



**Maribyrnong City Council**

**ENTERPRISE MARIBYRNONG DELEGATED COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Tuesday 1 December, 2020  
4.30pm**

**Functions Room  
Level 1  
Maribyrnong Council Offices  
Corner Hyde and Napier Streets, Footscray**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Michael Clarke  
Councillor Cuc Lam  
Councillor Anthony Tran  
Pradeep Tiwara  
Ben Needham  
Ying Zhang  
Celestine Hade (Chair)  
Stuart Lucca-Pope  
Megan Walker  
Kerry O'Neill  
Nick Seymour

To be confirmed at the Enterprise Maribyrnong Delegated Committee Meeting  
to be held on 2 March, 2021

## **1. COMMENCEMENT OF DELEGATED MEETING AND WELCOME**

The meeting commenced at 4:36pm.

The Chair, Chairperson Celestine Hade made the following acknowledgement statement:

*"We acknowledge that we are on traditional lands of the Kulin Nation. We offer our respect to the Elders of these traditional lands, and through them to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples past and present".*

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Michael Clarke  
Councillor Cuc Lam (arrived at 4:44pm)  
Councillor Anthony Tran  
Member Pradeep Tiwara  
Member Bruce Marshall  
Member Celestine Hade (Chair)  
Member Stuart Lucca-Pope  
Member Megan Walker  
Member Kerry O'Neill  
Member Nick Seymour

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Executive Officer, Stephen Wall  
Director Corporate Services, Celia Haddock  
Director Community Services, Clem Gillings  
Manager City Futures, Francesca O'Brien

## **2. APOLOGIES**

An apology for this meeting was received from Ben Needham.

## **3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Delegated Committee Member Pradeep Tiwari declared a conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item 6.1 Business Improvement District Grants Program Stream 1 Round 2 2020/2021, due to his association with West Footscray Traders.

Delegated Committee Member Stuart Lucca-Pope declared a conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item 6.1 Business Improvement District Grants Program Stream 1 Round 2 2020/21, due to a financial association he has with the Coworking Westside Reactivation Project.

## **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Ken Betts, resident of Seddon asked:

1. In the true meaning of being enterprising, is Council prepared to be adventurous in spirit, especially with so many empty shops and more businesses predicted to close as a direct result of the coronavirus creating an unprecedented recession?

#### *Response*

Chief Executive Officer Stephen Wall noted his impression of the new Council is that they appear enterprising and adventurous in spirit and are constantly brainstorming ideas to stimulate the growth of the City. Mr Wall noted that the previously Council implemented approximately \$11 million worth of initiatives during their tenure to try and support businesses during the Covid restrictions. Mr Wall hoped the recovery of the impacts of Covid would be quick and that any recession resulting from Covid would be minimal.

2. Can Council commit to investigating and embracing ways to enticing new businesses with less red tape and positive fast tracking without unnecessary hurdles of duplication of rules and regulations?

#### *Response*

Chief Executive Officer Stephen Wall confirmed that Council has a concierge approach to enticing new businesses in the City and this new approach has had a particularly positive change on the permit process for new businesses. Council has received generally positive feedback about Council's new approach and the simplicity it now provides.

Delegated Committee Member Stuart Lucca-Pope noted that as a business owner himself in Footscray, he was very satisfied with the support provided to business owners, especially during Covid and the innovative ways Council has provided additional support to businesses within the City.

## **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The purpose of this report was to present for confirmation, the minutes of the Enterprise Maribyrnong Delegated Committee Meeting held on 1 September 2020.

#### **Motion**

*That the Delegated Committee confirms the minutes of the Enterprise Maribyrnong Delegated Committee Meeting held on 1 September 2020.*

Moved:                      Member Stuart Lucca-Pope  
Seconded:                Member Nick Seymour

Councillor Tran left the meeting at 4:41pm and returned to the meeting at 4:44pm.

Councillor Lam arrived at the meeting at 4.44pm.

## 6. OFFICER REPORTS

### 6.1. Business Improvement District Grants Program Stream 1 Round 2 2020/2021

The purpose of this report was to present the Business Improvement District 2020/21 grant program applications and seek endorsement of funding recommendations.

#### Motion

*That the Enterprise Maribyrnong Delegated Committee:*

1. *Endorse the Business Improvement District 20/21 grants for the following projects:  
Stream 1, Round 2 (Trader Association and Business Groups)*
  1. *Wefo (West Footscray) Traders Marketing Project – \$17,479.80*
  2. *Coworking Westside Reactivation Project – \$28,658.30*
  3. *Business Incubator Program – \$28,750.35*
2. *Note that all applicants will be advised in writing of the outcomes of the Business Improvement District grant program.*

Moved: Cr Anthony Tran  
Seconded: Cr Cuc Lam

## 7. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Nil.

## 8. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

## 9. DELEGATED MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Celestine Hade, declared the meeting closed at 4:46pm.



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Chair, Celestine Hade