



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

17 JUNE 2020



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP
CITY COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON 17 JUNE 2020**

The meeting opened at 6:30pm.

PRESENT

Cr Voss (Chairperson), Cr Baxter, Cr Bond, Cr Brand, Cr Copsey, Cr Crawford, Cr Gross, Cr Pearl, Cr Simic.

IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Carroll, Acting Chief Executive Officer; Lili Rosic, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainable Development; Tony Keenan, General Manager Community and Economic Development; Lachlan Johnson, General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity; Joanne McNeill, Acting General Manager Customer and Corporate Services; Kylie Bennetts, Director Office of the CEO, Kirsty Pearce, Coordinator Governance, Rebecca Purvis, Governance Officer, Emily Williams, Council Meetings Officer, Suzane Becker, Manager Transport Choices, John Bartels, Head Major Transport Project – Domain Precinct, Anthony Trill, Manager Open Space and Recreation Services, Marc Cassanet, Manager Environmental Sustainability, Lisa Paton, Coordinator Sustainable Programs, Donna Shiel, Coordinator Waste Futures, Damian Dewar, Manager Strategy and Design, Felicity Symons, Principal Strategic Planner, Shelley Bennett, Principal Strategic Planner, Steven Ross, Manager Organisational Performance, Dennis O’Keeffe, Chief Financial Officer, Peter Liu, Coordinator Management Accounting and Financial Analysis, George Kompos, Senior Financial S&P Advisor, Stefan Mitrik, Coordinator Transport, Donna D’Alessandro, Manager Safety and Amenity.

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 Crawford/Copsey

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Port Phillip City Council held on 3 June 2020 be confirmed.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross, Pearl and Simic

AGAINST: Nil

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Louise Crawford declared an indirect interest by way of conflicting duty, in Item 14.1: Council Plan and Budget 2020/21, recommendation Part 3.

Cr Ogy Simic declared an indirect interest by way of indirect financial interest, in Item 14.1: Council Plan and Budget 2020/21, recommendation Part 4.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

A copy of written submissions has also been made available on the website.

Public Question Time

- Peter Holland: Will Council make a submission to the National Covid19 Co-ordination Commission supporting the Financial Services Councils proposal for the new investment vehicle for infrastructure? Australian Superannuation Infrastructure Investment Vehicles would allow self-managed super funds to invest in infrastructure. Council could develop Fishermans Bend and community housing as concrete examples of this. This would take significant pressure off Council's budgets.

Dennis O’Keeffe, Chief Financial Officer, advised that Council is reviewing all opportunities to seek appropriate external funding sources to support ongoing development of essential assets within the City and will be engaging with the Fishermans Bend Taskforce to investigate this option and other opportunities to look at appropriate funding vehicles. In regards to this particular vehicle, Councils may struggle to find return on investments for these funds. With that said, this is still something that we will take on notice and report back to Council with the outcome of those investigations.

12.2 Planning Scheme Amendment C171port (St Kilda Marina) - Consideration of Panel recommendations and adoption of Amendment

- Peter Holland

7.1 Petition - Traffic Safety Issues at Intersection of Kerferd Road, Montague Street and Herbert Street, Albert Park

- John Sutherland

7.2 Petition - Request for Removal of Tree, Wordsworth Street, St Kilda

- Michael Gawenda

11.1 Annual Procurement Policy

- Peter Moraitis

11.2 Port Phillip EcoCentre Redevelopment

- April Seymore

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14.1 Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 Endorsement of Draft Document for Public Consultation

- Rhonda Small
- Pam O'Neil

Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program

- Craig Eyes
- David Spokes
- Claire Sime

The following submissions were submitted prior to the meeting and were read out in summary by the Coordinator Governance. The full submissions can be found on the website <http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/june-2020-meetingagendas.htm>

Public Question Time

- **Belinda Plunket:** Has the policy or management of graffiti removal has been altered in 2020, as there has been a significant increase in lead times actioning the removal, with some not being removed at all? Can council also confirm their commitment to graffiti removal in the new budget, and tell us what will be allocated for this in the 20/21 budget.

Lachlan Johnson, General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity, advised that there has not been a change to the graffiti policy or the Graffiti Management Plan which was adopted by Council in May 2019. However there has been a slight change in the way graffiti removal is approached. We entered into a new contract in March and there have been 100 jobs backlogged so there has been a slight delay. In relation to the budget commitment, the draft budget has \$350,000 allocated to graffiti removal which is in line with last year's commitment.

- **Scott Haywood:** Will the CCTV camera outside 1 Fitzroy Street be fixed, and if so, when? How many other CCTV blind spots are there along Fitzroy street, such as the one beyond the 7/11 at the corner of Jackson and Fitzroy streets, and are there plans to improve the coverage of the CCTV cameras along Fitzroy street to eliminate those blind spots and improve the quality of the footage that they capture?

Tony Keenan, General Manager Community and Economic Development, advised that Council is aware of maintenance requirements for this site. Delays were due to the impact of Covid19 and sourcing parts from supplier. Parts required arrived yesterday. Fixing is in progress and contractors hope to reinstall the camera by next Monday. Camera placements in Fitzroy Street are consistent with the Public Space CCTV Policy which states that "Camera locations will be guided by the advice of Victoria Police and CCTV design experts in order to maximise surveillance priorities". The CCTV system was built within budget and doesn't proport to cover all areas and eliminate perceived blind spots.

An audit of camera locations would need to be commissioned in order to document blind spots. This is not identified as a priority for Council. While Council support regular maintenance of the CCTV system there are no current plans for additional cameras in Fitzroy Street.



- James Woollett: In light of the Victorian State Government's easing of restrictions, will the City of Port Phillip Library Service be opening Middle Park Library on Monday 22 June? If not, what are the reasons for keeping this valuable community asset closed to local residents?

Tony Keenan, General Manager Community and Economic Development, advised that whilst the State Government has advised when the libraries can open and increase numbers, what Councils do is the remit of individual Councils with the advice of their health and safety units. The safety of our staff and community remains paramount as we assess when and where and to what level to open our libraries. The Emerald Hill library will reopen on the 29th of June and the Middle Park Library will reopen at some stage in the future once it has been assessed and is feasible to do so. Whilst Mr Woollett has made reference to the space, a large amount of the floor space is not usable due to shelving. Because of the potential health risks, computers and other furniture are currently roped off. This reduces the square meterage considerably at each branch. However now that as of Monday we will be able to permit greater numbers, we are looking at the learnings from each library as we reopen and at some stage in the future we will plan to be reopening Middle Park Library.

Mary Stuart in relation to item 14.1 *Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 Endorsement of Draft Document for Public Consultation*

Chris Wallis in relation to item 7.1 *Petition - Traffic Safety Issues at Intersection of Kerferd Road, Montague Street and Herbert Street, Albert Park*

Trevor White in relation to item 12.2 *Planning Scheme Amendment C171port (St Kilda Marina) - Consideration of Panel recommendations and adoption of Amendment*

Sharelle Haywood in relation to item 14.1 *Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 Endorsement of Draft Document for Public Consultation*

Shannon McLachlan in relation to the urgent business item *Community sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program*

5. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Nil.

6. SEALING SCHEDULE

Nil.



7. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Item 7.1 Petition - Traffic Safety Issues at Intersection of Kerferd Road, Montague Street and Herbert Street, Albert Park

A Petition containing 26 signatures was received from local residents of Albert Park.

MOVED Crs Crawford/Baxter

That Council:

1. Notes the concerns raised in the petition regarding the safety of this intersection.
2. Receives the petition and refers it to the Major Transport Projects – Domain Precinct Team for investigation.
3. Advises the petitioner that officers will raise the issues outlined in the petition with the Department of Transport and DELWP to seek support for temporary and permanent options to address the concerns and crash history along Kerferd Road. The intent of these options will be to support walking and bike riding for all ages and abilities, encourage safer vehicle speeds and deter through traffic on local streets.
4. Advises that officer will provide comments and recommendations at the Ordinary Council meeting on 1 July 2020.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross, Pearl and Simic

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

Item 7.2 Petition - Request for Removal of Tree, Wordsworth Street, St Kilda

A Petition containing 7 signatures was received from local residents of St Kilda.

MOVED Crs Gross/Copsey

That Council

Receives and notes the petition and that officers provide a response at the next available Council Meeting'

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross, Pearl and Simic

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



8. PRESENTATION OF CEO REPORT

Nil.

9. PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

Nil.

10. TRANSPORT AND PARKING

10.1 Parking controls and campervan parking in Port Melbourne

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide a report on the matters endorsed by Council on 19 February 2020 regarding campervan parking on The Boulevard, The Bend, Cumberland Road and Batman Road in Port Melbourne.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Note that parking control changes are not required and implements the following actions to discourage parking of campervans along The Boulevard, The Bend, Cumberland Road and Batman Road:
 - 3.1.1 Installs "Camping Prohibited" signs along the foreshore side of The Boulevard, between Batman Road and Barak Road, and on the north side of The Boulevard, outside Ada Mary A'Beckett Reserve to make visitors aware of the existing Local Law prohibiting campervan parking.
 - 3.1.2 Parking Enforcement officers and Local Laws officers to continue to monitor and enforce campervan parking, general parking and overnight camping along The Boulevard and surrounding streets in Port Melbourne.
- 3.2 Notes that Council Officers will advise the organiser of the petition of Council's actions and resolution related to this matter.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross, Pearl and Simic

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



11. SUSTAINABILITY

11.1 Annual Procurement Policy Review

Purpose

- 1.1 To outline the results of the annual review of the Procurement Policy and seek approval of the revised Procurement Policy.

MOVED Crs Voss/Gross

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes that the annual review of the Procurement Policy has been completed that facilitates increased efficiency, probity and corporate and social responsibility.
- 3.2 Adopts the Procurement Policy 2020 (Attachment 1).
- 3.3 Authorises the CEO to make minor editorial amendments to the document that do not materially alter the intent of the Policy.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross, Pearl and Simic

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Port Phillip EcoCentre Redevelopment

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide Council with an update on the EcoCentre redevelopment design and confirm Council support for progressing proposals for Victorian Government and philanthropic funding.

MOVED Crs Simic/Baxter

That Council:

- 3.1 Confirms its support for the redevelopment of the Port Phillip EcoCentre as outlined in the Council Plan (2017-27).
- 3.2 Thanks the community for participating in the community engagement activities and for the feedback received regarding the Port Phillip EcoCentre proposed redevelopment concept plans.
- 3.3 Continues to seek partnership funding of \$2.75 million (50 per cent of the project costs) from the Victorian and Australian governments to enable the redevelopment to proceed.



- 3.4 Provides in principle support for the EcoCentre to acknowledge philanthropic contributions via the naming of part or whole of the building.
- 3.5 Notes that the terms and conditions of naming part or whole of the building will be subject to a future Council decision, in the event that a capital contribution is pledged.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

The MOTION was CARRIED.

12. PLANNING

12.1 Adopt the Site Contamination Management Policy 2020-2024

Purpose

- 1.1 To present the City of Port Phillip's Site Contamination Management Policy 2020-2024 for adoption to meet obligations under the new Environmental Protection Act 2017 (as amended 2018) legislation.

MOVED Crs Voss/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Rescind the Soil Contamination Management Policy 2004 and endorse in its place the Site Contamination Management Policy 2020-2024.
- 3.2 That Council delegate authority to the CEO to make editorial edits and edits in line with changes to legislation, the Environment Protection Act 2017 (amended 2018), and associated guidance materials to the Site Contamination Management Policy 2020-2024.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross, Pearl and Simic

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



12.2 Planning Scheme Amendment C171port (St Kilda Marina) - Consideration of Panel recommendations and adoption of Amendment

Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is

- to consider the report and recommendations of the independent Planning Panel appointed by the Minister for Planning to review Amendment C171port – St Kilda Marina pursuant to section 27(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Act).
- to determine whether to adopt Amendment C171port (with or without changes) pursuant to section 29(1) of the Act; and if so
- to resolve to submit Amendment C171port to the Ministerial for approval pursuant to section 31(1) of the Act.

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved Cr Gross

That Council:

- 3.1 Adopts Amendment C171port 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 in Attachment 4 to the Council report, amended to include a new requirement in DPO2 for a community consultation report as part of the Development Plan. This is to outline the consultation undertaken to inform the preparation of the Development Plan, with (but not limited to) the Office of the Victorian Government Architect, Transport for Victoria and neighbouring owners and occupiers.
- 3.2 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise the amendment documentation for Ministerial approval in a manner consistent with resolution 3.1.
- 3.3 Submits the adopted Amendment C171port 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 for the reasons outlined in Attachment 2 to the Council report.
- 3.5 Will undertake non-statutory consultation on the Development Plan, once an application is received, prior to Council making any planning decision on the Development Plan.
- 3.6 Writes to all submitters to Amendment C171port to advise them of Council's decision.

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MOVED Crs Bond/Pearl

That Council:

- 3.1 Adopts Amendment C171port 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 in Attachment 4 to the Council report.
- 3.2 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise the amendment documentation for Ministerial approval in a manner consistent with resolution 3.1.
- 3.3 Submits the adopted Amendment C171port 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, with the exception of the recommendation to include a requirement for a Community Engagement Report as part of the Content of the Development Plan in DPO2 for the reasons outlined in Attachment 2 to the Council report.
- 3.5 Will undertake non-statutory consultation on the Development Plan, once an application is received, prior to Council making any planning decision on the Development Plan instead of the Community Engagement Report mechanism recommended by the Panel,.
- 3.6 Writes to all submitters to Amendment C171port to advise them of Council's decision.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Baxter, Brand, Crawford and Pearl

AGAINST: Crs Copsey and Simic

ABSTAINED Cr Gross

The MOTION was CARRIED.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a break at 8.38pm.

The meeting resumed at 8.45pm.

13. ARTS CULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nil.



14. ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE

14.1 Council Plan and Budget 2020/21: Endorsement of Draft Document for Public Consultation

Purpose

- 1.1 For Council to consider release of the updated Council Plan 2017-27, including the draft Budget 2020/21, for public consultation.

The Mayor advised the Meeting that given the complexity of the item, the recommendation will be considered in parts.

PART 1

MOVED Crs Crawford/Baxter

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the extended date for councils adopting a budget to 31 August 2020, gazetted by the Minister for Local Government, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the local government sector finances and budget preparations.
- 3.2 Extends the operation of the Council resolution made on 19 June 2019, adopting the Council Plan 2017-27 and Budget 2019/20, such extension to continue until a Council Plan and Budget for the 2020/2021 financial year is adopted.to such time as the 2020/21 is adopted, and authorises the CEO to:
- 3.3 Pending the adoption of a Budget for the 2020/21 financial year and consistent with section 140 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Chief Executive Officer be given the authority to commit expenditure to enable the:
 - 3.3.1 continued carrying out of projects and services envisaged by the Council Plan and Budget for the 2019/2020 Financial Year, and the carrying out of projects and services approved subsequently (whether at this meeting or a future meeting, in the 10 Year Financial Outlook approved on 6 May 2020 or otherwise);
 - 3.3.2 normal operational responsibilities of Council to be discharged; and
 - 3.3.3 planning, design and community consultation on new projects proposed in the draft Council Budget for the 2020/2021 Financial Year to be progressed.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

The MOTION was CARRIED.



PART 2

MOVED Crs Voss/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.4 Notes the findings from recent community engagement on a selection of service level reduction proposals to assist in bridging the short and long-term funding gap and thanks those that provided feedback.
- 3.5 Agrees for the following service level reductions that have already been consulted on to be implemented from 1 July 2020, or earlier where feasible:
 - 3.5.1 Discontinuing pressure washing service for activity centres;
 - 3.5.2 Reducing Council maintenance of VicRoads assets;
 - 3.5.3 Reducing ASSIST Counter Service at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne town halls for 12 months, and for officers to complete a review before 1 July 2021 to assess the impact of the change on community members who do not have online access to our services;
 - 3.5.4 Discontinuing Divercity as a print publication and moving to an online version;
 - 3.5.5 Maintaining annual Community Grants program at \$280,000 and suspending 'quick response' Neighbourhood Grants program for 1 year.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

The MOTION was CARRIED.

PART 3

Councillor Crawford declared an indirect conflict of interest by way of conflicting duties due to being on the Board of Napier St Aged Care, listed as one of several initiatives within the Business Safety and Accessibility Program, and left the meeting at 9.48pm.

Moved Crs Copsey/Gross

- 3.6 Endorses the Building Safety and Accessibility Program expenditure detailed in the draft Council Plan and Budget 2020/21.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Gross and Simic

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

The MOTION was CARRIED.

PART 4

Councillor Simic declared an indirect conflict of interest by way of indirect financial interest, as the parent of a child enrolled in a Council-run childcare service, and left the meeting at 9.51pm.



Moved Crs Copsey/Baxter

- 3.7 Endorses the proposed changes to Childcare fees detailed in the draft Council Plan and Budget 2020/21.
- 3.8 Endorses an additional Lead Family/Assertive Outreach resource to meet Council-endorsed Children's Services Policy commitments to support families experiencing vulnerability to access early years education services.
- 3.9 Endorses the Bubup Nairm Cladding Rectification project and the Children's Centre Minor Capital Works project expenditure detailed in the draft Council Plan and Budget 2020/21.
- 3.10 Notes deferral of \$1.4 million in the Children's Centres Improvement Program and reduction in project funding for the Children Services Policy (to be funded within existing operating resources).
- 3.11 Endorses the operating budget for children's' services of \$15,810,469 and capital of \$481,936.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey and Gross

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

The MOTION was CARRIED

Councillor Simic returned to the meeting at 9.57pm

Councillor Crawford returned to the meeting at 10.08pm.*

**Cr Crawford experienced technical issues with the WebEx platform which impeded her returning to the meeting immediately after Part 3.*

PART 5

Moved Crs Baxter/Gross

- 3.12 Releases the updated Council Plan 2017-27, inclusive of the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan, 10-year Financial Plan, Strategic Resource Plan and draft Budget 2020/21 for a minimum of 28 days of public consultation (Attachment 1), with the following amendment:
 - 3.12.1 Inclusion of the Mayor's message, as circulated to Councillors, to be inserted at Page 6
- 3.13 Notes that the draft Budget 2020/21 includes:
 - 3.13.1 A rate increase of 2 per cent, which is equivalent to the rates cap set by the Victorian Government.
 - 3.13.2 A general increase in fees and charges of 2.25 per cent, which is consistent with our financial strategy, unless it makes sense to vary, and to provide targeted support to those who need it most.
 - 3.13.3 Efficiency savings of \$4.9 million, including \$0.7million from the Customer Experience Program. This adds to the \$13 million of savings delivered over the previous six budgets.
 - 3.13.4 There is no increase in an already low debt position.



- 3.13.5 Cash reserve for operational needs including staff leave and contingency of \$23.9 million.
- 3.13.6 Project investment of \$47 million to maintain, grow and improve services and assets.
- 3.13.7 A cumulative cash surplus of approximately \$993,000 providing contingency for financial risks including Covid19 recovery.
- 3.13.8 \$4.2 million for an Economic and Social Recovery program providing assistance to those who need it most as per section 4.50.
- 3.13.9 A small number of additional temporary and permanent service level reductions and increases as per section 4.56.

AMENDMENT

Moved Crs Simic/Copsey

That the following be added:

- 3.12.2 Replaces the \$50,000 budget allocations in 2020/21 in the draft budget document and \$2,236,000 forecast allocation in 2021/22 for the Port Phillip EcoCentre Redevelopment Project with \$926,000 in 2020-21 and \$1,702,500 in 2021-22 subject to receiving partnership funding of \$2.75 million for 50 per cent of the project costs, noting that bringing forward funding to the 2020-21 financial year, will require a drawdown on reserve in order to maintain a cash surplus of \$0.993m and that Council's budget provision for future financial years would need to be reduced to replenish any drawdown.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

The AMENDMENT was CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Moved Crs Voss/Crawford

That the following be added:

- 3.12.3 Agrees to reinstate \$10,000 in 2020/21 in project funding for Friends of Suai/Covalima for the length of the current Friends of Suai/Covalima agreement, so that it can be used to:
 - conduct an annual audit of the Covalima Community Centre accounts,
 - ship Council computer and technology equipment surplus to requirements and deliver soap and sanitiser to Suai;
 - expand the solar lighting scheme, and
 - conduct hygiene, maths and science training.

This would reduce project funding by \$28,000 and not \$38,000 as reported.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

The AMENDMENT was CARRIED.



AMENDMENT

Moved Crs Bond/Pearl

That 3.13.1 be amended as follows:

3.13.1 A rate increase of 0.2 per cent, which is equivalent to the rates cap set by the Victorian Government.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond and Pearl

AGAINST: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

The AMENDMENT was LOST.

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Moved Crs Baxter/Gross

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The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

The MOTION was CARRIED.

PART 6

MOVED Crs Copsey/Baxter

- 3.14 Notes the engagement activities that will be undertaken to support the updated Council Plan and draft Budget 2020/21 including online focus groups, an online survey and submission form.
- 3.15 Agrees to receive and hear submissions from the public at the Ordinary Council meeting on 5 August 2020, commencing 6.30 pm at the St Kilda Town Hall (or online if a physical meeting cannot take place), prior to considering adoption of the updated Council Plan 2017-27, including Budget 2020/21, at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 August 2020 commencing 6.30 pm at the St Kilda Town Hall (or online if a physical meeting cannot take place).
- 3.16 Authorises a Public Notice to be published in The Age (refer to Attachment 2), a display of the updated Council Plan 2017-27 including the draft Budget 2020/21 on Council's website, and availability of the updated Plan for inspection at our opened municipal libraries, to ensure broad community awareness and invite public submissions pursuant to section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- 3.17 Notes that if changes that have a **material impact** to the Draft Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 are made at the conclusion of the public consultation period, the Draft Council Plan and Budget cannot be adopted without Council undertaking a further statutory public notice and submissions process.
- 3.18 Authorises the CEO to make amendments to the draft Budget 2020/21 to reflect any changes made through this resolution, and to make minor grammatical and editorial adjustments to the document.



AMENDMENT

Moved Crs Brand/Crawford

That the following be added at item 3.14.1:

3.14.1 That Council includes in all general notices inviting community feedback on the proposed 20/21 budget, an invitation for submissions from members of the public on:

- a) the need for any deeper financial or economic assistance to COVID19-affected residents, businesses or ratepayers, and
- b) what form this assistance might take:
 - to be effective,
 - to be targeted,
 - to be administrable, and
 - to be sustainable.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Brand and Pearl

AGAINST: Crs Voss, Baxter, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

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3.14 Notes the engagement activities that will be undertaken to support the updated Council Plan and draft Budget 2020/21 including online focus groups, an online survey and submission form.

3.15 Agrees to receive and hear submissions from the public at the Ordinary Council meeting on 5 August 2020, commencing 6.30 pm at the St Kilda Town Hall (or online if a physical meeting cannot take place), prior to considering adoption of the updated Council Plan 2017-27, including Budget 2020/21, at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 August 2020 commencing 6.30 pm at the St Kilda Town Hall (or online if a physical meeting cannot take place).

3.16 Authorises a Public Notice to be published in The Age (refer to Attachment 2), a display of the updated Council Plan 2017-27 including the draft Budget 2020/21 on Council's website, and availability of the updated Plan for inspection at our opened municipal libraries, to ensure broad community awareness and invite public submissions pursuant to section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

3.17 Notes that if changes that have a **material impact** to the Draft Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 are made at the conclusion of the public consultation period, the Draft Council Plan and Budget cannot be adopted without Council undertaking a further statutory public notice and submissions process.

3.18 Authorises the CEO to make amendments to the draft Budget 2020/21 to reflect any changes made through this resolution, and to make minor grammatical and editorial adjustments to the document.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

The MOTION was CARRIED.



15. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

16. REPORTS BY COUNCILLOR DELEGATES

Councillor Brand reported that the Arts Acquisition Committee met on Thursday and distributed \$35,000 worth of grants as parts of the Arts Rescue package. All recipients are working in the City of Port Phillip area and are in deep need of assistance given the effects of the current economic climate. The works we are supporting are brilliant and I can't wait to share them with the community.

Councillor Pearl reported that the South Melbourne Market Committee is working tirelessly to be in the best position possible to deal with the effects of COVID-19. The Market has reopened the non-essential service component of the market stalls over the last few weeks and this has been successful with attendance numbers increasing. There are new protocols in place to ensure everyone's safety and these are operating very well. Any information needed is provided in the 'COVID update' part of the Market website. There is a long road ahead to ensure financial sustainability and the committee will working through strategic options at a strategy session to be held in June.

Councillor Baxter reported that the Association of Bayside Municipalities has moved many of their operations online such as events and information gathering activities. This has been seamless and really useful for users and the association will likely remain online with some activities going into the future.

Councillor Bond reported that the Esplanade Market re-opened ten days ago with about forty stalls trading on market days. These are made up of creative small businesses from within the municipality and across the state. It is pleasing to see the number of stalls growing and attendance growing as well. Traders are reporting that sales are good and this is very pleasing to see.

17. URGENT BUSINESS

MOVED Crs Bond/Copsey

That council considers an item of urgent business: *Victoria Government Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.*

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross, Pearl and Simic

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



Victoria Government Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Baxter

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the significant interest from community groups seeking Council to make a submission to the Victoria Government Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program on their behalf.
2. Notes Council can only submit up to three applications which must be between the value of \$1M and \$10M, with a 10% minimum local financial contribution of the funding amount.
3. Notes applications must be submitted by 11.59PM on 19 June 2020 with the funding outcomes expected to be announced in late July 2020.
4. Determines the three submissions from City of Port Phillip to be:
 - Point Ormond regional play space
 - Graham Street informal recreation precinct
 - Powerhouse Rugby sporting pavilion in Albert Park Reserve
5. Notes these three identified projects can commence within six months and be completed within two years in-line with the conditions of the program.

AMENDMENT

Moved Crs Crawford/Gross

That the following change be made to part 4 of the recommendation:

- ~~Point Ormond regional play space~~
- Phoenix Centre Elwood Secondary School

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Crawford and Gross

AGAINST: Crs Bond, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Pearl and Simic

The MOTION was LOST.

AMENDMENT

Moved Crs Brand/Crawford

That the following change be made to part 4 of the recommendation:

- ~~Point Ormond regional play space~~
- Middle Park Bowling Club Pavilion

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Brand, Crawford, Gross and Pearl

AGAINST: Crs Baxter, Copsey and Simic

The MOTION was CARRIED.



SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

MOVED Crs Copsey/Baxter

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the significant interest from community groups seeking Council to make a submission to the Victoria Government Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program on their behalf.
2. Notes Council can only submit up to three applications which must be between the value of \$1M and \$10M, with a 10% minimum local financial contribution of the funding amount.
3. Notes applications must be submitted by 11.59PM on 19 June 2020 with the funding outcomes expected to be announced in late July 2020.
4. Determines the three submissions from City of Port Phillip to be:
 - Graham Street informal recreation precinct
 - Powerhouse Rugby sporting pavilion in Albert Park Reserve
 - Middle Park Bowling Club Pavilion
5. Notes these three identified projects can commence within six months and be completed within two years in-line with the conditions of the program.

The vote was taken under DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross, Pearl and Simic

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 11.37pm.

Confirmed: 1 July 2020

Chairperson _____