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Record of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 7 December 2000 at 10.05am

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, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Bodnar, Darroch, Laplanche, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Wright, and Drs Bradbury and Watson.

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 275 Apologies

There were no apologies.

Report of Committee

P&F 276 **Wairarapa Flood Damage Subcommittee – 21 November 2000**

Report 00.851

File: E/6/12/1

Resolved

(Councillor Macaskill/Cr Long)

That the report of the Wairarapa Flood Damage Subcommittee held on 21 November 2000, Items P&F 275 and P&F 276, be received.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 277 **The Wishbone Study**

Report 00.874

File: T/3/5/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Chairperson)

(1) That the Wishbone Study Report be received

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Shields/Chairperson)

- (2) That a meeting with the Minister of Transport to discuss the Report be formally requested.**
- (3) That officers be instructed to commence a process of engagement with the public and stakeholders in an effort to gain support for the changes proposed.**

Councillor Gibson dissented.

P&F 278 **Transport Funding Policy**

Report 00.784

File: T/5/1/1

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the resolution of 9 March 2000 be amended to defer the review of the Funding Policy for ‘funding public passenger transport services’ until the impact of patronage funding and the negotiations with Tranz Rail are understood.

The motion was **CARRIED** 8 votes in favour and 6 votes opposed after a division as follows:

Ayes

Noes

Councillors
 Allen
 Bonner
 Laidlaw
 Macaskill
 McDavitt
 Shields
 Turver
 Werry

Councillors
 Buchanan
 Gibson
 Long
 McQueen
 Shaw
 Thomas

P&F 279 **Wellington Regional Council Proxy for WRC Holdings Ltd AGM**

Report 00.870

File: M/30/9/1

Resolved to Recommend (Chairperson/Cr Shields)

- (1) **That Councillor Allen, who is not a Director of WRC Holdings Ltd, be appointed to represent the Council and exercise the Council's votes at the WRC Holdings Ltd Annual General Meeting on 14 December 2000, and Councillor Thomas be appointed as deputy to vote in his absence;**
- (2) **That it be noted that Council may issue instructions to the proxy on how they are to exercise the vote on the Council's behalf at the AGM;**
- (3) **That other Wellington Regional Councillors are invited to attend the WRC Holdings Ltd Annual General Meeting on 14 December 2000 be noted.**

P&F 280 **Summary of 2000 Audit – Report from Audit New Zealand**

Report 00.880

File: CFO/4/1/11

Annual Leave Balances

Councillor Gibson asked for the balance in the provision for holiday pay at 30 June 2000 and 30 June 1999. Mr Schollum, Chief Financial Officer, said there was approximately \$1.4m at 30 June 2000 and a similar amount at 30 June 1999. When divided by the number of employees (380) the average annual leave amount due to each staff member was approximately \$3,700.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 281 **Financial Report for the Quarter Ended 30 September 2000**

Report 00.883

File: G/4/1/5

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 282 Communications Strategy

Report 00.876

File: CC/1/1/8

Next Steps

Mr Allard, Corporate Advisory Services Manager, said that, additional to the comments in Item 4 of Report 00.876 he will circulate the National Research Bureau Report (informally) as soon as it becomes available later this month.

Mr Allard said he will also arrange a meeting with Councillors early in the new year to discuss strategy options before moving to the next stage.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 283 Stadium Trust – Annual Report 30 June 2000

Report 00.881

File: CFO/27/12/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 284 Stadium Trust – Final Business Plan 2000

Report 00.878

File: CFO/27/12/2

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 285 Stadium Trust – Is it a LATE or not?

Report 00.879

File: CFO/27/9/1

Resolved

(Cr Gibson/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 286 Shelly Bay Update

Report 00.872

File: CFO/22/1/5

Mr Peter O'Brien, O'Brien Property Consultancy Ltd was present for this item.

Councillor Turver left at 12.50pm.

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

(1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*

Resolved to Recommend (Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

(2) **That Council support the use of the slipway at Shelly Bay as a back-up facility for the BT Global Challenge during January/February 2001, at no cost to the Council.**

P&F 287 **Proposed Land Exchange – Hutt City Council**

Report 00.840

File: CFO/22/1/1

Resolved (Cr Allen/Cr Thomas)

(1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Allen/Cr Thomas)

(2) **That Council:**

(a) **acknowledges that The Hutt City Council and the Wellington Regional Council each own land that the other council needs for undertaking their respective core functions, rationalisation, future projects and use.**

(b) **Agrees in principle to an exchange of land between the two Councils subject to:**

(i) **completion of an asset identification and valuation process,**

(ii) **compliance with Section 40 of the Public Works Act 1981,**

(iii) **compliance with Section 230 of the Local Government Act 1974,**

(iv) **submission of a further report to the Committee providing full details of the land to be exchanged, the value of the land and the financial implications arising from the proposal and the results of the consultation process.**

(c) **notes that officers will incorporate the estimated costs associated with the exchange of land between the two Councils within the 2001/02 business plans of the affected departments.**

The meeting adjourned at 11.20am, after morning tea, and reconvened at 11.45am.

P&F 288 **Year 2001 Meeting Programme**

Report 00.867

File: E/6/2/2

Mr Maguire, Council Secretary, said the following changes should be made to the programme:

- Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee - from 20 February to 16 February
- Passenger Transport Committee - from 27 February to 20 February
- Policy & Finance Committee & Special Council (Budget) - additional meeting 6 March
- Regional Land Transport Committee - from 20 March to 15 March

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Gibson)

That the proposed programme of meetings for Council and Committees for the Year 2001, as amended, be adopted.

P&F 289 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 00.884

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

- (1) *Report of the Public Excluded part of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 16 November 2000*

Land Purchase Proposal: York Bay

- (2) *Correspondence: Wellington Regional Stadium WCC/WRC*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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| <i>(1) Land Purchase Proposal: York Bay</i> | <i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</i> | <i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for</i> |
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which good reason for withholding would exist (ie to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage).

- (2) *Correspondence: Wellington Regional Stadium WCC/WRC* *Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)* *That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie to carry on commercial negotiations)*

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act of section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Wellington Regional Council (1) and Wellington Regional Stadium Trust (Incorporated) (2)

The open part of the meeting closed at 1.00pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: