

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Time: 9:30 am
Date: Thursday, 2 February 2017
Venue: Committee Room 2
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT

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

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1 Meeting Conduct

Secretariat Note: Cr Day provided her Mihi at the beginning of the City Strategy Committee meeting.

(Councillor Free entered the meeting at 09:31 am.)
(Councillor Foster entered the meeting at 09:31 am.)

1.1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts declared.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free

Resolved

That the City Strategy Committee:

1. Approve the minutes of the City Strategy Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2016, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.4 Public Participation

There were no public participants.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

2.1 Earthquake Recovery: Initiative to Strengthen Unreinforced Masonry Facades and Parapets

Reason why the item is not on the agenda

The report was not available at the close of the City Strategy Committee agenda.

Reason why the discussion cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting

The decision cannot be delayed as the decision making process is required to be concluded.

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Young the following motion,

Resolved

1. To include item 2.1 Earthquake Recovery: Initiative to Strengthen Unreinforced Masonry Facades and Parapets on the 2 February 2017 City Strategy Committee agenda.

Carried

Attachments

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2. Strategy

2.1 Earthquake Recovery: Initiative to Strengthen Unreinforced Masonry Facades and Parapets

Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Pannett officers amended recommendations

That the City Strategy Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Notes that the Government announced on 25 January 2017 a \$3 million funding package for mandatory strengthening within 12 months of the street facing unreinforced masonry (URM) of buildings.
3. Notes this is intended to be a joint funding initiative, with central government contributing 1/3 of the cost, Council providing 1/6 and the building owner contributing 1/2.
4. Notes the combined Government and Council funding will pay for half the cost of securing work up to \$15,000 for a unreinforced masonry (URM) façade, and/or \$10,000 for a URM parapet.
5. Notes qualifying work will be exempt from obtaining Building Consents and Resource Consents.
6. Notes qualifying work does not include partial or full demolition of heritage buildings or permanent alterations to heritage buildings.
7. Notes that if the Council does not allocate funding, the mandatory strengthening requirement will remain but no public funding will be available.
8. Agrees to recommend to Council to allocate \$1 million as part of the joint funding arrangement with the Government to strengthen street facing unreinforced masonry (URMs) of buildings on key routes with high pedestrian or vehicular traffic by reprioritising \$300,000 from the 2016/17 Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) allocation and allocating \$700,000 of the BHIF Fund for the 2017/18 financial year.
9. Agrees to prioritise the remaining \$300,000 of the 2017/18 Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) allocation along Courtenay Place and on the Newtown and Cuba heritage areas while still maintaining the current focus on strengthening outcomes.
10. Agrees to consider continuation of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund alongside other projects and priorities in the 2018/19 Long Term Plan process.
11. Notes that further analysis on resourcing for Council to facilitate and manage this initiative within the Council area will be presented during current budgetary discussions once the details of the initiative are finalised with Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Free, the following amendments:

That the City Strategy Committee:

6. Notes qualifying work does not include partial or full demolition of heritage buildings or permanent alterations to heritage buildings, but that the requirement for producer statements from engineers and input from Council heritage officers to ensure work

undertaken is sympathetic to heritage values, are actively being pursued for inclusion in the requirements and criteria of the initiative with Ministry of Business, Employment and Innovation.

11. Agrees to consider the size of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund alongside other projects and priorities in the 2018/19 Long Term Plan process, noting it is currently funded at \$400,000 per annum beyond 2017/18.

Carried

Secretariat note: With leave of the meeting, the amendment 8 was withdrawn.

- ~~8. Agrees to recommend to Council to allocate \$1 million as part of the joint funding arrangement with the Government to strengthen street facing unreinforced masonry (URMs) of buildings.~~

9. Agrees that this be funded in the first instance by reprioritising \$150,000 from the 2016/17 Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) allocation and allocating \$350,000 of the BHIF Fund for the 2017/18 financial year, with officers tasked to seek the remaining \$500,000 from across the Council budget and report back options to the next meeting of Council. (note that this allocation is on the basis that any heritage listed building or building contributing to a heritage area will be funded through the BHIF, while non heritage buildings would be funded from funds to be identified by Council, and assumes that approximately 50% of buildings supported will be heritage and 50% will not).

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillor Foster

Against:

Mayor Lester
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Calvi-Freeman
Councillor Dawson
Councillor Day
Councillor Eagle
Councillor Free
Councillor Gilbert
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marsh
Councillor Pannett (Chair)
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 1:14

Lost

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Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Against:

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Councillor Day
Councillor Eagle
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Councillor Sparrow

Majority Vote: 8:7

Carried

Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Pannett

Resolved

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Carried

3. Operational

3.1 Classification of Part of a Reserve on Raukawa Street, Strathmore

Moved Councillor Gilberd, seconded Councillor Marsh

Resolved

That the City Strategy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Resolve to classify *part of* Raukawa Street Reserve being Lots 29-30 DP 22265 WN12C/708 as Local Purpose Reserve (Community Purpose) under section 16 of the Reserves Act 1977.
3. Note that the classification proposed for the Land is substantially the same as the purpose for which the Land has been held and administered since before 1 April 1978 (being the commencement date of the Reserves Act 1977).

Carried

The meeting concluded at 10:32 am.

Confirmed: _____
Chair