
MINUTES

THURSDAY 19 MAY 2005

9.23AM

**Council Chamber, First Floor
Town Hall, Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast
Councillor Armstrong (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (10.23am – 1.33pm, 3.10pm - 4.00pm)
Councillor Cook
Councillor Gill
Councillor Goulden (9.23am – 11.50am, 1.02pm – 1.33pm, 3.10pm – 4.00pm)
Councillor McKinnon (9.23am – 11.50am)
Councillor Morrison (9.23am – 1.33pm, 3.15pm – 3.51pm)
Councillor Pepperell
Councillor Ritchie (9.23am - 11.02am, 11.07am – 1.33pm, 3.10pm – 3.55pm).
Councillor Ruben (9.23am – 10.26am, 10.29am – 1.33pm, 3.10pm – 4.00pm)
Councillor Shaw
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain (9.23am – 10.20am, 11.12am – 1.33pm, 3.10pm – 4.00pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Foster

106/05P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Foster.*
2. *Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Ahipene-Mercer.*

107/05P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

108/05P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Ron England spoke to the committee about issues of sustainability and provided information on the sustainability practises of other local government authorities here in New Zealand and overseas.
2. Sylvia Page spoke to the committee about Freyberg Pool and some concerns about the maintenance and care of the pool and gym facilities.
3. Dr Ralph Chapman spoke on behalf of Living Streets Aotearoa about pedestrian safety and the need to ensure that there is good access to footpaths in the city.

109/05P **LIONS RUGBY TOUR**
Report of Derek Fry, Director, Chief Marketing & Stakeholders Services.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

(The meeting adjourned at 9.52am and reconvened at 10.05am)

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (25 MAY 2005):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the British and Irish Lions are playing two rugby games in Wellington this year, on June 15 against the Wellington Lions and on 2 July against the All Blacks.*
3. *Note the test match is sold out and crowds of up to 65,000 people are expected in Wellington city central for the test match and the provincial match is expected to be sold out.*
4. *Note that the Courtenay precinct will be the entertainment zone with live entertainment and there are some road closures to support that activity.*
5. *Recommend that Council resolves to invoke a liquor ban prohibiting the possession or consumption of liquor in public places in the central area, as defined by the District Plan, from noon on Wednesday 15 June 2005 until 6am on Thursday 16 June 2005 under the provisions of Clause 23.2.2 of the Consolidated Bylaw.*
6. *Note a liquor ban is in place on Friday and Saturday nights in the central area from 5pm to 6am the following day.*
7. *Recommend that Council resolves to invoke a liquor ban prohibiting the possession or consumption of liquor in public places in the central area, as defined by the District Plan, on Saturday 2 July 2005 from 6am to 5pm under the provisions of Clause 23.2.2 of the Consolidated Bylaw.*

110/05P

**OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA
FOLLOWING THE 2004 BOXING DAY TSUNAMI**

Report of Julie Alexander, Senior Policy Advisor.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

(Councillor Wain left the meeting at 10.20am).

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer joined the meeting at 10.23am).

(Councillor Ruben left the meeting at 10.26am and returned at 10.29am).

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.35am and reconvened at 10.52am).

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.02am and returned at 11.07am).

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that a number of Councils have taken a pro-active role in providing assistance to the recovery efforts in tsunami affected countries, principally North Shore City Council and Hamilton City Council.*
3. *Agree to establish an officer working party to explore possible initiatives that Wellington City Council could undertake towards providing assistance to **overseas disaster-affected areas**.*
4. *Agree that the working party will report back to this committee in September 2005.*

The recommendations were put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Cook, Gill, Goulden, Morrison, Pepperell, Ritchie, Ruben, Wade-Brown, Wain.

Voting against: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Armstrong and Shaw.

Majority vote: 9:4

The recommendations were declared CARRIED.

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

1. The Committee added the words in **bold**.

111/05P **SUBMISSION ON WESTERN CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY – PHASE 2**

Report of Greg Campbell, Senior Strategic Advisor.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 4)

(Councillor Wain returned to the meeting at 11.12am).
(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.34am).
(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 11.50am).

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded by Councillor Wain, the following amendment:

- a) Note that the effects of more vehicles coming into the Wellington CBD has not been addressed*
- b) That this Council supports improved rail infrastructure in the Western Corridor*

The amendment a) was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Cook, Pepperell, Ritchie, Ruben and Wade-Brown,
Voting against: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Armstrong, Gill, Goulden, Morrison, Shaw and Wain.
Majority vote: 6:7

The amendment was declared LOST.

The amendment b) was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Cook, Pepperell, Ritchie and Wade-Brown.
Voting against: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Armstrong, Gill, Goulden, Morrison, Ruben, Shaw and Wain.
Majority vote: 5:8

The amendment was declared LOST.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the submission on the Western Corridor Transportation Study – Phase 2, attached as Appendix 2 to the officer’s report, subject to any changes by the Committee.*
- 3. Agree to delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive the authority to make any minor drafting changes necessary before forwarding the submission to Maunsell Limited, the consultants undertaking the Study.*

112/05P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Agree that Report 8 – Elected Members’ Remuneration: 2005/2006 Financial year is referred to the 19 May 2005 Extraordinary Council meeting.*

113/05P **ELECTED MEMBERS’ REMUNERATION: 2005/2006 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Report of Ross Bly, Special Projects Officer.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 8)

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (19 MAY 2005):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. ***Refer the following recommendations to 19 May 2005 Extraordinary Council meeting:***

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend to Council that it adopt the salary only model as its basis of remuneration for the elected members of the Wellington City Council for the 2005/2006 financial year.*

Note: Although Councillors have the option of being paid on a salary only basis or a combination of salary and meeting fees, the remuneration framework requires all community board members be paid an annual salary (i.e. there is no provision for the payment of meeting fees to community board members).

3. *Recommend to Council that it accept the resignation of Councillor Shaw as the Chair of the Grants Subcommittee, with effect from 1 July 2005, and that a replacement Chair be appointed from 1 July 2005.*
4. *Recommend to Council that the following salaries be paid to the elected members of the Wellington City Council and the Tawa and Makara/Ohariu Community Boards for the 2005/2006 financial year and that the Council’s proposal be referred to the Remuneration Authority for its approval:*

<i>Mayor</i>	<i>\$136,353pa</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor</i>	<i>\$94,092 pa</i>

<i>Chair, Strategy & Policy Committee</i>	<i>\$91,056 pa</i>
<i>Portfolio Spokesperson (x 5)</i>	<i>\$78,915 pa</i>
<i>Chair, Regulatory Processes Committee</i>	<i>\$72,844 pa</i>
<i>Chair, Audit & Risk Management Subcommittee</i>	<i>\$66,774 pa</i>
<i>Chair, Grants Subcommittee</i>	<i>\$66,774 pa</i>
<i>Councillor (x 4)</i>	<i>\$60,703 pa</i>
<i>Tawa Community Board Chair</i>	<i>\$18,714 pa</i>
<i>Elected Member (x 5)</i>	<i>\$7,157 pa</i>
<i>Makara/Ohariu Community Board Chair</i>	<i>\$11,572 pa</i>
<i>Elected Member (x 5)</i>	<i>\$4,518 pa</i>

Note:

- (a) *The Mayor's salary is set by the Remuneration Authority.*
 - (b) *The Tawa and Makara/Ohariu Community Boards have given their approval to the recommended remuneration rates for the elected members of their respective boards.*
 - (c) *The new salary rates will come into effect on 1 July 2005, after the Remuneration Authority has approved the Council's remuneration proposal.*
5. *Note that no additional payments are to be made to the two Northern Ward Councillors who have been appointed by the Council as members of the Tawa Community Board.*
 6. *Note that this proposal is based on the existing committee structure. If, as a result of the committee structure review that is currently underway, any adjustments are required to the salary rates recommended in this report, those salary adjustments will require the approval of the Remuneration Authority before they can be implemented.*
 7. *Note that a review of the terms of reference and delegated authorities for both the Tawa and Makara/Ohariu Community Boards will be completed later this year and that a further review of community board members' remuneration based on the new delegated authorities will be completed before a decision is taken on the allocation of the 2006/2007 remuneration pool.*
 8. *Recommend to Council that it agree to amend the current mobile phone expenses policy to provide for a monthly reimbursement of \$85 or the actual amount of the monthly account, whichever is the smaller.*

9. *Recommend to Council that it confirm its current rules and policies for the reimbursement of expenses to its elected members (with the exception of the mobile phone expense policy) and that they be referred to the Remuneration Authority for approval.*

Note: The Tawa Community Board has requested officers to consider, and report back to the Board, on the possibility of reimbursing community board members for the communication expenses they incur in their various communications with council officers. This request will be investigated and a report prepared for the Board's and Council's subsequent consideration. If as a result of this work, the current rules require amendment the necessary approval will be obtained from the Remuneration Authority.

10. *Note that the Council is required to notify the Remuneration Authority of any dissent expressed by members of the Council or its community boards in relation to the Council's final remuneration proposal.*

(The meeting adjourned at 1.33pm and reconvened at 3.10pm).

(When the meeting reconvened Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Armstrong, Cook, Gill, Pepperell, Ritchie, Ruben, Shaw and Wain were present).

(Councillor Morrison joined the meeting at 3.15pm).

114/05P **QUARTERLY REPORT (JANUARY – MARCH 2005)**
Report of Andrew McKenzie, Chief Financial Officer.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

115/05P **WELLINGTON REGIONAL STRATEGY – DRAFT REGIONAL PRINCIPLES**
Report of Andrea Millar, Strategic Advisor.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Provide feedback on the draft regional economic and urban development principles that are being considered by the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum.*

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 3.51pm).

116/05P **LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE, CHRISTCHURCH, 24-27 JULY 2005**
 Report of Michael Webster, City Secretary, Democratic Services.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (25 MAY 2005):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend that Council approve the attendance of the Mayor and three Councillors at the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Christchurch from 24-27 July 2005 and that the costs associated in attending the conference be met from the Elected Members' budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Note that Wellington City Council can appoint up to four delegates to attend the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on 27 July 2005.*
4. *Recommend that Council appoint*
 - (a) *Mayor Prendergast as its presiding delegate;*
 - (b) *an alternate presiding delegate (in the event that the Mayor is absent from the floor of the meeting at any time); and*
 - (c) *two other delegates**to attend the Local Government New Zealand AGM to be held on Wednesday 27 July 2005.*
5. *Recommend that Council support the nomination of Basil Morrison for the position of President of Local Government New Zealand.*
6. *Recommend that Council agree to the nomination of Mayor Prendergast for the position of Vice President of Local Government New Zealand.*

7. *Note that a report back on the conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 3.55pm)

117/05P **PROJECT BRIEF: PARKING ISSUES AND POLICY**

Report of Tina Chong, Policy Team.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 10)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Parking Issues and Policy project brief, **as amended.***

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

1. The Committee added the words in **bold.**

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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