

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

File Reference: ECM8262325
Meeting Date: Tuesday, 10 March 2020 at 2.48pm
Venue: Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth.

Members Present

Mayor Neil Holdom, Councillors Tony Bedford, Sam Bennett, Gordon Brown, David Bublitz, Anneka Carlson, Murray Chong, Amanda Clinton-Gohdes, Harry Duynhoven, Stacey Hitchcock, Colin Johnston, Dinnie Moeahu and Marie Pearce

Non-Members Present

Community Board Chairpersons Jonathan Marshall (Waitara) and Doug Hislop (Kaitake) and Inglewood Community Board member Graeme Sykes

Te Huinga Taumatua Co-Chair Matua Howie Tamati

Staff in Attendance

Craig Stevenson, Julie Straka, Kelvin Wright, Liam Hodgetts, Joy Buckingham, Rowan Williams, Jayne Beer, Carla Freeman, Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Teresa Turner, Juliet Johnston, Greg Stephens, Mitchell Dyer, David Langford, Shawn Scott, Shaun McDougall, Paul Lamb and Charles Woollin.

Apologies

Council Resolution:

Cr Johnston

Cr Pearce

That the apologies for absence from Cr Richard Jordan be received.

Carried

Deputations

Annual Plan (Tab 4)

- Mr Alastair Watkins and Mr Colin Smith - Onaero Domain drainage (ECM 8262322)
- Mr David Pannett (Creative NZ) (audio call)
- Mr Michael Carr supported by Mr Rito Te Puke (Multi-sport development project) (ECM 8262323)
- Mr Ian Clothier (Arts and Culture Strategy)
- Jonathan Marshall (Chairperson – Waitara Community Board) – Agility Fund application and draft Annual Plan.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Funding of Waitara Rugby League Clubrooms

ECM8235597

The matter for consideration by the Council is whether to support Waitara Rugby League in remedial works on their clubrooms

Council Resolution:

Cr Carlson)

Cr Pearce)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Council support Waitara Rugby League in remedial works on their clubrooms by providing \$50k from the Agility Fund.

Carried

Cr Chong requested his vote against the preceding resolution be recorded.

Increase the 2019/20 and 20/21 Financial Years Delegation to Borrow Money

ECM8577667

The matter for consideration by the Council is the approval to increase Council's dollar amount of borrowing for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years.

Council Resolution:

Cr Handley)

Cr Carlson)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, the Council:

- a) Note that it is unable to delegate the authority to borrow money other than in accordance with the Long-Term Plan, but is able to authorise additional borrowing.
- b) Approve up to the following borrowing levels:
 - 2019/20 increase borrowing from \$169 to \$188 million, an addition of \$18 million to the Long-Term Plan (LTP) budget;
 - 2020/21 increase borrowing from \$198 to \$216 million, an addition of \$18 million to the LTP budget.

Carried

Adoption of Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2020/21

ECM8224121

The matter for consideration by the Council is the adoption of the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2020/21

Council Resolution:

Cr Duynhoven)

Cr Bublitz)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, the Council:

- a) Notes that in addition to adjustments for inflation where required, there are only a small number of other minor changes to the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2020/21 as outlined within the report and Appendix One.
- b) Determines that the proposed changes within the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2020/21 are not significant or material and do not require public consultation prior to adoption.
- c) Adopts the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2020/21 as provided for in

An amendment was moved

Cr Bedford)

Cr Johnston)

That no change be made to fees and charges for plots and burial costs in the 2020/21 financial year.

The amendment was put and lost

The original motion was put and carried

Annual Plan 2020/21 – Preliminary Decisions

ECM8184946

The matter for consideration by the Council is preliminary decision on the Annual Plan 2020/21 (the third year of the Long-Term Plan 2018/28), including agreeing to business-as-usual changes from the Long-Term Plan. The proposed Annual Plan has a rates increase of 4.53 per cent, below the Long-Term Plan's forecast 4.88 per cent, and leading to an average residential rate increase of 3.1 per cent (an increase of \$1.36 per week).

A motion was moved:

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Brown)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, the Council:

- a) Note that the proposed Annual Plan 2020/21 includes a range of minor variations from the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 as part of business-as-usual changes
- b) Note that the proposed Annual Plan 2020/21 has a forecast rates increase of 4.53 per cent, leading to an increase in the average residential rate of around 3.1 per cent (or an increase of \$1.39 per week), and is below the Long-Term Plan forecast of 4.88 per cent
- c) Agree to the variations from the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 to the proposed Annual Plan outlined in this report

- d) Agree to also include in the Annual Plan 2020/21:
 - i) Increasing critical maintenance on our three water assets, made up of:
 - 1. Three-waters mechanical maintenance (\$180,000 opex, ongoing)
 - 2. Inspections and maintenance of marine outfall pipes (\$100,000 opex, ongoing)
 - 3. Increase bridge maintenance (\$400,000 opex, 51% NZTA funded, ongoing)
 - 4. Increase electrical engineering capacity (\$100,000 opex, ongoing)
 - 5. CCTV through stormwater pipes (\$100,000 opex, ongoing)
 - ii) High priority infrastructure design and replacement, made up of:
 - 1. Concept design and investigations for the replacement of the one-lane Junction Road and Huatoki Street urban bridges (\$400,000 capex, one-off)
 - 2. Feasibility study into expanding the wastewater reticulation network to include Urenui, Onaero, Okato, Egmont Village and Lepperton (\$350,000 opex, one-off)
 - 3. Smoothing reserve for Pukekura Park lake dredging (\$200,000 opex into a reserve, ongoing)
 - iii) Strategic planning for the future, made up of:
 - 1. Increase strategic planning resources (\$350,000 opex, ongoing including the provision of \$100,000 to complete a New Plymouth CBD Strategy in FY0/21)
 - iv) Waitara Stormwater acceleration (\$100,000, opex ongoing)
 - v) Onaero Domain drainage (\$75,000 capex, one-off)
 - vi) District footpaths (\$250,000 capex, ongoing with an initial focus on the areas of highest need including Waitara)
 - vii) Port Taranaki Marina feasibility study review and update (\$50,000 opex one-off)
 - viii) Inglewood motorhome dump station (\$125,000 capex, one-off)

- e) Determine that none of the variations in the Annual Plan are significant or material variations from the Long-Term Plan and therefore do not require community consultation
- f) Note a finalised Annual Plan will be presented to the Council for adoption before 30 June 2020

An amendment was moved:

Cr Carlson)

Cr Hitchcock)

Add a new subclause to d): Zeal Youth space (\$50,000 opex, ongoing).

The amendment was put and lost

Committee advisers note:

For clarity, reference to a youth space in the above amendment is not specific to the Mayfair location at 69-73 Devon Street West, New Plymouth.

An amendment was moved:

Cr Duynhoven

Cr Pearce

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The amendment was put and carried

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An amendment was moved:

Cr Hitchcock)

Cr Duynhoven)

Add a new subclause to d): Social and affordable housing research (\$50,000 opex, one-off).

The amendment was put and carried

An amendment was moved:

Cr Bublitz)

Cr Bennett)

Add a new subclause to d): The multisport facility concept design (\$150,000 opex, one-off) funded from the Forestry Reserve.

The amendment was put and carried

Cr Chong was out of the room for and took no part in the discussion or debate on the preceding amendment. He returned to the room for the following amendment.

An amendment was moved:

Cr Hitchcock)

Cr Pearce)

Amend subclause to d) iii) 1) to read: Increase strategic planning resources (\$350,000 opex, ongoing including the provision of \$100,000 to complete a New Plymouth CBD Strategy in FY20/21 and \$25,000 for the provision of a Creativity, Arts and Culture Strategy).

The amendment was put and carried

The substantive motion was put and carried

For clarity the resolution is restated below in its entirety:

Council resolution restated:

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- x) Social and affordable housing research (\$50,000 opex, one-off).
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The Council meeting closed at 6.02 pm.