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Maribyrnong City Council

ENTERPRISE MARIBYRNONG DELEGATED COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday 1 September, 2020
4.30pm

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

MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Sarah Carter
Councillor Cuc Lam
Councillor Simon Crawford
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

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1. COMMENCEMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 4.32pm.

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 Cuc Lam (via audio and visual contact)
Councillor Simon Crawford (via audio and visual contact)
Pradeep Tiwara (via audio)
Ben Needham (via audio and visual contact)
Ying Zhang(via audio and visual contact)
Celestine Hade (Chair) (via audio and visual contact)
Stuart Lucca-Pope (via audio and visual contact)
Megan Walker (via audio and visual contact)
Kerry O'Neill (via audio and visual contact)
Nick Seymour (via audio and visual contact)

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer, Stephen Wall (via audio and visual contact)
Director Planning Services, Nigel Higgins (via audio and visual contact)
Acting Manager City Futures, Virginia Howe (via audio and visual contact)

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Sarah Carter

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Stuart Lucca-Pope declared a conflict of interest in relation to agenda item 7.1, Business Improvement District Program, describing the direct interest due to having a close association and a financial interest.

Pradeep Tiwari declared a conflict of interest in relation to agenda item 7.1, Business Improvement District Program, describing the direct interest due to having a close association and a financial interest.

Both Committee Members applied for BID grant funds which are being considered/decided upon in Agenda item 7.1

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4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Ken Betts asked that in view of possible changing of the guard of Councillors coupled with caretaker mode only two weeks away, is it appropriate, timing wise, fair right now to be making promises in such unchartered recession waters.

The CEO responded by stating that the Enterprise Maribyrnong Special Committee is a delegated committee under Sect 86 of the Local Government Act 1989, and is lawfully able to consider and allocate the grants on behalf of Council. The caretaker period for the 2020 Local Government Election commences on 22 September, 2020, and this meeting is not being held within that period. Given the impact of COVID19 on the business community of Maribyrnong City Council, it could be argued that now is exactly the right time for this matter to be decided upon.

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 5 May 2020.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Delegated Committee confirms the minutes of the Enterprise Maribyrnong Delegated Committee Meeting held on 5 May 2020.

Moved: Ben Needham
Seconded: Cr Cuc Lam

CARRIED

6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

7. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with section 89(2) (h) of the Local Government Act 1989, close the meeting to members of the public at "enter time" to consider Confidential agenda item 7.1, Business Improvement District Program 2020/21, as it contains information in relation to any matter which Council considers prejudicial to Council or any person.

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CLOSURE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Chair, Chairperson Celestine Hade, declared the meeting closed to members of the public at 4.44pm for consideration of confidential agenda item 7.1.

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford
Seconded: Ying Zhang

CARRIED

Stuart Lucca Pop and Pradeep Tiwari left the meeting at 4.44pm

REOPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was reopened to the public at 4.48pm.

The Chair, Chairperson Celestine Hade, advised that in accordance with the confidential resolution(s) there were no items for release to the public.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations of the 'Closed' Meeting of Council with regard to confidential matters be adopted.

Stuart Lucca-Pope returned to the meeting at 4.48pm

8. DELEGATED MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Chairperson Celestine Hade, declared the meeting closed at 5.01pm.

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