
MINUTES

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2009

9.19am– 10.38am
10.55am – 12.42pm
1.15pm – 3.12pm

**Committee Room 1,
Ground Floor, Council Offices,
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair) (9.19am – 10.11am, 10.17am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm - 3.12pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (9.19am– 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.10pm)
Councillor Best (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Cook (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Coughlan (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Foster (9.19am– 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 2.28pm, 2.54pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Gill (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Goulden (10.33am– 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair) (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Morrison (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Pannett (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Pepperell (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Ritchie (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)
Councillor Wain (9.19am – 10.38am, 10.55am – 12.42pm, 1.15pm – 3.12pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Goulden (for lateness)

107/09P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/12/IM)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Morrison the motion that apologies for lateness be accepted from Councillor Goulden.

The motion was put was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Goulden.*

108/09P **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Coughlan the motion that the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 9 April 2009, Thursday 23 April 2009 and Thursday 7 May 2009 having been circulated be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.

The motion was put was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 9 April 2009, Thursday 23 April 2009 and Thursday 7 May 2009 having been circulated be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.*

109/09P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

110/09P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Chris Horne addressed the meeting in relation to Report 4 - Restoration of the Golden Mile. He supports the changes proposed by Council.
Tabled, supplementary information.
2. Pippa Birch from Arty Bees Bookshop addressed the meeting in relation to Report 4 - Restoration of the Golden Mile. She is opposed to the changes proposed by Council.
3. Luigi Muollo addressed the meeting in relation to Report 4 - Restoration of the Golden Mile. He is opposed to the changes proposed by Council.
4. Pam Crisp addressed the meeting in relation to Report 4 - Restoration of the Golden Mile. She supports the changes proposed by Council.
5. Tony Randle addressed the meeting in relation to Report 4 - Restoration of the Golden Mile. He is supportive of the changes proposed by Council.

111/09P **PETITION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

Mike Mendonça presented a petition on behalf of Jonathan Smith. Mr Smith petitioned Council on the proposal to get rid of the green recycling bins.

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Ritchie the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee receive the petition and consider it alongside submissions on the draft Long-Term Council Community Plan 2009/19.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee

1. *Receive the petition and consider it alongside submissions on the draft Long-Term Council Community Plan 2009/19.*

112/09P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

The Chair advised that the agenda would be taken as follows:
 Report 1 - Disability Reference Group
 Report 4 - Restoring the Golden Mile
 Report 2 - Resolution to Declare a Section of Mount Victoria Tunnel as Legal Road
 Report 3 - Waste Minimisation Act 2008
 Report 5 - Carter Observatory: Completion of Redevelopment
 Report 6 - Strategy and Policy Committee Forward Programme.

113/09P **DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP**
 Report of Sinead Roe – Accessibility Adviser.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

Rosie MacLeod – Co Chair of the Disability Group was in attendance for this item.

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Gill the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

114/09P **RESTORING THE GOLDEN MILE**
 Report of Greg Campbell – Principal Transport Planner.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Wade-Brown the substantive motion with recommendation 6 amended as follows:

- ~~6. — Agree to opening up Manners Mall to two way bus traffic and a request for a New Zealand Transport Agency subsidy for this project.~~
6. (a) **Agree to opening up Manners Mall to two way bus traffic**
 (b) **Note that the New Zealand Transport Agency has confirmed that the \$10.7 million already approved for the**

Council's bus priority proposals can be used for this project without a requirement for further approvals.

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 10.11am.)

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 10.17am.)

(Councillor Goulden joined the meeting at 10.33am.)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Ritchie the following amendment.

New 10 That the Strategy and Policy Committee agree to the public space improvements proposed for Dixon, Wakefield, Mercer and Willis Streets **and convert lower Cuba Street to a pedestrian only area.** ~~with lower Cuba Street being a shared space with priority for pedestrian access and amenity.~~

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.38am and reconvened at 10.55am. All members of the Committee were present.)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer the procedural motion that the amendment be put.

The procedural motion was put and declared LOST as there was not a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority.

The amendment was put and a division called.

Voting for: Councillors Cook, Pannett and Ritchie.

Voting against: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Majority vote: 3:12.

The amendment was declared LOST.

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Goulden the following amendment.

New recommendation 12.

“THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee agree that the Mayor asks the New Zealand Transport Agency to bring forward work on Ngauranga to Aotea because of the combined benefit to both public transport and the transport network of the project.”

The amendment moved by Mayor Prendergast was accepted by the meeting.

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.42pm and reconvened at 1.15pm. All members of the Committee were present.)

Councillor McKinnon as Chair moved the following amendment to recommendation 8.

8. Agree to **commence** the revocation of the 'pedestrian mall' status of Manners Mall and note that a Special Consultative Procedure will be required and reported ~~back~~ to Council **to approve commencement**.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 1 was put and was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 2 was put and was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 3 was put and was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 4 was put and was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 5 was put and was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 6 was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Ritchie and Wade-Brown.

Voting against: Councillors Coughlan, Gill, Pepperell and Wain.

Majority vote: 11:4

The substantive motion recommendation 6 was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 7 was put and was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 8 as amended was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Ritchie and Wade-Brown.

Voting against: Councillors Gill, Pepperell and Wain.

Majority vote: 12:3

The substantive motion recommendation 8 as amended was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 9 was put and was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 10 was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Ritchie and Wade-Brown.

Voting against: Councillors Coughlan, Gill, Pepperell and Wain.

Majority vote: 11:4

The substantive motion recommendation 10 was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 11 was put and was declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion new recommendation 12 was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the critical relationship between this project and the city's transport network objectives including the Ngauranga-Airport Plan and the growth spine.*
3. *Note that short and medium term enhancements are needed to the network in response to public transport growth and increasing network congestion to ensure reliability and adequate operating conditions.*

4. *Note the results of the public consultation (detailed in Appendix 1 of the officer's report).*
5. *Agree to signalling the pedestrian crossings on Courtenay Place, reducing the speed limit to 30 km/h and banning the right turn from Victoria Street into Manners Street in accordance with the timetable in this report.*
6. (a) ***Agree to opening up Manners Mall to two way bus traffic***
 (b) ***Note that the New Zealand Transport Agency has confirmed that the \$10.7 million already approved for the Council's bus priority proposals can be used for this project without a requirement for further approvals.***
7. *Note that Manners Mall was established by Council resolution under the Local Government Act 1974.*
8. *Agree to **commence** the revocation of the 'pedestrian mall' status of Manners Mall and note that a Special Consultative Procedure will be required and reported to Council to **approve commencement**.*
9. *Note that provision of \$11.1 million for these proposals phased over 3 years starting 2009/2010 is identified in the draft Long Term Council Community Plan.*
10. *Agree to the public space improvements proposed for Dixon, Wakefield, Mercer, Willis and lower Cuba Streets, with lower Cuba Street being a shared space with priority for pedestrian access and amenity.*
11. *Note that further consultation on detailed aspects of the proposals will be undertaken during the preparation of traffic resolutions required to give effect to the changes.*
12. ***Agree that the Mayor asks the New Zealand Transport Agency to bring forward work on Ngauranga to Aotea because of the combined benefit to both public transport and the transport network of the project.***

NOTED:

The resolutions differ from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

115/09P **RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A SECTION OF MOUNT VICTORIA TUNNEL AS LEGAL ROAD**
Report of Heather Cotton - Property Advisor.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Goulden the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the remaining section of the surface of Mount Victoria tunnel (shown as area E on attached drawing 08006-1 in appendix 1 of the officer's report) be declared as road.*
3. *Delegate authority to sign the appropriate legal documents for land owner consent to the Council's Chief Executive Officer.*

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 2.28pm.)

116/09P **WASTE MINIMISATION ACT 2008**
Report of Mike Mendonça – Manager Citioperations.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Goulden the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to a work programme to:*
 - (a) *Complete a Waste Assessment by July 2010*
 - (b) *Prepare a regional draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan by November 2011 for consultation with the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2012/22*

- (c) *Provide for alignment of the Council's bylaws to ensure information gathering, enforcement and compliance obligations, and the Council's waste management and minimisation objectives, can be met.*
- 3. *Agree and support a regional approach to waste management and minimisation to achieve the objectives of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.*
- 4. *Note that the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan will detail how the levy funds are to be allocated.*

117/09P

CARTER OBSERVATORY: COMPLETION OF REDEVELOPMENT

Report of Allan Prangnell – Manager, Council Controlled Organisations.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

Moved Councillor Morrison, seconded Councillor Goulden the substantive motion.

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Coughlan the following amendment to 5(b)

- 5. Agree to include the following in the Council's 09/10 LTCCP deliberations:
 - (b) The allocation of **\$200,000** additional CAPEX to fund the purchase of a digital full-dome planetarium projector.

The amendment was accepted by the meeting.

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 2.54pm.)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster the following amendment.

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee encourage officers to continue pursuing funding opportunities.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Note that Council assumed responsibility for the Carter Observatory in December 2007, agreeing to invest \$1.4 million in the Observatory redevelopment plus \$300,000 in ongoing annual OPEX funding, and committing non-financial resources to complete the redevelopment and re-establish operation of the Observatory as a visitor attraction.*
3. *Note that modelling by Positively Wellington Tourism and the Observatory Director demonstrates that a digital full-dome planetarium provides the best opportunity for sustainable revenues and a high quality visitor attraction at the Observatory.*
4. *Note that the Pelorus Trust has offered a commitment of \$300,000 to fund the Carter Observatory planetarium auditorium upgrade, contingent on Carter securing funding for the balance of costs for a digital full-dome projection system, and project completion by September 2010.*
5. *Agree to include the following in the Council's 09/10 LTCCP deliberations:*
 - (a) *The reallocation of \$300,000 from the Cable Car Precinct upgrade project (CX496).*
 - (b) *The allocation of **\$200,000** additional CAPEX to fund the purchase of a digital full-dome planetarium projector.*
 - (c) *The Carter Observatory re-opens in Summer 2009/10.*
6. ***Encourage officers to continue pursuing funding opportunities.***

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendation in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

118/09P **STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME**

Report of Svea Cunliffe-Steel – City Secretary.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 6)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Goulden the substantive motion.

Moved Councillor Gill, seconded Councillor Morrison the following amendment:

“That the Strategy and Policy Committee agree that a report seeking approval for Councillor attendance at the Resource Management Law Association Conference be added to the forward programme.”

The amendment moved by Councillor Gill was accepted by the meeting.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 3.10pm.)

The substantive motion as amended was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee for the remainder of 2009, attached as Appendix 1 to the officer’s report*
3. ***Agree that a report seeking approval for Councillor attendance at the Resource Management Law Association Conference be added to the forward programme.***

NOTED:

The resolution differs to the recommendations in the officer’s report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

The meeting concluded at 3.12pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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