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MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 20 August 2018

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS
COMMITTEE OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN
CIVIC CENTRE, 350 HIGH STREET PRESTON
ON MONDAY 20 AUGUST 2018**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.33PM

ADJOURNMENT – 6.34PM

Committee Decision

Moved: Cr. T McCarthy

Seconded: Cr. S Newton

That the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting be adjourned until 6.50pm to enable the Planning Committee meeting to be concluded.

CARRIED

THE MEETING RECOMMENCED AT 6.50PM

WELCOME

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf opened the meeting with the following statement:

“I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand here today, the Wurundjeri people, and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, as well as to Elders from other communities who may be with us today.”

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Sunny Haynes - Manager City Futures

Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance

Karlee Ferrante - Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Sophie Jordan - Senior Strategic Planner (Social Policy)

Milan Nagda - Service Desk Support Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Tim Laurence is on an approved leave of absence.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That the Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 31 May 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

Melinda Viksne, Manager Governance and Performance temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 6.58pm and returned at 6.59pm.

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5.1 PROPOSED LEASE OF COUNCIL LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Author: Strategic Planner

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To seek the Hearing of Submissions Committee's consideration of the submissions made on the proposed lease of Council land at 52-60 Townhall Avenue, Preston, for the purpose of an Affordable Housing development.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting on 12 June 2018, Council resolved to commence statutory procedures under sections 190 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* regarding the lease of land at 52-60 Townhall Avenue.

Public notice was given of Council's intention to lease the site, and community consultation was undertaken in addition to the statutory procedures. A summary of consultation and communication activities is included in the report below. Forty-seven submitters have requested to be heard in support of their submissions.

Two hundred and ninety-five submissions were received by the closing date for submissions, and an additional fourteen submissions were received after 26 July 2018. A total of three hundred and nine submissions were received.

It is noted that the role of the Hearing of Submissions Committee is only to 'hear' and receive submissions. There are no options for consideration, or analysis of submissions included in this report.

Following the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting, a report in relation to all submissions received will be submitted for consideration at a meeting of Council later in 2018.

The following people spoke in support of their written submissions and were thanked by the Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf:

- *Anne Laver, Darebin Ratepayers Association (submission #14)*
- *Vince Cuni (submission #102)*
- *Tony Speranza (submission #175)*
- *Lam Chieu Tran (represented by Jennifer Tran) (submission #184)*
- *Peter Chuang (submission #163)*
- *Eleni Georgiou (represented by Chris (surname not provided)) (submission #196)*
- *Demi Tsipras (submission #207)*
- *Robyn Coates (submission #220)*

- *Tania Borg (represented by John Thanasopolous) (submission #226)*
- *Paul McMorran (submission #276)*
- *Binh Tran (submission #285)*
- *Julian Agius (represented by Paul McMorran) (submission #290)*
- *Arthur Coates (submission #292)*
- *Andy To (submission #301)*
- *Manpreet Sidhu (represented by Vince Cuni) (submission #305)*
- *Siu Chan (submission #308)*

Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That the Hearing of Submissions Committee:

- (1) Receives the written and verbal submissions.
- (2) Thanks all submitters and presenters for addressing the Committee in support of their written responses.
- (3) Provides a report to the Council Meeting to be held later in 2018 as part of Council's deliberations in considering whether to lease the land for the purpose of Affordable Housing, prepared by Officers on its behalf and which includes a summary of the submissions received and heard.

CARRIED

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.44pm.