
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Time: 9.16am
Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2014
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Wade-Brown
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Eagle
Councillor Free
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lester (Chair)
Councillor Marsh
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Peck
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Marsh

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

Accept the apologies received from Councillor Foster and Councillor Young.

Councillor Coughlan advised that she would be departing the meeting early.

Carried

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Councillor Woolf declared a conflict of interest in relation to Report 2.2 regarding the Cable Car Trail.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

Approve the minutes of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee held on 27 August 2014, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.4 Public Participation

There were no public participants at the meeting.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9.20am for a Council workshop on the 2015-2025 Long-term Plan.

(Councillor Coughlan was absent when the meeting reconvened.)

The meeting reconvened at 1.12pm. Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Lester, Free, Marsh, Peck, Ritchie, Sparrow and Woolf were present when the meeting re-convened.

The meeting adjourned at 1.13pm to allow for the completion of the workshop.

The meeting reconvened at 1.31pm. Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Eagle, Free, Lee, Lester, Marsh, Pannett, Peck, Ritchie, Sparrow and Woolf were present.

2. General Business

2.1 Next steps with the 2015-25 Long-term Plan

Moved Councillor Woolf, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

2.2 2014/15 Capital Expenditure Review

(Councillor Woolf left the meeting at 2.04 pm.)

(Councillor Woolf returned to the meeting at 2.05 pm.)

Councillor Woolf did not partake in the voting and discussion relating to the Cable Car Trail.

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown

Recommendations

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that changes to the carry-forward process this year have resulted in \$14.8 of capital expenditure being identified within the 2013/14 Annual Report to be carried forward into 2014/15.
3. Note that decisions on capital expenditure approved in the 2013/14 Annual Plan not completed and not carry forward to 2014/15 will be made as part of the 2015-25 Long-term Plan.
4. Agree to recommend to Council the inclusion of \$15.283m of capital expenditure projects in the 2014/15 year as part of the 2014/15 mid-year capex review, as summarised in the table in paragraph 30 of the report as follows:

#	Project	Funding to be included in 2014/15	CPX/ OPX	2014/15 \$000	2015/16 \$000	2016/17 \$000
a)	CX505	Portico demolition	CPX	800		
b)	CX406	Victoria St	CPX	7,936	(2,765)	
c)	CX406	Masons Lane	CPX	140		
d)	CX406	Lower Cuba St	CPX	180		
e)	CX406	Cenotaph Precinct Upgrade	CPX	615		
f)	CX353	LED traffic signal lanterns	CPX	407	407	
g)		TSB/Shed 6 seating	CPX	650		
h)		Museum of Wellington City and Sea development - Phase 1	CPX	1,600		
i)		Carter Digital Planetarium Renewal	CPX	365		
j)		Cable Car LED lights	CPX	159		
k)		Cable Car Trail	CPX	170	(30)	
l)	CX503	Basin Reserve - Ground keeping facilities	CPX	420	(330)	(90)
m)	CX340	Wellington Zoo - Meet the locals	CPX	1,500		
n)		Street banner system	CPX	341		
Grand Total				15,283	(2,718)	(90)

5. Agree to recommend to Council the inclusion of \$1.9m of additional carry-forward capex projects from 2013/14 into 2014/15 as summarised in paragraph 20 in the Discussion section of the report as follows:

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a)	CX084	Southern Landfill Improvement	CPX	202
b)	CX131	Wgtn Waterfront Development	CPX	1,738
Grand Total				1,940

6. Note the impact of the inclusion of projects in recommendation 4 and 5, results in forecast closing borrowings at 30/06/2015 of \$384m compared to \$404m in 2014/15 Annual Plan.

Recommendations 1-4 (a – j), 4 (l – n), 5 and 6 were put:

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Eagle, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lester (Chair), Councillor Marsh, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Peck, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow and Councillor Woolf.

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 12:0

Carried

Councillor Woolf declared a conflict of interest in relation to Report 2.2, regarding the Cable Car Trail (recommendation 4 (k)) and did not take part in the discussion or voting on this item.

Recommendation 4(k) was put:

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

Voting Against: Nil

Majority Vote: 11:0

Carried

Resolved

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Carried

2.3 Wellington Economic Initiative Development Fund

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Recommend to Council to approve the allocation of the unspent 2013/14 balance of \$1.375m in project C696 (Economic Development Fund) to 2014/15.
3. Note that this will result in an overspend of \$1.375m in project C696 relative to the funding provided for in the 2014/15 Annual Plan.

Carried

2.4 Funding for Nominated Events

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Marsh

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Recommend to Council to approve the additional expenditure of \$1.6m to fund:
 - a) Christmas 2014 celebrations \$300,000 (C581 – Events)
 - b) New Year's Eve 2014/15 celebrations \$250,000 (C130E – Community Events)
 - c) Capital 150th celebrations \$300,000 (C130E – Community Events)
 - d) 2015 Cricket World Cup \$500,000 (C581 – Events)
 - e) Anzac Day 2015 commemorations \$250,000 (C130E – Community Events)
3. Recommend to Council to agree that the \$1.6m will be funded from prior year surpluses.
4. Note that this will result in an overspend of \$0.8m in project C581 (Events) and an overspend of \$0.8m in project C130E (Community Events).
5. Note that longer term funding requests for Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations will be considered as part of the 2015-25 Long-term Plan process.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.44pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair