



**Melbourne City Council
Environment Committee**

MINUTES

**Meeting Number 12
Tuesday, 6 May 2008
5.30pm**

PRESENT

Cr Brindley (Chair)
Cr Ng
Cr Clarke (Arrived 5.34pm)
Cr Snedden
Cr Wilson
Cr Deputy Lord Mayor Gary Singer

APOLOGIES

Cr Jetter
Cr Shanahan

To be confirmed at the Environment
Committee meeting on 8 July 2008

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 1)

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair Cr Brindley, advised that:

- the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting;
- the agenda comprised six Reports from Management, and two items of General Business;
- agenda item 5.1, “*Review of Dog Off Leash Areas in Royal Park*” had been withdrawn; and
- apologies had been received from Councillors Jetter and Shanahan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of pecuniary or conflicts of interest received.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Gary Singer

That the minutes of meeting No 11, held on Tuesday, 4 March 2008, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Snedden

Carried unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT (Agenda Item 5)

REFERRAL NOTICE PROCESS

The Chair Cr Brindley, advised members of the Committee and the public that:

- in accordance with the resolution of the Council on 28 February 2006, where the Committee makes a decision on the basis of fewer than five members voting in favour of it, the decision may be referred, by a Councillor, to Council for decision; and
- information in relation to the referral notice process was available from the Council Business Officers.

SUBMISSIONS

The Chair Cr Brindley, advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council’s *Conduct of Meetings Local Law 2001*.

In relation to **Agenda Item 6.1**, “*Notice of Motion, Cr Brindley: Logging in Melbourne’s Water Catchments*”:

Request to Speak:

- Chris Tipler and Serena O’Meley, Melbourne Water Catchment Network.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Cr Ng moved the following motion:

That the Committee, in accordance with Clause 11 of the Conduct of Meetings Local Law 2001, resolve that the Order of Business be amended to allow the consideration of agenda item 6.1 as the next item of business.

Deputy Lord Mayor Gary Singer seconded Cr Ng's motion.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Cr Clarke arrived at 5.34pm.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS (Agenda Item 6)

6.1. Notice of Motion, Cr Brindley: Logging in Melbourne's Water Catchments

Chris Tipler spoke in favour of the motion and made the following comments:

- that there is research supporting the conclusion that water is worth more than timber;
- water shortage is a major issue and logging in water catchments needs to end; and
- there are alternative sources of timber available.

In response to questions raised by Councillors Mr Tipler commented that logging in the catchments has an extensive history and to stop it would require legislative change.

Serena O'Meley also addressed the Committee speaking in favour of the motion.

Moved: The Chair Cr Brindley

1. *That the Environment Committee recommend to Council that:*
 - 1.1. *given the continuing low level of Melbourne's water storage, Council oppose logging of Melbourne's water catchments; and*
 - 1.2. *write to the Premier, the Minister for Water and the Minister for Environment informing them of Council's decision.*

Seconded: Cr Ng
Carried unanimously.

5.2 The World Sustainable Building Conference Series, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to propose that the City of Melbourne sponsor the "welcome to Melbourne" drinks and the delegates "map of Melbourne" at the World Sustainable Building Conference to be held on 21-25 September 2008 in Melbourne.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Gary Singer

1. *That the Environment Committee recommend to Council that it:*
 - 1.1. *approve the sponsorship of the "Welcome to Melbourne" drinks to be held on the eve of the World Sustainable Building Conference; and*
 - 1.2. *approve the funding of the production of a "map of Melbourne" to be provided to delegates.*

Seconded: Cr Wilson
Carried unanimously.

5.3 Clinton Climate Initiative: Energy Performance Contract

The purpose of this report was to advise the Environment Committee of the progress with the Energy Performance Contract and the Clinton Foundation's Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program and, as required by the resolution of the Committee of 2 October 2007, to seek approval to advance the process.

In response to questions raised by Councillors, Geoff Lawler Director Sustainability and Regulatory Services advised that participation in this Program should not adversely impact on future decisions to refurbish CH1.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Gary Singer

1. *That the Environment Committee:*
 - 1.1. *approve Management progressing the Energy Performance Contract ("EPC") and the Clinton Foundation's Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program by:*
 - 1.1.1. *authorising a selection committee, made up of the persons from time to time holding the positions of Manager Property Services, Manager Capital Works, Coordinator Real Estate Services, and Sustainability Engineer, to select four preferred contractors from the respondents to the Expression of Interest campaign;*
 - 1.1.2. *authorising the Director Sustainability and Regulatory Services to request those four preferred contractors each prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP);*
 - 1.1.3. *noting a single preferred contractor will be identified by the Director of Sustainability and Regulatory Services in consultation with the selection committee; and*
 - 1.1.4. *authorising the Director Sustainability and Regulatory Services negotiate an agreement for a Detailed Facility Study (DFS) with the preferred contractor that recognises the criteria endorsed by the Environment Committee at its meeting on 2 October 2007; and*
 - 1.2. *note a future report will be presented to Council, through the Environment Committee, for approval to enter into the DFS contract with the preferred contractor.*

Seconded: Cr Clarke

The Chair Cr Brindley suggested paragraph 1.2 be amended to include the words "*in September 2008*".

Deputy Lord Mayor Gary Singer as mover and Cr Clarke as seconder agreed to incorporate the Chair Cr Brindley's suggestion by amending paragraph 1.2.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The motion in its entirety now reads:

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 - 1.1.4. *authorising the Director Sustainability and Regulatory Services negotiate an agreement for a Detailed Facility Study (DFS) with the preferred contractor that recognises the criteria endorsed by the Environment Committee at its meeting on 2 October 2007; and*
 - 1.2. *note a future report will be presented to Council in September 2008, through the Environment Committee, for approval to enter into the DFS contract with the preferred contractor.*

5.4 Water Conservation Initiatives – Progress Report

The purpose of this report was to provide an update to the Environment Committee on the water conservation initiatives being carried out in relation to the City’s park and tree assets and the on-going development of a sustainable water management plan for parks and gardens.

In response to questions raised by Councillors Rob Adams, Director Design and Sustainability advised that no additional expenditure would be required as it is provided for in the current budget.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Gary Singer

1. *That the Environment Committee note Council’s current water conservation initiatives, including:*
 - 1.1. *the achievement of a 56% reduction in potable water use for the maintenance of the City’s public open spaces and trees in the first 9 months of this financial year;*
 - 1.2. *the commencement of the use of potable water for watering some of the City’s sports grounds in support of community sport;*
 - 1.3. *the on-going development of a sustainable water management plan for parks and gardens; and*
 - 1.4. *the City’s participation in the Public Record Office Water Harvesting Project and the Shrine of Remembrance Rainwater Harvesting Project.*

Seconded: Cr Wilson
Carried unanimously.

5.5 Stormwater Quality Targets for City of Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to propose a stormwater quality target and reporting system for City of Melbourne to assist in improving water quality in our waterways and Port Phillip Bay; and note our progress in stormwater quality management in recent years.

The Chair Cr Brindley introduced to the Committee Ralf Pfleiderer, Council's newly appointed Water Management and Water Sensitive Urban Design Officer.

Moved: Cr Clarke

1. *That the Environment Committee:*
 - 1.1. *endorse the stormwater quality target for City of Melbourne subject to a review after 18 months;*
 - 1.2. *encourage other Councils to adopt the same approach to stormwater quality targets; and*
 - 1.3. *note the support provided by Melbourne Water and its positive progress report to Council.*

Seconded: Cr Ng
Carried unanimously.

5.6 Zero Net Update – Draft for Public Consultation

The purpose of this report was to provide the Environment Committee with the draft of the Update of *Zero Net Emissions by 2020* and to seek endorsement for the draft to be released for consultation.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Gary Singer

1. *That the Environment Committee:*
 - 1.1. *note the findings in the draft Update of Zero Net Emissions by 2020;*
 - 1.2. *endorse the release of the draft Update of Zero Net Emissions by 2020 for public consultation; and*
 - 1.3. *note the proposed consultation process.*

Seconded: Cr Ng
Carried unanimously.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS (Agenda Item 6 continued)

6.2. Notice of Motion, Cr Brindley: Bay Monitor Project

Moved: The Chair Cr Brindley

That the Environment Committee recommend that Council commit funding of \$10,000 towards the Bay Monitor Project.

Seconded: Cr Clarke
Carried unanimously.

7. URGENT BUSINESS (Agenda Item 7)

There were no items of Urgent Business.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Agenda Item 8)

There were no public questions.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING (Agenda Item 9)

The Chair Cr Brindley commended Council Officers on the Reports provided.

The meeting concluded at 5.49pm.

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