
MINUTES

THURSDAY 12 AUGUST 2010

**9.16AM – 10.34AM
10.51AM – 12.24PM**

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast	(9.16am – 9.32am, 9.34am – 10.34am, 10.51am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Best	(9.16am – 10.34am, 10.51am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Cook	(10.51am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Coughlan	(11.34am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Foster (Chair)	(9.16am – 10.34am, 10.51am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Gill	(9.16am – 9.19am, 9.21am - 9.23am, 9.24am – 10.34am, 10.51am – 11.34am 11.38am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Goulden	(9.16am – 10.34am, 10.51am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Morrison	(9.16am – 10.34am, 10.51am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Pannett	(9.16am – 9.27am, 9.29am – 10.34am, 10.51am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.16am – 10.34am, 10.51am – 12.02pm, 12.05pm - 12.24pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.16am – 10.34am, 10.57am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.16am – 10.34am, 10.51am – 12.24pm)
Councillor Wain	(9.16am – 10.34am, 10.51am – 12.24pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Cook (lateness)
Councillor Coughlan (lateness)
Councillor McKinnon (Deputy Chair)

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Svea Cunliffe-Steel – City Secretary
Fiona Dunlop – Committee Adviser

191/10P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Ritchie the motion that apologies for absence from Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and McKinnon and apologies for lateness from Councillors Cook and Coughlan be accepted.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for absence from Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and McKinnon.*
- 2. Accept apologies for lateness from Councillors Cook and Coughlan.*

192/10P **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

193/10P **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Mayor Prendergast, the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee approve the minutes of the meetings, held on Thursday 20 May 2010 and Thursday 10 June 2010, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.

The motion was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 20 May 2010 and Thursday 10 June 2010 having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.*

194/10P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

195/10P **DEPUTATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no deputations.

196/10P **PETITION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no petitions presented.

197/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – LOWERING SPEED LIMIT IN THE GOLDEN MILE**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Alex Gray representing the New Zealand Automobile Association (submission number 62) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.

Mr Gray advised that the Automobile Association supports the proposed reduction to 30km/h in Courtenay Place, Manners Street, Manners Mall and Willis Streets. However, they do not support the proposal to reduce the speed in the short sections of Boulcott, Dixon, Taranaki and Tory Streets.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 9.19am.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 9.21am.)

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 9.23am.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 9.24am.)

Mr Gray also advised that the Automobile Association recommends that Council install appropriate signs on Boulcott, Dixon, Taranaki and Tory Streets for their approaches to Courtenay Place, Manners Street, Manners Mall and Willis Streets alerting motorists that they are approaching a street with a lower speed limit.

2. Michael Taylor (submission number 83) addressed the meeting in support of his submission.

Mr Taylor believes the proposal to lower speed limits is part of larger “big picture” decisions of Council.

Mr Taylor supported excluding cars from the Golden Mile so that only buses are permitted to use the road. He acknowledged that this option is outside the consultation, and alternatively supports the reduction of the speed limit.

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 9.27am.)

(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 9.29am.)

Mr Taylor supports the speed limit reduction for the Cuba Street shared zone and advises there is a need to have the appropriate signage advising of the changed speed limits.

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 9.32am.)

3. Bernard O’Shaughnessy (submission 28) did not appear at his appointed time for his oral hearing.

198/10P **CLASSIFICATION OF LAND UNDER THE RESERVES ACT 1977** (9.32AM – 9.40AM)
 Report of Megan Duncan, Parks and Recreation Planner - Parks and Gardens, Mike Oates, Manager Open Space and Recreation Planning - Parks and Gardens and Lucy Ross, Team Leader - Property Management.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

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

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 9.34am.)

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to give public notice under section 119 of the Reserves Act 1977 and consult on the Council’s intention to classify the parcels of land described in Schedule One of the officer’s report as reserve in accordance with section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977, according to*

each parcels primary purpose, as outlined in the recommended classification in Schedule One of the officer's report.

3. *Agree to give public notice under section 119 of the Reserves Act 1977 and consult on the Council's intention to reclassify the parcels of land described in Schedule Two of the officer's report, in accordance with section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977, to better reflect each parcel's primary purpose as outlined in the recommended classification in Schedule Two of the officer's report.*
4. *Note that the Strategy and Policy Committee will consider any objections prior to considering whether to recommend to Council to resolve to proceed with the proposals in resolutions 2 and 3.*

199/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – LOWERING SPEED LIMIT IN THE GOLDEN MILE (CONTINUED)**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Isabella Cawthorn representing Frocks on Bikes (submission number 84) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.

Ms Cawthorn advised that Frocks on Bikes supports the speed reduction proposal. She said that planning that encourages an increase in cycling is a good strategic decision. Ms Cawthorn advised that reducing speed limits will make for less nerve wracking cycling experiences in the Central Business District.

Ms Cawthorn advised that her organisation believes that a policy that fully supports and resources a progressive transport strategy for Wellington and encourages and provides for increased urban cycling will leave a legacy for generations to come.

2. Maria van der Meel representing Benjamin Easton (submission number 35) addressed the meeting in support of Mr Easton's submission.

Ms van der Meel read the following statement from Benjamin Easton.

“I am grossly unhappy that Council would pretend that north bound buses could pass at any speed.”

TABLED: Statement from Benjamin Easton reference 199/10P(A)

3. Jamie Linton (submission number 34) addressed the meeting in support of his submission.

Mr Linton does not support the proposed speed reductions, rather he supports the current speed limits. He suggested that the speed reduction could be 30km/h from 7.00am to 7.00pm and that outside those hours it should remain as 50km/h.

Mr Linton also does not support the proposal to reduce the speed to 10km/h in the Cuba Street shared zone.

4. Megan Salole representing Frocks on Bikes (submission number 42) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.

Ms Salole supports the proposals to reduce the speed in the Golden Mile and the Cuba Street shared area. She believes that reduced traffic speed leads to reduced traffic noise and it will be safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Ms Salole said that an additional benefit will be the lowering the city's carbon emissions and the Central Business District will be a more pleasant place to work, shop and visit. She stressed that anything which can be done to improve the quality of the cycling experience and safety will be a win-win situation for Wellington.

5. Gilbert Sanseau (submission number 65) addressed the meeting in support of his submission.

Mr Sanseau is supportive of the proposal to reduce the speed limits in the Golden Mile and the shared zone in Lower Cuba Street. He advised the Committee that he is a cyclist and has had two crashes in the last two years.

Mr Sanseau believed that the roads are not compatible for all forms of transport and the proposed speed reductions will make it safer for cyclists to travel.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.34am and reconvened at 10.51am)

(Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Best, Cook, Foster, Gill, Goulden, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

6. Patrick Morgan (submission number 29) addressed the meeting in support of his submission.

Mr Morgan advised the meeting that he is supportive of the proposals. He is pleased to see side streets included in the proposal.

Mr Morgan said he is encouraged by the Council's approach to urban design and sees that area-wide traffic calming delivers more benefits than micro-calming such as the recent changes to Thorndon Quay.

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.57am.)

7. Paula Warren Representing Living Streets Aotearoa, Wellington (submission number 81) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.

Mrs Warren advised that Living Streets are supportive of the proposals to reduce the speeds in the areas proposed. She referred to a table which the New Zealand Transport Authority had used in a presentation which explains the probability of death when a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle at different speeds.

Living Streets believe that speed reduction will enhance public safety by increasing the ability for pedestrians to judge when it is safest to cross the street, and also making the Golden Mile more attractive for pedestrians.

TABLED: NZTA Accident Chart reference 199/10P(B)

8. Willemjin Vermaat Representing Cycle Aware Wellington (submission number 87) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.

Ms Vermaat advised that Cycle Aware Wellington supports the proposed speed reductions for the Golden Mile and the Lower Cuba Street shared zone. She believed that the positive effect of reduced speed will be a reduction in crashes.

Ms Vermaat advised that cyclists already enjoy the benefits of reduced speed in Lambton Quay, Newtown, Aro Street and Tinakori Road. She commented that the visibility of the speed signs should be improved, and the speed limit marked on the road.

200/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – SUNDAY PARKING TIME LIMITS**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

NOTED:

1. Les Brown representing Nancy's Embroidery Shop (submission number 76) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.

Mr Brown said that his shop is located close to a central city area that does not have a Sunday time limit. He advised that his shop does not experience the all day parking issue which is described in the consultation document.

Mr Brown suggested that the P90 restriction on Thorndon Quay be expanded to allow for longer parking on a Sunday.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 11.34am.)

2. Louise Evans and Barry Hellberg representing the New Zealand Retailers Association (submission number 78) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.

Ms Evans advised that the Association is supportive of the proposal. She believed that if a shopper cannot find a carpark in the Central Business District they will go to Porirua, Johnsonville or Lower Hutt to shop. Unfortunately the shopper's frustration is often taken out on shop assistants.

(Councillor Coughlan joined the meeting 11.34am.)

Ms Evans and Mr Hellberg stated that the "in the know" parking needs to be better sign posted and this would help alleviate the problem with the inner city parking. They also advised that week day shopper patterns are different to weekend. The Association continues to support free parking with the City at weekends, but accepts that the growth in inner city living has exacerbated the problem of parking.

TABLED: Survey results reference 200/10P(A)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 11.38am.)

201/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – LOWERING SPEED LIMIT IN THE GOLDEN MILE (CONTINUED)**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Julie Anne Genter (submission number 31) addressed the meeting in support of her submission.

Ms Genter is supportive of the reduction to speed limits in the Golden Mile and the Lower Cuba Street shared zone. She advised that drivers respond well to a physical roading infrastructure change where there is also a speed limit reduction.

202/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – SUNDAY PARKING TIME LIMITS (CONTINUED)**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

NOTED:

1. Julie Anne Genter (submission number 18) addressed the meeting in support of her submission.

Ms Genter advised that she is supportive of the proposal to limit parking on a Sunday, but believes the other option of charging for parking is a better solution rather than enforcing the time limits. She believes that charging for parking is better for businesses, residents and those looking for a convenient park.

Ms Genter stated that the City has a high inner city living population and there is a need to introduce a coherent parking policy for the future.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 12.02pm.)

2. Frances Lee (submission number 81) addressed the meeting in support of her submission.

Miss Lee advised that she is not supportive of the proposed time limits on a Sunday. She said that, as a parishioner of the Wellington Cathedral, she feels a Sunday time limit is unfair. She asked that Molesworth and Hill Streets be removed from the areas proposed to be enforced on a Sunday.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 12.05pm.)

203/10P

ORAL HEARINGS – LOWERING SPEED LIMITS IN THE GOLDEN MILE (CONTINUED)

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. The Chair advised the meeting that Bernard O'Shaughnessy had arrived late for his oral hearing. The Committee agreed to hear him.
2. Bernard O'Shaughnessy representing HART, RATrS, BAB (submission number 28) addressed the meeting in support of his submission.

Mr O'Shaughnessy advised the meeting that he supports the proposal to reduce speed limits in the Golden Mile but does not support the proposal for reduction in the Lower Cuba Street shared area. He believes that Lower Cuba Street area should not be a shared pedestrian/vehicle space.

Mr O'Shaughnessy believes that currently the traffic in the Golden Mile has to travel at 30km/h because of congestion. He suggested that

at peak traffic time only buses be allowed to travel along the Golden Mile

The meeting concluded at 12.24pm.

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Mayor
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Chief Executive Officer
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