

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

Time: 9:30 am  
Date: Wednesday, 14 December 2016  
Venue: Committee Room 1  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

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**PRESENT**

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



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## 1 Meeting Conduct

### 1.1 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

The Mayor changed the order of items to discuss in the following order 1.3 before item 1.2.

### 1.2 APW Awards

#### **Vicky McKay**

It is my pleasure to present an Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian Award to Radio New Zealand host Vicki McKay, to recognise her extraordinary level-headedness and calmness in the face of an emergency.

Vicki had just settled down behind the mic at the RNZ studios for her regular All Night Programme slot when a 7.8 magnitude quake struck, just moments into her live broadcast.

This was just after midnight on 14 November, and the shake that struck the upper South Island was felt all over the country. It proved fatal in Kaikōura and Mt Lyford, and had a significant impact on the capital.

Vicki very calmly informed listeners that they were indeed experiencing a quake. As shaking and rumbling became audible in the background, she advised listeners to take cover.

In the face of a disaster, it's important we keep our heads, remember the emergency response advice and the preparedness measures we put in place.

Vicky led by example that night.

Listener numbers grew with more and more people seeking a source of up-to-date information they could trust, and Vicki and fellow presenter Susie Ferguson set the tone for many of us.

Vicki's aplomb in continuing to broadcast without hesitation and for staying calm despite extraordinary circumstances garnered a lot of attention. The clip of her All Night broadcast went viral and was picked up by the BBC, Time, the Independent UK and Huffington Post.

This isn't the first time Vicki has been in the radio hot seat during an emergency. She was similarly cool on air during September 11 attacks, the Hillsborough disaster and the first Gulf War. Vicki has been with RNZ since 1985 and has been working the overnight shift since 1995.

This is a chance for us to thank her for her years of service, and to recognise her extraordinary composure on November 14.

Vicki says that she's now tested the microphone to see if it will stretch far enough for her to continue broadcasting from under the desk if she has to. She says: "It does, and I will."

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On behalf of the Wellington City Council, I'd like to thank Vicki and declare her an Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian.

### 1.3 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor made an announcement about Greg Orchard leaving the Council.

### 1.4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

### 1.5 Confirmation of Minutes

#### **Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Marsh**

#### **Resolved**

That the Council:

- 1) Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 November 2016, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Carried**

### 1.6 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

### 1.7 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

## **2. General Business**

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### 2.1 Maiden Speech for first term Councillor

#### **Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Dawson**

#### **Resolved**

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Thank the first term Councillor for his maiden speech.

**Carried**

## 2.2 Elected Member Appointments

### **Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Eagle**

#### **Resolved**

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to appoint up to four alternate members to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.
3. Agree to appoint one member to the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour Joint Committee

**Carried**

### **Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Eagle, the following motion:**

That the Council:

4. Agree to appoint the following 4 Councillors as alternative members to the Wellington Regional Strategy:
  - a) Councillor Free
  - b) Councillor Pannett
  - c) Councillor Young
  - d) Councillor Foster
5. Agree to appoint Councillor Gilberd to the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour Joint Committee.

**Carried**

## 2.3 Approval of District Plan Changes 77, 79, and 80

### **Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Lee**

#### **Resolved**

That the Council:

1. Agree to approve the following plan changes, in accordance with clause 17 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991:
  - Plan Change 77: Curtis Street Business Area
  - Plan Change 79: Rezoning 42A Riddiford Street, Newtown
  - Plan Change 80: General Minor Amendments to District Plan Text and Maps VII (excluding Residential Height Standard 5.6.2.5.4)
2. Agree that the plan changes will become operative on Monday, 16 January 2017.

**Carried**

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### 3. Committee Reports

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Nil

### 4. Public Excluded

#### **Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Foster**

#### **Resolved**

THAT the Council :

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting:

Rachel Taylor from DLA Piper

**Carried**

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
4.1 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR TO A COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION	7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

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The meeting went into public excluded session at 10:00 am.

The meeting concluded at 10:01 am.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair