

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Time: 9:30 am
Date: Wednesday, 30 August 2017
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Lester
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

No apologies were received.

1.2 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor made no announcements.

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There are no conflict of interest to declare.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Marsh

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 June 2017, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There was no item not on the agenda.

1.6 Public Participation

There was no request for public participation.

2. General Business

2.1 Adoption of Amended Rates Remission Policy

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Eagle

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Having adopted the 2017/18 Annual Plan resolve, under Section 102(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002, to amend the Rates Remission Policy to incorporate a new rates remission for First Home Builders.
3. Agree that this remission will be applicable from 1 July 2017.
4. Note that the following will be incorporated into the amended Rates Remission Policy as item 2.9;

Rates Remission for First Home Builders:

REMISSION STATEMENT

The Council may grant a rate remission on a new residential dwelling (including apartments) on a separate rating unit, where construction is completed after 01 July 2017 within the boundaries of Wellington City Council.

The remission will be up to a maximum of \$5,000 (including GST). To qualify for this remission, the property owner must be:

- a New Zealand permanent resident or citizen,
- this will be their first home,
- and the home must be a new build

The earliest the remission can be applied for is after a building code compliance certificate has been issued by the Council for the rating unit. The remission will end once the \$5,000 (including GST) has been remitted or when the rating unit is sold (whichever is the sooner).

The remission shall apply to all Wellington City Council rates assessed on the rating unit. Note that Greater Wellington Regional Council rates will still apply.

Applications must be received prior to the commencement of the rating year the remission is being applied for (1 July).

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The objective of this remission policy is to assist new first home builders and promote the supply of housing in Wellington city.

CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA

A remission of rates may apply under the following conditions and criteria:

- i. the new residential dwelling must be within the Wellington City Council boundary
- ii. the new residential dwelling must be on a separate rating unit
- iii. the property owner(s) must be a New Zealand permanent resident or citizen and provide evidence of this
- iv. the property must be the first primary residential dwelling owned by the applicant
- v. the property must be a new residential dwelling (including apartments)
- vi. the property owner uses the property as their primary residential dwelling
- vii. the property must be either built for the first owner or purchased within six months of construction
- viii. the property owner must provide evidence that they own the property
- ix. application can be made by the ratepayer after a building code compliance certificate has been issued by the Council for the rating unit.
- x. the remission will not be available retrospectively for residential dwellings (including apartments) that are already completed before 1 July 2017
- xi. once granted, the remission will apply for a set period; commencing from the start of the following rating year and ending when the total amount of Wellington City Council rates remitted on the property reaches the \$5,000 (including GST) limit or when the rating unit is sold (whichever is the sooner)
- xii. Trusts, businesses and companies are not eligible for the remission

APPLYING FOR A RATES REMISSION

All applications must be in writing and set out the reasons for the request using the Wellington City Council 'Application for Remission' form.

Each remission application is applicable to a single rating year, except the Remission of Rates for Buildings Removed from the Earthquake Prone Buildings List, the Remission for New Greenfield Developments and the Remission for First Home Builders, which may apply to multiple rating years.

Applications must be received prior to the commencement of the rating year the remission is being applied for (1 July), with the exception of the following remission applications which may be received after the start of a rating year:

- i. the Special Circumstances Remission,
- ii. the Metered Water Rates Remission,
- iii. the Remission of Rates for Buildings Removed from the Earthquake Prone Buildings List,
- iv. and the Remission for New Greenfield Developments.

No applications will be backdated beyond the current rating year.

Carried

2.2 Representation and Electoral System Review

Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Foster

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree that pursuant to section 19H of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Council undertakes a representation arrangements review, with an initial proposal required no earlier than 1 March 2018 and no later than 31 August 2018.
3. Agree that pursuant to section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Council agrees for the 2019 Wellington City Council triennial election to :
 - (i) confirm that the Single Transferable Voting Electoral System (STV) will continue to be used for the 2019 election
4. Note that a public notice will be made by 19 September 2017 of the resolution and of the right of electors to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used for the next two local authority elections.

Carried

2.3 District Licensing Committee Annual Report to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority 2016-2017

Moved Councillor Dawson, seconded Councillor Foster

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve the 2016/2017 Annual Report of the Wellington District Licensing Committee for submission to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

Carried

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Report of the Regulatory Processes Committee Meeting of 16 August 2017

Proposed Road Stopping – Land Adjoining 1 Aranui Street, Miramar

Moved Councillor Sparrow, seconded Councillor Calvi-Freeman

Resolved

That the Council:

1. a. Agrees that approximately 191m² of unformed legal road land in Aranui Street, Miramar, shown as the land bordered red on the plan in Attachment 1 (the Land), and adjoining 1 Aranui Street, Miramar (being Lot 1 DP 22784 CFR WNA4/488) is not required for a public work and surplus to Council requirements.
 - b. Agrees to dispose of the Land.
 - c. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to conclude all matters in relation to the road stopping and disposal of the Land, including all legislative matters, issuing relevant public notices, declaring the road stopped, negotiating the terms of sale or exchange, impose any reasonable covenants, and anything else necessary.
2. Notes that if objections are received to the road stopping, and the applicant wishes to continue, a further report will be presented to the Regulatory Processes Committee for consideration.

Carried

Proposed Road Stopping - Land Adjoining 17 Central Terrace, Kelburn

Moved Councillor Sparrow, seconded Councillor Calvi-Freeman

Resolved

That the Council:

1. a. Agrees that approximately 55m² of unformed legal road on Central Terrace, Kelburn, shown as the land bordered red on the plan in Attachment 2 (the Land) and abutting 17 Central Terrace, Kelburn (being Lot 17 Blk III DP 1197, CFR WNF4/1445), is not required for a public work and surplus to requirements.
 - b. Agrees to dispose of the Land.
 - c. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to conclude all matters in relation to the road stopping and disposal of the Land, including all legislative matters, issuing relevant public notices, declaring the road stopped, negotiating the terms of sale or exchange, imposing any reasonable covenants and anything else necessary.
2. Notes that if objections are received to the road stopping, and the applicant wishes to continue, a further report will be presented to the Regulatory Processes Committee for consideration.

Carried

Proposed Road Stopping - Land Adjoining 105 Hornsey Road, Melrose

Moved Councillor Sparrow, seconded Councillor Calvi-Freeman

Resolved

That the Council:

1. a. Agrees that approximately 69m² of unformed legal road on Hornsey Road, Melrose shown as the land bordered red on the plan in attachment 3 (the Land), and adjoining 105 Hornsey Road, Melrose (being Lots 1 and 2 DP 8089 CFR WN54C/525), is not required for a public work and is surplus to requirements.
 - b. Agrees to dispose of the Land.
 - c. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to conclude all matters in relation to the road stopping and disposal of the Land, including all legislative matters, issuing relevant public notices, declaring the road stopped, negotiating, the terms of sale or exchange, imposing any reasonable covenants and anything else necessary.
2. Notes that if objections are received to the road stopping, and the applicant wishes to continue, a further report will be presented to the Regulatory Processes Committee for consideration.

Carried

3.2 Report of the City Strategy Committee Meeting of 17 August 2017

Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017-2023 adoption report

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Woolf

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Agree to revoke the current Wellington Region Waste Minimisation and Management Plan 2011-2017.
2. Agree to adopt the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017- 2023.

Carried

4. Public Excluded

Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Day

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 namely:

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 Public Excluded Report of the City Strategy Committee Meeting of 10 August 2017	7(2)(h) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	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.
	7(2)(i) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	
	7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.57am.

The meeting concluded at 10.05am.

Confirmed: _____
Chair