxter/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes that following the Third Quarter 2020/21 budget review the organisation is projecting a full year cumulative cash surplus of \$2.91 million which is \$1.77 million favourable compared to budget of \$1.14 million.
- 3.2 Notes Attachment 1 – Financial Statements with accompanying explanatory notes and Aged Debtor Balance Report – March 2021.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



14.4 Recommendation to reform and expand the Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP) Implementation

Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the reforms of the existing Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP) Implementation Committee (Committee); and dissolving the Committee and jointly establishing an expanded advocacy group (M9) of nine councils, including the current IMAP councils.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Pearl

That Council:

- 3.1 Pursuant to sections 11 and 64 of the Local Government Act 2020, dissolves the Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee as a joint committee of Council and revokes the Instrument of Delegation to that committee.
- 3.2 Endorses joining an expanded group of inner-city councils for the purpose of shared advocacy, with a working title of M9.
- 3.3 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with other participating councils to establish the new entity and its operating principles.
- 3.4 Asks the Chief Executive Officer to request that the Memorandum of Understanding includes the following provisions:
 - that each member Council has an opportunity to provide input into strategic matters that directly impact upon them, prior to decision and implementation by M9;
 - that the Chair and Deputy Chairs of M9 represent the interests and decisions collectively made by the M9 Councils in all public communications; and
 - that regular public reporting is provided by M9 on outcomes and community benefits.
- 3.5 Requests further information be provided to Council on proposed advocacy priorities.
- 3.6 Approves the rollover of unexpended IMAP funds to fund the new entity (M9) for the first 12 months and notes that each non-IMAP member of M9 will match the contributions on the basis of 1/9th share of funding.
- 3.7 Notes that membership to the new entity, M9, be reviewed annually as part of the City of Port Phillip Strategic Membership Review.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.



16. REPORTS BY COUNCILLOR DELEGATES

Councillor Martin reported to Council “how impressed I am with the experience, dedication and the expertise of the members of the Older Persons Consultative Committee (OPCC) and board members of Housing First and Bubup Womindjeka since I have been fortunate enough to be a delegate of these since becoming a Councillor. We are looking at bringing in the members of our advisory committees to thank them and put on a function for them all together which I think will be a fantastic initiative. Also at some stage the Housing First board would love an opportunity to present to Councillors during briefings. There is a lot going on at the Bubup Womindjeka Kindergarten, at some stage I will circulate a written report to Councillors. I’m proud and humbled to be a part of groups where members willingly give up so much of their time to support the Port Phillip community.”

Councillor Baxter reported to Council on the Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM), “which I continue to be the delegate from this Council. The ABM recently held an election for a new president, and elected Councillor Jonathon Marsden, Mayor of Hobsons Bay Council to be the president of ABM. The ABM has gone from strength to strength developing our Councils relationship with various government bodies particularly around coastal planning, which is incredibly important for Port Phillip.”

Mayor Crawford reported as a delegate on the Linden Board “I want to echo that the quality of people and their commitment is impressive in all our advisory committees. They give so much of their time and expertise to our municipality and they are very valuable. I’m finding my feet within the Linden Board and they are a very impressive bunch.”

17. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

MOVED Crs Pearl/Cunsolo

That in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, 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 3 of the Act, for the reasons indicated:

Report No.	Report Title	Confidential reasons
18.1	Proposed Extension to Contract 2119 Supply, Installation and Maintenance of parking technology	<i>(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;</i>

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

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The meeting was closed to the public at 9:10pm.

The meeting reopened to the public at 9:17pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9:18pm.

Confirmed: 19 May 2021

Chairperson _____