

098/97C STRATEGY (REPORT 1)
Special Meeting of 1 July 1997
(1215/24/IM & 1215/11/IM)
(Clause 2 was taken first.)

Clause 2. ITEM 071/97S CASINO: REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON
(1215/24/IM)(REPORT 2)

Moved Mayor Blumsky, seconded Councillor Gotlieb, clause (a) of the substantive motion.

(a) *THAT Council does not support a casino in Wellington.*

The substantive motion clause (a) was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Blumsky, Councillors Cook, Gotlieb,
Kedgley, Nef, Pepperell, Ruben and Wade-
Brown.

Voting against Councillors Barraclough, Foster, Johnston,
Nicholls, Parkin, Prendergast and Siers.

Majority decision 8:7.

The substantive motion clause (a) was declared CARRIED.

Moved Mayor Blumsky, seconded Councillor Gotlieb, clauses (b) to (f) of the substantive motion.

- (b) THAT Council revoke its decision of 21 August 1996, Item 140/96C, Clause 2.
- (c) THAT to the extent legally and practically possible, Council will oppose the establishment of a casino on land owned by the Wellington City Council.
- (d) THAT Council note the existence of the agreement between Lambton Harbour Management Ltd (LHML) and Casinos Austria Ltd in respect of the Taranaki Street Wharf site, confirm that it expects LHML to honour its contractual obligations under that agreement, and confirm that Council does not intend to take any action to preclude LHML honouring that agreement.
- (e) THAT the Wellington City Council write to other territorial authorities in the Wellington region seeking their support for this Council's opposition to a casino in the Wellington region.
- (f) THAT Council writes to the Casino Control Authority informing it that Council does not support the development of a casino in Wellington.

The substantive motion clauses (b) to (f) were put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Blumsky, Councillors Cook, Gotlieb,
Kedgley, Nef, Pepperell, Ruben and Wade-
Brown.

Voting against Councillors Barraclough, Foster, Johnston,
Nicholls, Parkin, Prendergast and Siers.

Majority decision 8:7.

The substantive motion clauses (b) to (f) were declared CARRIED.

Moved Mayor Blumsky, seconded Councillor Gotlieb, clauses (g) and (h) of the substantive motion.

- (g) THAT Council agree that in the event that legislation is enacted enabling communities to hold referenda on whether or not they wish to have a casino in their community, Council will hold a referendum in Wellington.
- (h) THAT Wellington City Council writes to all Members of Parliament urging them to support the private members bill before the house which allows, inter alia, for local communities to decide through referendum whether they wish to have a casino in their community.

The substantive motion clauses (g) and (h) were put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Blumsky, Councillors Cook, Foster, Gotlieb, Johnston, Kedgley, Nef, Parkin, Pepperell, Prendergast, Ruben, Siers and Wade-Brown.

Voting against Councillors Barraclough and Nicholls.

Majority decision 13:2.

The substantive motion clauses (g) and (h) were declared CARRIED.

Moved Mayor Blumsky, seconded Councillor Gotlieb, clause (i) of the substantive motion.

- (i) THAT Council spends energy, resources and commitment towards changing the electronic gaming laws in New Zealand to ensure they are only accessible on licensed premises.

The substantive motion clause (i) was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Blumsky, Councillors Cook, Foster, Gotlieb, Johnston, Kedgley, Nef, Nicholls, Parkin, Pepperell, Prendergast, Ruben, Siers and Wade-Brown.

Voting against Councillors Barraclough.

Majority decision 14:1.

The substantive motion clause (i) was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

- (a) *THAT Council does not support a casino in Wellington.*
- (b) *THAT Council revoke its decision of 21 August 1996, Item 140/96C, Clause 2.*
- (c) *THAT to the extent legally and practically possible, Council will oppose the establishment of a casino on land owned by the Wellington City Council.*
- (d) *THAT Council note the existence of the agreement between Lambton Harbour Management Ltd (LHML) and Casinos Austria Ltd in respect of the Taranaki Street Wharf site, confirm that it expects LHML to honour its contractual obligations under that agreement, and confirm that Council does not intend to take any action to preclude LHML honouring that agreement.*
- (e) *THAT the Wellington City Council write to other territorial authorities in the Wellington region seeking their support for this Council's opposition to a casino in the Wellington region.*
- (f) *THAT Council writes to the Casino Control Authority informing it that Council does not support the development of a casino in Wellington.*

- (g) *THAT Council agree that in the event that legislation is enacted enabling communities to hold referenda on whether or not they wish to have a casino in their community, Council will hold a referendum in Wellington.*
- (h) *THAT Wellington City Council writes to all Members of Parliament urging them to support the private members bill before the house which allows, inter alia, for local communities to decide through referendum whether they wish to have a casino in their community.*
- (i) *THAT Council spends the energy, resource and commitment towards changing the electronic gaming laws in New Zealand to ensure they are only accessible on licensed premises.*