

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

OF

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Time: 9.20 am
Date: Thursday, 6 August 2015
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Wade-Brown
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Eagle
Councillor Foster
Councillor Free
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lester
Councillor Marsh
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Peck
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Young

ABSENT

Councillor Woolf

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.2 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor announced that 06 August 2015 was the 70th anniversary of the nuclear bombings of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Mayor read a joint statement prepared by parliamentarians, mayors and religious leaders to commemorate this anniversary of the onset of the nuclear age and the foundations of the United Nations. The statement reads:

A Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: Our Common Good

Statement by parliamentarians, mayors and religious leaders to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the onset of the nuclear age and the foundation of the United Nations

From the ashes of World War II, and in the wake of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the United Nations was established with a common vision to end war and with its first resolution to eliminate “all weapons adaptable to mass destruction.”

70 years later, over 16,000 nuclear weapons remain in the world’s arsenals costing \$100 billion annually - funds that could instead be used to reverse climate change, eliminate poverty and address other social and economic needs.

As parliamentarians, mayors and religious leaders we join together to highlight the continuing risks of a nuclear catastrophe - whether by accident, miscalculation or intent – and the moral and security imperative to achieve nuclear abolition.

We reaffirm UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s description of the abolition of nuclear weapons as a “common good of the highest order.”

In special ways mayors are responsible for protecting the safety and welfare of their citizens, as well as for preserving and promoting cultural and environmental values and heritages; parliamentarians for national policies and laws for the benefit of present and future generations; and religious leaders for advancing the shared moral principles and respect for the well-being of all people regardless of ethnicity, nationality or religion.

Together—as mayors, parliamentarians and religious leaders— we support the common good of nuclear abolition. We reject nuclear weapons, which threaten our humanity, contravene our moral principles, violate international law and thwart the safety and well-being of current and future generations.

We commit to principled action to advance shared security and well-being based on deeply held and widely shared moral principles, the rule of law and a profound commitment to non-violent conflict resolution.

We call upon world leaders to commit to nuclear abolition and to replace nuclear deterrence with shared security approaches to conflicts. We further urge states to advance a nuclear weapons convention or framework of agreements that eliminate nuclear weapons.

We pledge to engage our constituencies and to strengthen the cooperation among religious leaders, parliamentarians and mayors to promote this vital mission.

Adopted in Hiroshima on August 6, 2015, for presentation to the United Nations on September 26, the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

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Motion

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Ritchie

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Accept and formalise the joint statement to promote a nuclear and weapon free world.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Coughlan, Councillor Eagle, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lester, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Peck, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow and (Mayor), Councillor Young

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

1.4 Public Participation

There were no public participation requests.

2. General Business

2.1 Agreement to the Continuation of Joint Committees

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Pannett

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Notes that agreements between all the local authorities that appoint members to the Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee, Wellington Water Committee, Wellington Regional Amenities Fund Joint Committee and the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee will be required by 08 August 2015 for each of these joint committees to continue in existence.
3. Adopts the information set out in Attachments 1 through to 5 of this report as a record of Council's agreement with the local authorities that appoint members to the relevant joint committees.
4. Resolves, in the event that all relevant local authorities do not reach agreement relating to the current joint committees by 8 August 2015, to:

- a) re-establish the Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee, the Wellington Water Committee, the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund Joint Committee and the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee
- b) adopt the terms of reference for each committee as set out in Attachments 2 -5.
- c) appoint the Council's current member on each committee to the relevant re-established committee
- d) adopt the information set out in Attachment 1 to this report for the purposes of an agreement with the local authorities that appoint members to the relevant joint committees.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Coughlan, Councillor Eagle, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lester, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Peck, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow and (Mayor), Councillor Young

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

The meeting concluded at 9.28 am.

Confirmed: _____
Chair