
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Time: 9.16am
Date: Wednesday, 10 December 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 Foster
Councillor Free
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lester (Chair)
Councillor Marsh
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Peck
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer for lateness.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Coughlan

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

Approve the minutes of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2014, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.4 Public Participation

1.4.1 Youth Council

Sean Johnson from the Youth Council presented a video to the Committee highlighting it's recent youth video competition which they believed will help inform Council's thinking for the next Long-term Plan.

(Councillor Free joined the meeting at 9.20 am.)

(Councillor Young joined the meeting at 9.21 am.)

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda

2. General Business

With the leave of the meeting, the Chair re-ordered the agenda items, moving item 2.3 (Mayoral Overview: Long-term Plan 2015-2025).

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer joined the meeting at 9.31 am.)

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.37 am.)

(Councillor Pannett joined the meeting at 9.38 am.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 9.38 am.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 09.50 am.)

2.3 Mayoral Overview: Long-term Plan 2015-2025

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 10.18 am.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 10.24 am.)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Lester

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

2. Note the overall approach (to the draft 2015-2025 Long-term Plan as outlined in the Mayoral Overview in attachment 1) to sustain the city's wellbeing and prosperity by 'investing in growth' subject to detailed deliberations in February 2015 that will determine:
 - specific projects and their sequencing over ten years
 - funding policy settings
 - performance measures and targets.

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

Voting Against: Councillor Ritchie

Majority Vote: 14:1

Carried

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.48 am
The meeting reconvened at 11.07 am

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 11.09 am.)
(Councillor Young left the meeting at 11:39 am.)
(Councillor Young returned to the meeting at 11:45 am.)
(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 11:53 am.)
(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 11:56 am.)

2.1 2015-25 LTP Financial Overview Paper

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Peck, with the inclusion of a new amendment 7

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree in principle the draft Financial Strategy (included in attachment 1 to this report).

3. Note that the proposed Financial Strategy that will be consulted on at the same time as the 2015-25 Long-term Plan, will be considered by Council on 25 February 2015.
4. Note the draft Significant Forecasting Assumptions (included as attachment 2 to this report) used in developing the financial forecasts for the 2015-25 Long-term Plan.
5. Note the compliance status with Revenue and Financing Policy funding targets for Council's activities based on draft budget projections (included as attachment 3), noting that variances will be considered at the Funding Workshops programmed for 28 January 2015 and 3 February 2015.
6. Note the draft financial and funding policies will be presented at the Funding Workshops, and recommendations made to Committee deliberations on 17 February 2015 and Council meeting on 25 February 2015.
7. **Note that the consultation document for the draft Long-term Plan will contain a report from the Auditor General as required by section 93C LGA 2002 and that report will be on the agenda of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee meeting in April 2015.**

Carried

2.2 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Pannett with the inclusion of a new amendment 4

Resolved

Recommendations

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree in principle to the draft Infrastructure Strategy in attachment one (subject to it being updated to reflect decisions on projects and programmes at the Long-term Plan deliberations in February 2015).
3. Note that the draft Infrastructure Strategy will be consulted on at the same time as the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.
4. **Note that analysis around the city's social infrastructure will be included in the Strategy before being released for public consultation.**

Carried

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.26 pm

The meeting reconvened at 1.01 pm

(Councillor Eagle was absent for the remainder of the meeting)

(Councillor Free returned to the meeting at 01.02 pm.)

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 01.03 pm.)

(Councillor Woolf returned to the meeting at 01.04 pm.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 01.09 pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 01.10 pm.)

2.4 Consultation and Engagement Plan and Process for the 2015-2025 Long-term Plan

Moved Councillor Woolf, seconded Councillor Foster

Recommendations

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree the key proposed Long-term Plan consultation activities.
3. Agree that the formal consultation period starts on 13 March and closes on 17 April 2015 with hearings scheduled from 5-8 May 2015.
4. Agree to the format of oral hearings as set out in option 1.
5. Note that any initiatives/budgetary bids must be lodged with the Mayor by 10 January 2015 to ensure they can be assessed before decisions are made on the draft Long-term Plan at the deliberations.

The recommendations were taken in parts with recommendations 1 – 3 taken first, and recommendation 4 voted on separately.

Resolved

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Carried

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Free

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

4. Agree to the format of oral hearings as set out in option 2 and instruct Officers to report back to the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee in February 2015 on methods to make oral hearings more interactive.

Voting For: Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Coughlan, Councillor Free, Councillor Lester (Chair), Councillor Marsh, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow and Councillor Young

Voting Against: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Foster, Councillor Lee, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Peck and Councillor Woolf

Majority Vote: 8:6

Carried

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Sparrow, the following amendment to recommendation 5, with the inclusion of a new recommendation 6:

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

5. **Note that any initiatives/budgetary bids from Councillors should be lodged with the Mayor by 20 January 2015 to ensure they can be assessed before decisions are made on the draft LTP at the deliberations. There will be flexibility to allow for additions and assessment through the process should appropriate initiatives be identified through the engagement consultation period.**
6. **Note that the Civic Square Proposal will be consulted on in accordance to the Local Government Act and the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.**

Carried

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

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6. Note that the Civic Square Proposal will be consulted on in accordance to the Local Government Act and the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Carried

2.5 2014/15 First Quarter Report

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Coughlan

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Note the information.

Carried

2.6 Mayoral Travel to Xiamen, Hanoi and Taipei in 2015, and Reports Back on the San Francisco Sister City Relationship and Walk21 Conference

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Lester

Recommendations

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to the Mayor representing the city in Xiamen, Hanoi and Taipei from 4 to 13 February 2015, at an estimated cost of NZD\$8685.00.
3. Note that the Mayor attended the Walk21 Conference in Sydney in October 2014, and a report back on the conference is attached at Appendix One to this report.
4. Note the proposal for an International Commonwealth Walks project (detailed in Appendix One) and resolve that Wellington pursue the opportunity to be involved in the project.
5. Note that as a result of a previous decision of this committee to pursue a Sister City Relationship with San Francisco, the first meeting of the Wellington San Francisco Sister City Society took place on 4 December.
6. Agree to nominate one Councillor to the Wellington San Francisco Sister City Society.

The recommendations were taken in parts with recommendations 1, 3 and 5 taken first, and recommendation 2 and 4 voted on separately.

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
3. Note that the Mayor attended the Walk21 Conference in Sydney in October 2014, and a report back on the conference is attached at Appendix One to this report.
5. Note that as a result of a previous decision of this committee to pursue a Sister City Relationship with San Francisco, the first meeting of the Wellington San Francisco Sister City Society took place on 4 December.

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

2. Agree to the Mayor representing the city in Xiamen, Hanoi and Taipei from 4 to 13 February 2015, at an estimated cost of NZD\$8685.00.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Coughlan, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lester

(Chair), Councillor Marsh, Councillor Peck, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young

Voting Against: Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 13:1

Carried

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

4. Note the proposal for an International Commonwealth Walks project (detailed in Appendix One) and resolve that Wellington pursue the opportunity to be involved in the project.

Voting For: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Coughlan, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lester (Chair), Councillor Marsh, Councillor Peck, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young

Voting Against: Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 13:1

Carried

With the leave of the meeting, recommendation 6 was removed:

~~6. Agree to nominate one Councillor to the Wellington San Francisco Sister City Society.~~

Resolved

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Carried

(Councillor Coughlan departed the meeting at 03.00 pm.)

2.7 Khandallah Village Business Improvement District Poll Results

Moved Councillor Marsh, seconded Councillor Foster

Resolved

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree, under the terms of the BID policy, to include a targeted rate in the 2015/16 Draft Annual Plan the amount of \$20,000 to be applied to the commercial rated properties in the Khandallah Village BID area.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 3.12 pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair