



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**held on Tuesday 21 July 2020 at 7.00pm
via TEAMS**

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1. Acknowledgement of Country

"Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra.

We acknowledge their creator spirit Bunjil, their ancestors and their Elders.

We acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, who have never ceded sovereignty and retain their strong connections to family, clan and country despite the impacts of European invasion.

We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra.

We pay our respects to Elders from all nations here today—and to their Elders past, present and future."

1. A. Vale – Professor Brian John Galligan and Eric Austin Phillips

At tonight's meeting, it is sought to pay tribute to and acknowledge significant contributions made by 2 members of Yarra's community, who died last year. This tribute is regrettably belated with gaps in Council meetings and pre-occupation with planning and COVID-19 matters.

Brian John Galligan (28/9/1945 – 14/12/2019), Professor of Political Science, and Fitzroy resident.

A 4th generation Australian from rural Queensland, Brian Galligan studied economics and commerce at the University of Queensland, then masters and doctoral degrees in political science at the University of Toronto. Returning to Australia in the late 1970s, Brian Galligan began a lifelong contribution to teaching and research in political science, constitutional and administrative law - at LaTrobe University, University of Tasmania, the Australian National University and its Federalism Research Centre. In 1995 he began a 20 year role as Professor of Political Science at the University Melbourne, heading its Centre for Public Policy (1995-1999), then the Department of Political Science (2000-2004, 2012-2013).

For me, undertaking a Master in Public Policy in the mid-1990s, Professor Galligan became a mentor and colleague, with in turn, my urging the study of political science to include greater focus on local government. Much to my surprise at Brian's family wake, I discovered Brian Galligan was also the uncle of fellow Nicholls Ward councillor, Cr Bridgid O'Brien who joins me in paying this tribute.

Brian Galligan was a prolific writer, having authored, co-authored, edited and contributed to multitudes of scholarly, highly readable and important publications: *A Federal Republic; Politics of the High Court, Utah and Queensland Coal, Beyond the Protective State, Australian Federalism, Aborigines and Australian citizenship, Australians and Globalisation, Australian Citizenship, Becoming Australian, Oxford Companion to Australian Politics, Constitutional Conventions in Westminster Systems – and many more.*

Awarded the Crisp Prize by the Australasian Political Studies Association (APSA) for distinction in research and publication in political science, Brian Galligan was in 1998, elected a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.

Eric Austin Phillips (12/10/1947-25/5/2019), composer, conductor, North Fitzroy resident of 50 years, lover of architecture, heritage and a master at crocheting.

As a student of University High School (UHS) and the Conservatorium of Music at the University of Melbourne, Eric Phillips became a gifted pianist and flautist. An Australia Council grant enabled him to also study composition with British composer, John McCabe and conducting with Sir Roger Norrington.

His lengthy career as Director of Music at UHS from the early 1970s, profoundly influenced decades of students with an enduring love of music - in performance, conducting and composition including for the UHS Annual School Musical. He was the foundation conductor of the Melbourne Youth Orchestra in 1972. A rich instrument and ensemble program at UHS enrolled 400 students a year. Classical music was the focus; but his programs covered all genres of music - orchestras, choirs, chamber groups, jazz, stage bands, guitar ensembles and of course, annual musicals.

In 2002, Eric Phillips turned to full-time composition with his music acclaimed throughout Australia and overseas - *The Melbourne Symphony*, *Five Australian Landscapes*, a new arrangement of *Walzing Matilda*, *Psalm 150*, and music scores for film and theatre.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

That Council acknowledges these two great Australians and Yarra citizens, Professor Brian John Galligan and gifted musician Eric Austin Phillips in their contributions to Australia and the world in their respective scholarship fields, and expresses sadness at their passing, with sincere condolences to their families and friends.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Attendance

Councillors

- Cr Misha Coleman (Mayor)
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Daniel Nguyen
- Cr Bridgid O'Brien
- Cr James Searle
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager Chief Executive's Office)
- Brooke Colbert (Acting Group Manager Advocacy, Engagement and Communications)
- Lucas Gosling (Director Community Wellbeing)
- Chris Leivers (Director City Works and Assets)
- Diarmuid McAlary (Director Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Bruce Phillips (Director Planning and Place Making)
- Rhys Thomas (Senior Governance Advisor)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

Nil

4. Confidential business reports

Item

4.1 **Tender Report C1522 – Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Gym and Audio Equipment**

This item is to be considered in closed session to allow consideration of private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

These grounds are applicable because the report contains information submitted to Council on a commercial in confidence basis as part of a tender process.

4.2 **Alpha Partners Affordable Housing**

This item is to be considered in closed session to allow consideration of private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; and information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.

These grounds are applicable because the premature release of the commercially sensitive aspects of the agreement may disadvantage the community housing provider in future agreements and because the report contains the text of a previous confidential Council resolution.

4.3 **Chief Executive Officer Annual Review**

This item is to be considered in closed session to allow consideration of personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

These grounds are applicable because the report contains private information about the personal affairs of a member of Council staff.

Confidential business reports

The following items were deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, to allow consideration of:
 - (a) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;
 - (b) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989; and
 - (c) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

CARRIED

Following consideration of confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

5. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Searle

That the amended minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Nil

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Nil

6. Petitions and joint letters

6.1 Petition - Elizabeth Street Trial

Reference: D20/125680

A joint letter containing (currently) 45 signatures from residents, owners, business operators and rate payers are requesting an urgent virtual meeting be held on the current Elizabeth Street Trial.

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Mark Soffer (Lead Petitioner); and

Jenny Doung.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Public question time

This record is provided as a summary of the questions asked by members of the public during Public Question Time at a meeting of the Yarra City Council. A recording of the Council Meeting (including Public Question Time) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting. Where a question is taken on notice and unable to be answered at the meeting, the full response is also published on Council's website when it becomes available.

7.1 Shane Delphine (YCAN) - Biochar Production

Question:

YCAN supports the City of Yarra's (COY) commitment to net zero emissions across the municipality by 2030. In order to meet this commitment, it is likely that the COY will either have to pursue negative emissions strategies or purchase carbon offsets. Unfortunately, there are but few negative emissions strategies available to the COY. However, one possibility is to create biochar from the municipality's green waste.

Aside from drawing down carbon, there are several additional benefits that would accrue to the COY from biochar production:

- Reduction in landfill fees (which are soon to significantly escalate).
- Creation of a valuable product (biochar is soil enhancer) which the COY can sell (or assign those rights to a third party) or give away to residents.
- Biochar production would see the municipality taking greater ownership of its waste – an important civic value.

The creation of biochar is a proven technology and is currently being undertaken by the City of Manningham.

While creating biochar from green waste is the most obvious use of biochar technology, in fact, biochar can be created from many homogeneous waste streams (e.g. trials of disposable nappies have been conducted). In time, the possibility exists that the COY could divert a range of waste streams from landfill using biochar.

YCAN believes that biochar could play an important role in the COY's response to the Climate Emergency.

Will the COY commit to investigate biochar technology and provide a report back to Council with recommendations by the end of 2020?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets advised;

As you would know, YCAN were big supporters of the four bin model that Council approved late last year. That system would remove organic material from the waste stream which obviously would reduce landfill and reduce costs as well as emissions. As you would know there is a range of ways to treat organic material once it has been separated out. We are looking at a range of measures in terms of how we would treat that and the biochar technology is an interesting approach. It is not one that we have detailed information about at the moment. We have made contact with Manningham since receiving your question today and we will follow-up with them on that. We will also follow-up and do some research of our own so that we can provide some advice back to Council when we are in a position to roll out that four bin system.

My commitment would be that we can have a look at it. We would seek to provide that advice back to Council as part of a report on the four bin system when we are in a position to implement that. We can certainly provide some information on biochar as part of that report.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 7.27pm

Councillor Jolly returned at 7.30pm

7.2 Jenni Lockhart – Gipps Street Precinct

Question:

We ask for an update on progress towards initiating the study towards updating the Gipps Street precinct planning controls for which a petition was accepted by the Council in December 2019. Recent months have seen an increase in development proposals, including a proposed "13-storey" office and hotel development over 56m high, as well as 15-storey proposals, demonstrating height creep as each new development seeks to extend earlier approvals. Unlike previous major projects, the 13-storey development is not sited adjacent to a major road but is proposed for a narrow, one-way side street in the centre of the precinct. This will further set precedents that will be used in future applications and demonstrates the need for clear and unambiguous guidelines that define the planning intentions for the area.

The current discussions in academia, policy and the media question the viability of current planning when the pandemic throws up the need for increased open space, light and proper ventilation.

To paraphrase the FRA and CARA residents' groups, we believe in a participatory and deliberative democracy that aids our local community and develops an environment that meets the needs of all who live and work in the area. To achieve these goals, we believe that community advisory boards, neighbourhood committees and citizen juries can create joined-up planning and services frameworks to deliver this plan. We look forward to working with the City of Yarra to achieve the best outcomes for the local community.

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making advised;

Last time I answered this question I indicated that the office wouldn't be able to commence that project until towards the end of 2020 and regrettably that's still the case with the current work program. There has been many aspects across the city in terms of seeking design and development overlays and working towards getting interim controls and then certainly backfilling that to seek permanent controls with the Minister for Planning. There is a program that the research would start at the end of this calendar year. There is a budget allocation in the draft budget that Council will consider on the 4 August and hopefully that will come through and then would enable the research to start later this year. I am certainly aware of the number of developments in the area and it is under development pressure, I agree. It's a commercial area in Gibbs Street and that's similar to Cremorne in the southern part of the City of Yarra which is also under a significant amount of development pressure.

Councillor Chen Yi Mei left the meeting at 7.31pm

Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 7.34pm

Councillor O'Brien returned at 7.35pm

8. Delegates' reports

8.1 Councillor Fristacky - Business Advisory Group Meetings (BAG)

Committee	Business Advisory Group Meetings
Appointed Councillors	Cr Jackie Fristacky, Cr Daniel Nguyen
Date of Council Meeting	21 July 2020
Date of Report	18 July 2020
Report Author	Cr Jackie Fristacky

DELEGATES REPORT

This report covers two meetings of the Business Advisory Group (BAG) in 2020 both covering the impacts of COVID-19:

- 9 April 2020 special meeting followed Council's COVID-19 Economic and Community Support Package endorsed on 2 April 2020. The meeting was convened by Council's Economic Development Unit to obtain input from BAG members on COVID-19 repercussions in Yarra.
- 16 July 2020 formal meeting attended by Cr Fristacky (meeting Chair) and Cr Nguyen. This meeting dealt with matters below.

1. Council's COVID-19 response

Council's Coordinator Economic Development provided an update on Yarra's COVID-19 Support Package and initiatives to support business in Yarra including refunding and waiving trading permit fees, grants to 30 small businesses, pop-up parklets on local roads to support social distancing by those waiting for take-aways, and an ongoing campaign to shop local. Another key support for business covered, was providing information on external supports through Commonwealth, State and community initiatives, especially Small Business Victoria programs through workshops, grants, and assistance with tenancy disputes, rent reductions and deferrals.

2. Economic Development Strategy - 2020-2025

A background report on redrafting Yarra's Economic Development Strategy had been presented to a BAG meeting on 19 September 2019 seeking member input on the redraft.

The July meeting informed the BAG that the draft Strategy since formulated, had been approved by Council on 23 June 2020 to be placed on public exhibition for 4 weeks. Members were urged to examine and provide feedback on contents of the draft Strategy.

3. Business Round Table

This was a key feature of both recent meetings with BAG members, describing how business and workers have been coping under the COVID-19 lockdown. Many were in abeyance or just surviving providing services on-line through staff supported by JobKeeper and rent relief from landlords.

Attendance at co-working premises was substantially reduced with people choosing to work from home. A business involved in mentoring at schools, reported that the youth sector was particularly worried about jobs, covering rent and surviving.

Those providing advice and training were busy assisting clients on-line, helping businesses to restructure and adapt. Others had had to pause their businesses and managed to return to prior roles e.g. NBN work, which was unaffected, or turned to not-for-profit or other work.

Different parts of Yarra such as Cremorne seemed more adversely affected than local shopping strips such as North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill.

While bars, restaurants and arts sectors were struggling, it was reported that many residents working from home were supporting hospitality and other local businesses with strong demand for take-away purchases, packaged goods, daily fixes of take-away coffee and do-it-yourself products. There was also on-line demand for artworks and other consumer products for businesses that were able to shift to providing virtual services.

Councillor Chen Yi Mei returned at 7.42pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That Council note this Delegates report on meetings of Yarra's Business Advisory Group held 9 April and 16 July 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. General Business

Nil

10. Questions without notice

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10.1 Councillor Bosler – Masks for Employees

Question:

Can the CEO and relevant officers please provide advice to Councillors about our protocols for face masks, now mandatory – do we have enough stockpiled for staff as needed, including for their travel to and from work, and further, have we consulted with the union about the implementation of mandatory face masks also?

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised;

We have had several Council staff meetings and also ASIO written to me to meet me separately.

Providing a mask is compulsory and we are enhancing the type of masks we can give. We have ordered masks and both Lucas Gosling and the critical response team have already got some supplies.

For those who are working from home, we are considering how we can help them, but for those who are on the frontline there is no question about the type and the quality that we are going to provide. I can also provide further information on the E-Bulletin.

We have several providers and Councillors will also be considered in this list of who will be provided with a mask as you are also considered to be working for the Council.

10.2 Councillor Bosler – Planning Amendments by Carlton Football Club

Question:

I've received a number of emails from residents about the planning amendment for Ikon Park site. Can the relevant officer please provide advice to Councillors about the proposed upgrades by Carlton Football Club to Ikon Park to make the facility better for women's sport and access to sport?

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making advised;

Some papers have been circulated to Councillors seeking a Council position from the Minister for Planning. It is a City of Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment. We will be briefing Councillors about this on the 3 August and then be seeking a Council position so we can take that back to the minister.

10.3 Councillor Fristacky – Planning Amendments by Carlton Football Club

Question:

I note that Mr Phillips has been involved in meetings and advising, actually Contour, for the Carlton Football Club on communication with residents. There was a map provided in the documentation on which residents in Princes Hill should be consulted, which included up to Wilson Street. But in my communications with residents and liaising with a lot of them over the last month, no-one can remember any communications about this. The only communication they recall is the information that I have sent them, that came through from Council, notwithstanding Contour advised that they had letterboxed all relevant residents; yet no-one in the area can remember it.

I just wonder whether there has been any checking or any confirmation about what has been sent to residents. It is understood that because of COVID they couldn't have the two meetings that were scheduled because of the lockdown; but the residents weren't even advised and this is important to follow up.

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making advised;

I haven't had any discussions with Contour and not sure if any of the staff have but I think the notification that Contour were doing on behalf of the City of Melbourne, got caught up with the COVID matter. I have had three or four emails in the last few days and we are acknowledging those and need to look into that and that will be part of the briefing to Councillors.

I need to look into the notification, it didn't come from us. If people are saying they didn't receive any notification then we do need to do something about it.

10.4 Councillor Chen Yi Mei – Youth programming during COVID

Question:

Research indicating that the coronavirus pandemic will hit young peoples' mental health (aged between 18 and 25) the hardest. Noting that Yarra Youth Services has suspended it's face to face programs, what is being done to pivot youth programming to support young people during this time and to make services accessible to them.

Response:

The Acting Director Community Wellbeing advised;

We have had online activities and staff that are on the ground are working with the youth doing programs online but also helping those in need on the ground.

The Chief Executive Officer also advised that; I just provided staff with update via Monday Musings so I will forward that information onto Councillors.

10.5 Councillor O'Brien – LAPM 3 Traffic Calming Measures

Question:

The recent LAPM3 recommended traffic calming measures. What can be done outside of the LAPM process that would specifically reduce traffic, rather than just calm it, particularly to reduce rat running through residential streets by non-residents and by trucks using them for commercial purposes such as deliveries?

How can Council reduce aggressive, speeding, noisy vehicles with no care for a neighbourhood that is not their own and get them to stick to the arterial roads – those higher capacity urban roads.

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets advised;

As you referred, the LAPM process is the approach we take to consider matters like the one you have outlined in your question. LAPM 3 which was concluded recently did include a number of treatments that would go some way to addressing traffic speeds and potentially traffic volumes. As you know a turn-ban has been approved during peak times for Brunswick Street North. We noted in our report back to Council that that had some effect in terms of limiting the traffic flows down Brunswick Street North. As you would also know there was a proposal as part of the endorsed LAPM 3 to trial a median turn-ban, ultimately that wasn't supported by DOT and part of the difficulty for Council is that many of the treatments that can be considered require DOT approval and in this instance they would not provide that approval. I understand and appreciate the residents desire for managing and

minimising the traffic they get through their streets. In reality we do have some limited options and we believe through the LAPM process we have identified those, but beyond that we cannot prevent people from using local roads except in exceptional circumstances where there are particularly heavy vehicles and the like, but everyday vehicles can use local roads and there isn't a lot we can do to prevent them doing so.

11.1 Update on the World Heritage Management Plan review and the draft Heritage Management Plan for Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens

Reference: D20/120407

Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the above report;
 - (b) in accordance with Option 2, makes a response to the draft Heritage Management Plan for the REB&CG;
 - (c) authorises officers to email Council's response in Attachment 4 to heritage.policy@delwp.vic.gov.au as outlined in Option 2, before the close of this consultation on 27 July; and
 - (d) authorises officers to provide general feedback on the existing WHMP for its review in line with para 56 above through Engage Victoria Consultation webpage for REB&CG.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the above report;
 - (b) in accordance with Option 2, makes a response to the draft Heritage Management Plan for the Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens;
 - (c) authorises officers to email Council's response in Attachment 4 to heritage.policy@delwp.vic.gov.au as outlined in Option 2, before the close of this consultation on 27 July; and
 - (d) authorises officers to provide general feedback on the existing World Heritage Management Plan for its review in line with para 56 above through Engage Victoria Consultation webpage for Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens with the following additions:
 - (i) the need to include and develop a separate interpretation and signage plan;
 - (ii) the need to include, in the World Heritage Environs Area, protections for:
 - a. the whole site, including its environs and the dome views from the intersection of Brunswick and Gertrude Streets;
 - b. the whole Gertrude Street (north and south sides) up to Brunswick Street; (which includes the significant places of Glass Terrace and Barcelona Terrace);-as well as
 - c. the heritage streetscapes of Greeves Street (west of Brunswick Street) and the whole of Bell Street; and
 - (iii) the need for a Statutory Authority with funding and co-ordination to ensure appropriate protection, management and conservation of the world heritage site and its environs;
 - (iv) seeking clarification of the role played by the Carlton Gardens as a setting for the Royal Exhibition Building and not an exhibition space, and the desirability of it hosting a commercial flower show annually which removes a part of the gardens from its role as a settings for the Royal Exhibition Building and closes part of the

- gardens to public access for up to 2 months of each year; and
- (v) further to 2.5 in the Draft Heritage Management Plan, and following completion of the additional document on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, Council supports early action on that document before the next revision of the Heritage Management Plan in seven years time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Peacemaking Project in North Richmond

Reference: D20/104713

Authoriser: Director Community Wellbeing

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes and supports the intent of the Neighbourhood Peacemaking project;
 - (b) endorses the temporary allocation of staffing resources to support the project; and
 - (c) request officers provide further reports to Council on the progress and outcomes of the project.

Public Submission

David Horseman addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes and supports the intent of the Neighbourhood Peacemaking project;
 - (b) endorses the temporary allocation of staffing resources to support the project; and
 - (c) request officers provide further reports to Council on the progress and outcomes of the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 Community Grants 2020-2021 Initiation Report

Reference: D20/111531

Authoriser: Senior Coordinator Community Development

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorses the guidelines for the Annual Grants 2021, Investing in Communities Grant Program 2021-2023, Small Project Grants 2020/2021 and Room to Create Responsive Grants 2020/2021;
 - (b) appoint the Yarra Arts Advisory Committee (excluding Councillors) as the community panel for the Arts and Culture grants stream;
 - (c) endorses the proposal to appoint community representatives to serve on the ICG and Annual Grant assessment panels; and,
 - (d) notes the amounts of \$983,888 for the Annual Grants 2021, \$301,790 per annum for three years (+CPI) for the Investing in Communities Grants 2021-23, \$75,863 for the Small Project Grants 2020/21 and \$25,000 for the Room to Create Responsive Grants 2020/21 have been allocated in the draft budget and are subject to the approval of the 2020/2021 budget at the 4 August Council Meeting.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 8.27pm

Councillor Jolly returned at 8.36pm

Councillor Nguyen returned at 8.32pm

Councillor Chen Yi Mei left the meeting at 8.34pm

Councillor Chen Yi Mei returned at 8.35pm

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 8.36pm

Councillor Nguyen returned at 8.38pm

Councillor Searle left the meeting at 8.57pm

Councillor Searle returned at 9.08pm

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorses the guidelines for the Annual Grants 2021, Investing in Communities Grant Program 2021-2023, Small Project Grants 2020/2021 and Room to Create Responsive Grants 2020/2021;
 - (b) appoint the Yarra Arts Advisory Committee (excluding Councillors) as the community panel for the Arts and Culture grants stream;
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- (e) resolves to increase the pool for the Climate Action Stream in the Annual Grants for 2020-2021 by \$30,000, by allocating this amount from the unspent COVID 19 Community and Economic Support Package funds intended for resilience and recovery, and that the total pool in that fund be accordingly reduced by \$30,000.

Councillor Nguyen suggested the following amendment:

“resolve to increase the pool for the Climate Action Stream in the Annual Grants for 2020-2021 by 50,000 and Youth Led Grants by 38,000, by allocating this amount from the unspent COVID 19 Community Economic Support Package funds intended for resilience and recovery, and that the total pool in that be accordingly reduced by \$88,000.”

The amendment was not accepted by the mover or seconder.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That Council:

- (f) endorses the guidelines for the Annual Grants 2021, Investing in Communities Grant Program 2021-2023, Small Project Grants 2020/2021 and Room to Create Responsive Grants 2020/2021;
- (g) appoint the Yarra Arts Advisory Committee (excluding Councillors) as the community panel for the Arts and Culture grants stream;
- (h) endorses the proposal to appoint community representatives to serve on the ICG and Annual Grant assessment panels;
- (i) notes the amounts of \$983,888 for the Annual Grants 2021, \$301,790 per annum for three years (+CPI) for the Investing in Communities Grants 2021-23, \$75,863 for the Small Project Grants 2020/21 and \$25,000 for the Room to Create Responsive Grants 2020/21 have been allocated in the draft budget and are subject to the approval of the 2020/2021 budget at the 4 August Council Meeting; and
- (j) resolves to increase the pool for the Climate Action Stream in the Annual Grants for 2020-2021 by \$30,000, by allocating this amount from the unspent COVID 19 Community and Economic Support Package funds intended for resilience and recovery, and that the total pool in that fund be accordingly reduced by \$30,000.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Jolly, Stone, Chen Yi Mei, Searle, Bosler, Nguyen and O'Brien

Against: Nil

Abstained: Councillors Coleman and Fristacky

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9.25pm

The meeting resumed at 9.31pm

11.4 Governance Rules

Reference: D20/122295
Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following consideration of confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 10.08pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 4 August 2020

Mayor