
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Time: 9:30am
Date: Thursday, 31 March 2022
Venue: Virtual meeting

PRESENT

Mayor Foster (Chair) (via audiovisual link)
Deputy Mayor Free (Deputy Chair) (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Calvert (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Condie (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Day (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Fitzsimons (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Foon (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Matthews (via audiovisual link)
Councillor O'Neill (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Pannett (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Paul (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Rush (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Woolf (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Young (via audiovisual link)

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 9:31am with the following karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,	Cease oh winds of the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.	and of the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta,	Let the bracing breezes flow,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.	over the land and the sea.
E hī ake ana te atākura.	Let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.	with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
Tihei Mauri Ora!	a promise of a glorious day

Paddy Payne of the Bahá'í Faith said a blessing for the meeting.

1.2 Apologies

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Condie, the following motion

Resolved

That the Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

Accept the apologies received from Councillor Day and Councillor Fitzsimons for partial absence.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Absent:

Deputy Mayor Free

Majority Vote: 13:0

Carried

1.3 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor made the following announcement:

“Councillors, I want to talk to you briefly about reactivation of our Central City. A number of commentators have recently observed how quiet our Central City is, and asked what is being done to reactivate it. They have been ignoring Covid, the rules that prevented or limited many activities, and the chilling effect of fear of Covid on some of our community – but not by any stretch all. They appear to suggest Council could somehow stand against the pandemic wave like Canute against the tide.

The data clearly shows that office based downtown Wellington and Auckland as well as tourism dependent locations such as Queenstown have felt the pandemic's impact most heavily. However this worst of times is passing – and passing fast. As it does, Council is laser focused on reactivating our central city.

People are starting to come back into the city, the mood is lightening. People are starting to come together more. It was wonderful to see so many people coming together yesterday morning at the opening of Transmission Gully. Zoom is no substitute for that.

I'm going to take the opportunity to remind people of what we as a Council are doing, and I want to place on record my thanks to you, Councillors and to our officers for their work on this.

As you know Council's pandemic response package was developed with our business community and passed through Council on 24 Feb – woah to go – in just 13 days.

A range of fees for hospitality – including food and alcohol licencing charges and pavement dining licences – have been wiped for a year. We've reduced parking fees at weekends and in the evenings until June and given people longer to enjoy the city at those times.

We've established a fund to support businesses affected by the combination of Covid restrictions and the Parliamentary protest.

We, Council and Wellington NZ, are working with business, arts and events to reactivate our City through what will be a great series of events right through the rest of the year and into 2023. We are working with public and private sector leaders to encourage people to return to work in the city. Our job will be to do all we can to make this something people choose to do, because they really want to enjoy all the city has to offer and the joy of meeting again in person with colleagues, and friends. I know many of us miss face-to-face meetings with real (not Zoom) people, and those causal meetings in the office or the street are often priceless.

I also wanted to remind people of the huge investment we are making in Wellington's longer term future. We have invested heavily in infrastructure in a challenging environment.

Work on the Wellington Town Hall, Tākina, St James Theatre and the city's largest ever reservoir Omāroro are forging ahead, and we can look forward soon to sharing plans for (Te Matapihi) our Central Library shortly. We can all see the extensive private development too.

Our Pōneke Promise partnership is making our entertainment district safer.

Finally I want to remind everyone that consultation is now underway on our new draft Economic Wellbeing Strategy. It is integrated and full of exciting opportunities for growth and employment. I encourage everyone to read the draft Strategy, think about it, and provide feedback. It's been tough, and the macro economic and global environment has some serious challenges, but I think we can see the light at the end of our own city tunnel and I believe the light is growing brighter every day.

Thank you."

1. 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. 5 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Young, the following motion

Resolved

That the Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council Meeting held on 24 February 2022 and the Extraordinary Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council Meeting held on 10 March 2022, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

1. 6 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1. 7 Public Participation

1.7.1 Wellington's Character Charitable Trust

Representing Wellington's Character Charitable Trust, Felicity Wong spoke to item 3.4 Government Approval for a District Plan Streamlined Planning Process.

1.7.2 Lynn Cadenhead

Lynn Cadenhead spoke to item 3.4 Government Approval for a District Plan Streamlined Planning Process.

1.7.3 Tony Randle

Representing the Johnsonville Community Association, Tony Randle spoke to item 3.4 Government Approval for a District Plan Streamlined Planning Process.

2. Petitions

2.1 WCC should promote a local bill to repeal the Wellington City Milk-supply Act 1919

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor O'Neill, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Ask that the Mayor write to Parliament requesting that repealing the Wellington City Milk Supply Act 1919 be included in an appropriate future omnibus Bill.

Carried

Secretarial note: The motion was moved with amendments as marked in red.

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:29am and reconvened at 10:46am with all members present.

3. General Business

3.1 **Mana Whenua Partnership Agreement: Tākai Here**

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Day, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Adopt the contents of this partnership agreement, Tākai Here between mana whenua and Council.
- 3) Agree that our Mayor, Deputy Mayor, City Councillors and Chief Executive Officer will formally sign Tākai Here on behalf of Council.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

3.2 Wellington Water Current Year Opex - Potential Overspend

Moved Councillor Calvert, seconded Councillor Foon, the following motion

Resolved

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Note the forecast increase in reactive maintenance activities relative to budget is resulting in a forecast overspend by Wellington Water Limited (WWL) of up to \$4.9 million for the 21/22 Financial Year.
- 3) Agree to increase opex budget for the relevant activity by \$4.9m.
- 4) Agree to fund the additional opex requirement by reprioritising the use of the government's stimulus funding, of around \$5 million.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

(Councillor Fitzsimons left the meeting at 11:00am.)

3.3 Use of levels 3 and 4 Te Matapihi

Moved Councillor Young, seconded Mayor Foster, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Receive the information
- 2) Agree that levels 3 and 4 of Te Matapihi are occupied by Wellington City Council on the basis that:
 - a. level 3 houses Council's Democracy Services functions, including Council Committee Rooms and Councillor space; and
 - b. the balance of the space available on level 3 and all of level 4 is used as Council office workspace.
- 3) Instruct officers to undertake design and costing work for the internal fit out of levels 3 and 4 of Te Matapihi to identify the budget requirement for inclusion in the 2023/24 Annual Plan.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Absent:

Councillor Fitzsimons

Majority Vote: 13:0

Carried

(Councillor Fitzsimons returned to the meeting at 11:22am.)

The meeting adjourned at 12:13pm and reconvened at 1:01pm with all members present.

3.4 Government Approval for a District Plan Streamlined Planning Process

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Agree to instruct the Chief Executive to ~~make a formal application to the Minister for the Environment for use of a Streamlined Planning Process~~ **use the Schedule One process under the Resource Management Act** for those parts of the Proposed District Plan which are not able to be approved through the *Intensification Streamlined Planning Process*.
- 3) **Request officers to come back with more detailed advice chapter by chapter on what needs to be sent through the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process by the 14 April at the Pūroro Āmua | Planning and Environment Committee.**

Carried

Secretarial note: The motion was moved with amendments as marked in red.

The motion was decided part by part, divisions for which were as follows:

Clause 1:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

Clause 2:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Paul

Majority Vote: 7:7

Equal

The vote being tied, the chairperson applied their casting vote **for** Clause 2. Clause 2 was **carried**, by 8 to 7 votes.

Clause 3:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Paul

Majority Vote: 7:7

Equal

The vote being tied, the chairperson applied their casting vote **for** Clause 3. Clause 3 was **carried**, by 8 to 7 votes.

3.5 Forward Programme

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Deputy Mayor Free, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

3.6 Actions Tracking

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Rush, the following motion

Resolved

That the Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

4. Committee Reports

4.1.1 Report of the Pūroro Tahua | Finance and Performance Committee

Meeting of 17 March 2022:

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY REPORT BACK ON CONSULTATION
AND FINAL VERSION FOR APPROVAL

Moved Councillor Calvert, seconded Mayor Foster, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Agree to adopt the proposed amended Development Contributions Policy effective 1 May 2022.
- 2) Note that when assessing the impact of growth in creating demand for new capital assets such as inner-city reserves, the impact of non-residential and residential growth will be taken into account.
- 3) Note that the Policy will be reviewed in time for the 2024 Long-Term Plan and at that time reserves acquisition will be fully included.
- 4) Delegate to the Chief Executive and the Chair of the Pūroro Tahua | Finance and Performance Committee the authority to amend the Development Contributions Policy to include any amendments as agreed by the Council at this meeting, as well as any minor consequential edits.

Carried

Secretarial note: The motion was moved with amendments, supported by officers, as marked in red.

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

4.1.2 **Report of the Pūroro Tahua | Finance and Performance Committee**
Meeting of 17 March 2022:

WELLINGTON REGIONAL STADIUM COVID RELIEF SUPPORT

Moved Councillor Calvert, seconded Councillor Foon, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Approve a one-off \$1.5m grant to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.
- 2) Increase operational (opex) budget for the relevant activity by \$1.5m.

Carried

Secretarial note: Councillor Rush declared a conflict of interest in relation to this item and did not vote.

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Abstain:

Councillor Rush

Majority Vote: 13:0

Carried

4.1.3 **Report of the Pūroro** Tahua | Finance and Performance Committee
Meeting of 17 March 2022:

PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER TWO 2021/22

Moved Councillor Calvert, seconded Councillor Foon, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Agree to the following in-year budget changes:
 - a) Increase operational (opex) budget by \$3.62m in relation to the payment made to World of WearableArt (WOW).
 - b) Increase capital (capex) budget for Botanical Gardens by \$350k, noting that this is a bring-forward from 2022/23 and there will be a corresponding reduction in the same project in the final Annual Plan for 2022/23.
 - c) Increase capex budget for Suburban Centre Upgrades by \$530k through the transfer of capex budget from Transport Minor Works Upgrades.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

4.2 **Report of the Pūroro Waihanga | Infrastructure Committee Meeting of 23**
March 2022:

PROPOSED DISPOSAL - PART OF 39 CHAPMAN STREET, JOHNSONVILLE

Moved Councillor Rush, seconded Councillor Condie, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Declare that an approximately 307m² *part of* the fee simple land at 39 Chapman Street, Johnsonville being *part of* Lot 114 DP 41189 held on ROT WN15D/1193 (the Land) is not required for a public work and is surplus to Council's operational requirements.
2. Agree to dispose of the Land to the adjoining owner at 15 Chesterton Street, Johnsonville.
3. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to conclude all matters in relation to the disposal of the Land including all legislative matters, negotiating the terms of the sale, imposing any reasonable covenants, and anything else necessary.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 27.6(d), voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2:16pm with the reading of the following karakia:

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua	Draw on the supreme sacredness
I te ara takatū	To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

Authenticated: _____

Chair