

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

File Reference: ECM 7932311

Meeting Date: Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 1.30pm

Venue: Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth.

Members Present: Mayor Neil Holdom, Councillors Shaun Biesiek, Gordon Brown, Harry Duynhoven, Richard Handley, Stacey Hitchcock, Colin Johnston, Richard Jordan, John McLeod, Alan Melody, Mike Merrick, Marie Pearce, Roy Weaver and John Williams

Non Members Present:

Community Board Chairpersons: Doug Hislop (Kaitake), Ken Bedford (Clifton)

Staff in Attendance:

Nadia Phillips, Craig Stevenson, Julie Straka, Richard Mowforth, Jacqueline Baker, Charles Woollin, Alison Trustrum-Rainey, David Langford, Katrina Brunton, Mitchell Dyer, Greg Stephens, Liam Hodgetts, Teresa Turner, Ron Murray, Paul Brobbel, Paul Lamb, Colleen Mulligan

Apologies

Council Resolution:

Cr Williams)

Cr Melody)

That the apologies for absence from Cr Chong be received.

Carried

Acknowledgements

1. Cr Mike Merrick

Awarded a Queen's Service Medal in the New Year's honours for his voluntary service in the community over 27 years. Organisations he's been involved with in that time include New Plymouth District Council, Taranaki Heritage Trust, Honeyfield Foundation, Food Bank and Taranaki Hospice biographer.

2. Cr Richard Handley

Granted a professional fellowship from Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ). The fellowships recognise and celebrate the outstanding professional achievements and distinguished service of CA ANZ members.

SETTING ASIDE FORESTRY SURPLUSES FOR PROJECTS APPROVED BY COUNCIL

ECM7918897

The matter for consideration by the Council is to consider allocating forestry surpluses (Council owned and joint ventures) to a new reserve to be used for funding projects approved by Council.

Council Resolution:

Cr Handley)

Cr Pearce)

That having considered all matters raised in the report the Council approves the establishment of a new reserve funded from forestry surpluses to be used for funding projects approved by Council.

Carried

A division was called at the Council meeting (ECM7906023).

Those voting for the motion were Mayor Holdom, Crs Handley, Duynhoven, Hitchcock, Jordan, Pearce, Weaver, and Williams

Those voting against the motion were Crs Biesiek, Brown, Johnston, McLeod, Melody, and Merrick

ANNUAL PLAN 2019/20 – PRELIMINARY DECISIONS

ECM 7915841

The matter for consideration by the Council is preliminary decisions on the Annual Plan 2019/20 (the second year of the Long-Term Plan 2018-28), including agreeing to changes and determining whether or not to consult on the Annual Plan before adopting it.

Council Resolution:

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Biesiek)

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

- a) Note that the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 provides that the financial year 2019/20 has a forecast 4.98 per cent total rates increase
- b) Agree to the proposed changes contained in the attached draft Annual Plan 2019/20 from the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 with a reduced rates requirement increase from 4.98 per cent to 4.60 per cent, resulting in the average residential rate increasing 3.82 per cent (being \$86.03 per annum or \$1.65 per week), subject to confirmation of the make-up of changes to the Govett Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre budget.
- c) Determines that none of the changes contained in the initial draft Annual Plan 2019/20 are significant or material variations from the Long-Term Plan and therefore statutory consultation on the Annual Plan 2019/20 is not required
- d) Instruct staff to develop and undertake an informal community conversation to inform planning and implementation of the following projects:
 - i) The future use of the Colson Road landfill post-closure
 - ii) The extension of the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara
 - iii) Enhancing the Council's role in the Towards Predator-Free Taranaki initiative, and

- e) Notes that a finalised draft Annual Plan will be presented to the Council for adoption on 21 May 2019.

Carried

Crs McLeod and Brown requested that their vote against the motion be recorded.

UPDATE TO SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2019/20

ECM7923143

The matter for consideration by the Council is the approval of the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2019/20.

Council Resolution:

Cr Handley)

Cr Duynhoven)

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

- a) Note that in addition to adjustments for inflation where required, there are a number of updates to the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2019/20 as outlined in the report.
- b) Determine that the updates to the Schedule of Fees and Charges are not significant and do not require public consultation prior to Council adoption.
- c) Approve the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2019/20.
- d) Instruct officers to prepare the final Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2019/20 and present back to Council for adoption prior to 1 July 2019.

Carried

Cr McLeod requested that his vote against the motion be recorded

Cr Biesiek left the room during the debate and voting on the preceding item

Mayor Holdom closed the meeting at 3.03pm.

The Council rose

Read and confirmed

MAYOR