

Report 99.542
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Record of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 21 September 1999 at 10.15am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Turver, Thomas and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Bezett, Schollum, Stone and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 117 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the apology for lateness of Councillor McDavitt be confirmed.

Reports of Committees

P&F 118 Utility Services Committee

1. Retirement of Buick Street Pumping Station

Report 99.528

File: B/19/6/1

Moved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the Committee recommend to Council:

- (1) Acknowledges that on the technical advice of officers, that on health and safety grounds, the last day of operation for Buick Street without substantial upgrade is 8 October 1999.
- (2) Notes that in the interest of allowing Petone residents to continue to receive water from an artesian source, HCC be invited to reconsider their decision to not commission Rahui Reservoir which is designed to receive and distribute artesian water from Waterloo and distribute it to Petone and Korokoro.
- (3) Notes that when Buick Street Pumping Station is closed, and if Rahui Reservoir is not commissioned, water will need to be sourced from elsewhere.
- (4) Invites the Chairman, Utility Services Committee, to have discussions with HCC on the question of the long term water supply to Petone, with the aim of achieving a result which both helps meet the desires of HCC and matches so far as is practical the broader issues of water supply policy and practice of WRC.
- (5) Notes that the results of these discussions will be reported back to the Policy and Finance Committee by 1 October (if need be at a special meeting).
- (6) Notes that HCC may make an approach to WRC concerning fluoridation, after its meeting on 7 December 1999.

Amendment

(Cr Allen/Cr Thomas)

That the motion be amended by changing the date in Recommendation (1) to "18 October 1999".

The above amendment was **lost**, 4 votes in favour and 7 votes against after a division as follows:

| | Ayes | | Noes |
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| Councillors | Allen Long Thomas Turver | Councillors | Bonner Buchanan Macaskill McQueen Shaw Shields Werry |

Amendment

(Cr Allen/Cr Thomas)

That the motion be amended by adding the following words to Recommendation (3) “preferably from Gear Island”.

Carried

The motion, as amended was then put to the meeting and **carried**.

Councillors Allen and Thomas asked that their opposition to the Recommendation (1) be recorded.

Moved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Turver)

Endorses the actions of officers in relation to policy development for bulk water supply.

Carried

Councillor McDavitt joined the meeting at 11.45am.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 119 **Economic Wealth in the Greater Wellington Region and the Olympics Opportunity**

Report 99.533

File: CP/4/2/1

Moved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That the Wellington Regional Council:

- (1) Agrees in principle to contribute up to \$350,000 to promote Wellington business in conjunction with the Sydney Olympics.
- (2) Requests that the General Manager reports urgently expenditure of this money, including accountability provision and how the Council will fund this action.

The above motion was **lost** on a show of hands, 6 votes for and 7 votes against.

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| Resolved to Recommend | (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver) |
| <p>(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.</p> <p>(2) That the Committee request officers to report back to the next appropriate Policy and Finance Committee meeting in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WWOTFG funding proposal • The results of the Chief Executives' scoping study on economic development <p>in addition to a further update on the Council's role in providing regional economic data.</p> | |

Reports of Committees

P&F 118 **Utility Services Committee**
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2. **Extract of Meeting of 7 September 1999**

Report 99.535

File: E/6/17/2

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| Resolved to Recommend | (Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw) |
| <p>That Council:</p> <p>(1) Approves a further \$52,000 to complete the Gear Island Water Treatment Plan switchboard installation.</p> <p>(2) Approves an increase from \$150,000 to \$235,000 for the first stage of the rehabilitation of the OK main from Thorndon to Karori.</p> <p>(3) Notes that both projects will be contained within the total approved capital expenditure of \$4.165 M for 1999/2000.</p> | |

P&F 120 Passenger Transport Committee

Report 99.537

File: E/6/8/2

Resolved to Recommend (Cr McDavitt/Cr Bonner)

- (1) That the report be received.
- (2) That the resolution passed at the 27 November 1998 Committee meeting, namely:

“That a decision on the use of the balance of the transport reserves expected to remain at 30 June 1999 be held over until the adoption of the reviewed Regional Land Transport Strategy”

be rescinded.

- (3) That the transport reserves be allocated as follows:

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| Transport contingency | \$250,000 |
| Funding of 1999/2000 deficit | \$646,000 |
| Waterloo carpark extension | \$100,000 |
| Wellington station subway development | \$940,000 |
| Sundry bus shelters | \$70,000 |
| <u>Held for Kapiti Rail package land purchase</u> | <u>\$233,000</u> |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>\$2,239,000</u> |

P&F 121 Borrowing Approval

Report 99.517

File: CFO31/1/1

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Werry/Chairperson)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.
- (2) That the Council authorise the increase in the committed funding facility to be provided by the National Bank of New Zealand, from \$17,000,000 to \$24,000,000 (reaching \$24,000,000 in May 2001 when the Council’s existing Revolving Stock funding facility matures) and on terms and conditions to be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to, and in accordance with section 122ZD(3) of the Local Government Act 1974 (as amended) (the “Act”).

- (3) Pursuant to section 122ZD(2) of the Act, the borrowing authorised pursuant to Resolution 2:
- shall be for general working capital and cash management purposes of the Council, for capital expenditure purposes of the Council, more particularly described in the Long-term Financial Strategy/Annual Plan of the Council, and for refinancing existing borrowings of the Council;
 - will be unsecured, supported by Council's Negative Pledge Deed dated 19 May 1998;
 - will be for the benefit of the Council and will not give rise to any unreasonable risks for the Council; and
 - is in accordance with the Treasury Management Policy.
- (4) The Chief Financial Officer is authorised, in accordance with the Treasury Management Policy, to negotiate, approve and agree precise terms and conditions of the committed funding facility, with such lenders and on such terms and conditions as considered appropriate and to execute all documentation giving effect to the committed funding facility on behalf of the Council, or to cause such documentation to be executed by the Council under its common seal.

P&F 122 **Approval of Special Dividend**

Report 99.518

File: CFO/9/1/1

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| Resolved to Recommend | (Cr Werry/Cr Macaskill) |
| <p>(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.</p> <p>(2) That the Council approve the payment by WRC Holdings Ltd of a special dividend of \$6 million (fully imputed) and authorise the affixing of the Council's Common Seal to the necessary documentation giving effect to that transaction.</p> | |

P&F 123 **Amendments to Delegations – Building Act 1991****Report 99.536**

File: A/1/5/1, E/4/1/2

Resolved to Recommend**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)****That Council:**

- (1) Pursuant to section 715(1) of the Local Government Act 1974, hereby delegates to the managers in Schedule A all of its functions, duties, and powers under the Building Act 1991.**
- (2) Pursuant to section 715(1) of the Local Government Act 1974 hereby delegates to officers in Schedule B the power to do anything precedent to the functions of the managers in Schedule A.**
- (3) Requests that the Divisional Manager, Environment and Manager, Consents Management shall report all instances of the exercise of this delegation to the next meeting of the Environment Committee.**
- (4) Requests that the Divisional Manager, Wairarapa and Manager, Planning and Resources shall report all instances of the exercise of this delegation to the next meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee.**

P&F 124 **CentrePort – Environmental Responsibilities****Report 99.539**

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*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)**That the letter be received.*

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: