

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Time: 5:30 pm
Date: Wednesday, 26 October 2016
Venue: Renouf Foyer
Michael Fowler Centre
111 Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Lester
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Calvi-Freeman
Councillor Dawson
Councillor Day
Councillor Eagle
Councillor Foster
Councillor Free
Councillor Gilberd
Councillor Marsh
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Chief Executive's Welcome

Chief Executive opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

1.2 Apologies

This Chief Executive noted the apology from Councillor elect David Lee.

1.3 Declaration of the Mayor Elect

The Chief Executive invited the Mayor elect to make his declaration.

The Mayor elect make his declaration as follows:

I, Justin Mark Lester declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of Wellington City, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as Mayor of the Wellington City Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Ko au a Justin Mark Lester, Ko taku kupu tēnei. Ka tutuki i ahau, ki tāku e pono nei, ngā kawenga katoa hei painga mō te Tāone o Pōneke i runga i te mana kua riro mai i ahau, hei Koro Matua o Te Kaunihera o te Tāone o Pōneke, i raro i te Ture Kāwanatanga ā-Rohe, rua mano, mā rua, te Ture Pārongo Huinga Ōkawa Kāwanatanga ā-Rohe, kotahi mano, iwa rau, waru tekau mā whitu, me ētahi atu ture rānei.

Retiring Mayor Wade-Brown placed the Mayoral Chains on the new Mayor.

Mayor Justin Lester assume the role of Chair.

1.4 Declaration of Councillors Elect

Mayor Lester invited the following ward Councillors in the following order to make their declarations:

Southern ward – Tahere Paul Eagle

Onslow-Western ward – Andy John Whitfield Foster, Simon John Woolf, Diane Christine Calvert

Northern ward – Malcolm Lloyd Sparrow, Jillian Marie Day, Peter William Gilberd

Lambton ward – Iona Katherine Mary Pannett, Nicola Mary Jacobina Young, Brian Robert Dawson

Eastern ward – Sarah Jean Free, Simon Charles Norman Marsh, Christopher John Calvi-Freeman

I, [NAME] declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of Wellington City, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as a member of the Wellington City Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Ko au a [NAME], Ko taku kupu tēnei. Ka tutuki i ahau, ki tāku e pono nei, ngā kawenga katoa, hei painga mō te Tāone o Pōneke i runga i te mana kua riro mai i ahau, hei mema o Te Kaunihera o te Tāone o Pōneke, i raro i te Ture Kāwanatanga ā-Rohe, rua mano mā rua, te Ture Pārongo, Huinga Ōkawa Kāwanatanga ā-Rohe, kotahi mano, iwa rau, waru tekau mā whitu, me ētahi atu ture rānei.

1.5 General Explanation

The Chief Executive provided a general explanation about the elected members' legal responsibilities under various pieces of legislations.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:

This Act governs the availability of information and is based on the principle that information should be made publicly available, unless one or more specific withholding grounds apply. Matters relating to requests and release of information are administered by officers of the Council.

This Act also sets meeting procedures and requirements. These include:

- the requirement to give public notice of meetings;
- the public availability of the agenda and supporting papers for meetings of the Council, and its committees and subcommittees;
- the circumstances when the Council may resolve to exclude the public from meetings, and the procedure that must be followed in such circumstances; and,
- the responsibility of the Chair to maintain order at meetings.

Other laws affecting elected members:

There are certain other legislative provisions which elected members must be aware of, which are:

- i) Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968
- ii) Crimes Act 1961
- iii) Secret Commissions Act 1910
- iv) Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- v) Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013

1.6 Mayor's Opening Speech

Tena Koutou Katoa

Councillors, council officers, Members of Parliament.

Former Mayor, Celia Wade-Brown; I would like to acknowledge your 20 years of service to Wellington – thank you.

Distinguished Wellingtonians.

Six months ago, I stood in the Wharewaka down on the waterfront, on a typically sunny Wellington day, and I announced I was running for Mayor.

I said I was standing because I loved this city and I knew that together, we could make it even better.

Over the course of the campaign, I spoke to tens of thousands of Wellingtonians who felt exactly the same way. Wellingtonians who see the enormous opportunities in front of our city and want positive, active leadership to help us seize them.

I want to congratulate all of our elected members who have put their hand up to run for Council help make this happen.

I am incredibly proud of the passionate, committed team of councillors that we have - people who have put themselves forward because they want to serve their city. I wish you all the best and I know you will do a fantastic job.

Everyone I spoke to on the campaign trail told me the same thing:

- They loved this city and everything it represents.
- They love that it's vibrant, that it's creative and connected.
- They love that it's tolerant, welcoming and progressive.

It's a city where we look out for each other and where we cheer each other's success.

It's a city where it doesn't matter where you come from, if you have a lot of money or if you're still trying to get ahead but if you put in the effort, it's a city where anything is possible.

Our mission as a council over the next three years is to make sure we are delivering on the promise of Wellington.

So, I'm going to start today as I intend to do over the next three years. To talk less and to do more.

As Mayor, I have three main priorities.

The first is boosting our economy, creating jobs and helping to lift incomes.

We will deliver the largest programme of investments in Wellington's economic development in a generation:

We will build a film museum and a convention centre;

We will back our local businesses by ditching outdated by-laws;

We will introduce a one stop shops for consents so that if you've got a great idea it's easier than ever to turn it into a thriving business.

But I then want to use the proceeds of that growth to make sure we aren't just the coolest little capital, but the fairest as well.

We're going to finish the job around the living wage, and invest in new social housing and the countries first wet house, because in Wellington we look after each other and we don't forget about those in need.

Second, we're going to fix our transport and get Wellington moving. We're going to sort out congestion at the Basin and invest in cheaper and more reliable public transport while we do it.

Thirdly, we're going to do much more to ensure that housing in this city remains affordable. Wellington is humming right now and that's fantastic but we've got to ensure that first home buyers aren't left behind.

That's why we're going to deliver a rates rebates for people building new homes, and why I've asked Paul Eagle to lead a special taskforce on housing.

I'm extremely optimistic about what we can achieve together as a Council.

We've got a team with a great mix of experience and new talent.

We've got a council organisation and officers that are at the top of their game.

We've got active, engaged Wellingtonians who want to play their part in making things better for the city they love.

Wellington, it is my greatest honour to have been elected your mayor and I'm going to spend every day trying to live up to expectation and leading a council that works with you to make this city even better.

I know we can do it, and we can do it together.

Thank you.

1.7 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

That the Council:

1. Appoint, under section 41A of the Local Government Act 2002, Councillor Paul Eagle as Deputy Mayor of Wellington City Council for the 2016/2019 triennium.

Councillor Eagle was presented with the Deputy Mayor's Chain.

1.8 Committee Structure, Chairpersons and Membership

Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Eagle

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Received the memorandum.

Carried

1.9 Elected Member Appointments to Council Controlled Organisations, Council Organisations, External Committees and Other Organisations

Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Eagle

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to appoint Councillors to vacancies on the Boards of the following Council Controlled Organisations:

Council Controlled Organisation	Number of vacancies
Basin Reserve Trust	Cr Woolf
Hutt Minoh House Friendship Trust	Cr Dawson

Joe Aspell Trust ¹	Mayor and Ctrs Young, Sparrow and Calvi-Freeman.
Wellington Museums Trust	Cr Calvert
Wellington Zoo Trust	Cr Free
Karori Sanctuary Trust (Zealandia)	to be done at a future Council meeting
Westpac Stadium (Wellington Regional Stadium Trust)	Cr Marsh

3. Agree to appoint Councillor representative(s) to the following Council Organisations:

Council Organisation	Representation
Wellington International Airport Ltd	Cr Foster
Creative Communities Local Funding Scheme	Mayor
NZ International Arts Festival Trust	Mayor*
Porirua Harbour and Catchment Trust	Cr Gilberd
Thomas George Macarthy Trust	Mayor*
Zealandia Guardians	Cr Gilberd
Te Wharewaka o Pōneke	Ctrs Day and Eagle

* The Mayor is automatically appointed to these positions under the relevant Trust agreement

4. Agree to appoint a Councillor representative, and an alternate, to the following Council Advisory and Reference Groups:

Council Advisory and Reference Group	Representation
Accessibility Advisory Group	Cr Lee and Cr Foster as alternate
Environmental Reference Group	Cr Gilberd and Cr Pannett as alternate
Pacific Advisory Group	Cr Dawson and Cr Day as alternate
Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group	Cr Calvi-Freeman and Cr Free as alternate
Youth Council	Cr Day and Cr Woolf as alternate

5. Agree to appoint a Councillor representative, and an alternate to the following groups and organisations:

Other Organisation	Representation
Art Collection Group	Mayor and Cr Young as alternate
Liaison with the Wellington Multi-Cultural Council	Cr Calvert and Cr Gilberd as alternate

¹ Excluding the Mayor, who is automatically appointed to the Trust.

Waste Forum – Wellington Region	Cr Pannett and Cr Lee as alternate
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6. Agree to appoint a Councillor representative, and an alternate, to the following joint external committees:

Joint External Committees	Representation
Regional Transport Committee	Cr Calvi-Freeman and Cr Free as alternate
Wellington Regional Strategy Committee	Mayor and Cirs Eagle, Marsh and Calvert
Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee	Cr Pannett and Cr Young as alternate
Wellington Regional Amenities Fund Joint Committee	Mayor and Cr Eagle
Wellington Water Committee	Cr Pannett
Te Awarua o Porirua Harbour and catchment Joint Committee	Cr Lee
Wellington Region Waste Minimisation and Management Plan Joint Committee	Cr Pannett

7. Agree to appoint two Northern Ward Councillors to the Tawa Community Board for the 2016/2019 triennium.
8. Delegate to the Tawa Community Board the authority to appoint a Board member as a representative on Camp Elsdon.
9. Agree to appoint the Mayor (as presiding delegate) and three Councillors as its representatives to Local Government New Zealand Zone 4.
10. Agree that the Councillors appointed to these organisations and advisory groups will report back to an appropriate forum on an annual basis.
11. Agree that the term of appointments to each of the above positions will commence immediately. Unless otherwise specified the appointment will terminate at the earlier of the time the position is refilled following the 2019/2022 triennial election or 31 December 2019.

Carried

2.0 Setting of Dates for First Council Ordinary Meetings - 2016/2019 Triennium

Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Eagle

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.

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2. Agree that the first two meetings of the Council for the 2016/2019 triennium to be held on Wednesday 9 November 2016, at 1.30pm and Wednesday 14 December 2016 at 5.30 pm.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 6.34pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair