

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

OF

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Time: 9.18am
Date: Wednesday, 16 September 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

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

Moved Councillor Coughlan, seconded Councillor Lester

That the Council:

Accept the apologies received from Councillor Woolf.

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

1.2 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor announced that after public participation and before the item on the agenda is considered, Mr Warwick Lamm of Electionz.com, who is Council's appointed Electoral Officer, Mr Steve Kilpatrick, Managing Director of Electionz.com, and Katherine Waugh of Deloitte will address the meeting and answer any questions that councillors may have regarding the item to be considered.

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

1.4 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1.5 Public Participation

1.5.1 Jan Rivers

Jan Rivers addressed the meeting regarding her concerns over online voting.

Attachments

1 Tabled Item A - Jan Rivers

1.5.2 Nigel McNie

Nigel McNie addressed the meeting regarding his concerns over online voting.

Attachments

1 Tabled Item B - Nigel McNie

1.5.3 Janita Stuart

Janita Stuart addressed the meeting regarding her concerns over online voting.

Attachments

1 Tabled Item C - Janita Stuart

1.5.4 Thomas Bryan on behalf of Blind Citizens NZ

Thomas Bryan addressed the meeting in support of online voting which will assist voters who currently experience difficulties using a postal voting system.

1.5.5 Daniel Spector on behalf of NZ Rise

Daniel Spector addressed the meeting regarding concerns over online voting.

1.5.6 Mayor Nick Leggett (Porirua City Council)

Mayor Nick Leggett addressed the meeting and expressed support of online voting.

Following public participation, the Chief Executive addressed the meeting to confirm that the decision being sought was for Council to decide whether or not to proceed with participation in the national online voting trial in 2016, and that a decision will be made by central government at the end of 2015 as to whether the trial will proceed, and if so, which councils will participate in the trial.

Mr Warwick Lampp of Electionz.com, Mr Steve Kilpatrick, Managing Director of Electionz.com, and Katherine Waugh of Deloitte answered questions raised by Councillors regarding the proposed online voting trial.

(Councillor Young left the meeting at 10.27 am.)

The meeting adjourned at 10.34 am for morning tea.

The meeting reconvened at 10.45 am. Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors, Coughlan, Free, Foster, Pannett, Peck, Sparrow and Young were present.

(Councillors Marsh and Lester returned to the meeting at 10.46 am.)

(Councillors Eagle and Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.48 am.)

(Councillor Lee returned to the meeting at 10.50 am.)

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 10.51 am.)

(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 10.53 am.)

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 10.59 am and returned at 10.59 am.)

2. General Business

2.1 Online Voting Trial 2016

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 11.30 am).

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Lee

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to confirm Wellington City Council's interest to participate in the proposed online voting trial for 2016 local election.
3. Agree to allocate an additional \$100,000 to the Election budget to cover the cost of participating in the online voting trial.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Coughlan, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lester, Councillor Peck, Councillor Sparrow and Councillor Young

Voting Against: Councillor Eagle, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Pannett and Councillor Ritchie

Majority Vote: 7:6

Carried

The meeting concluded at 11.49 am.

Confirmed: _____
Chair