

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 04 November 2020, commencing at 9.00am

**Members Present:** Councillors Vaughan Dennison (in the Chair), Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Lew Findlay QSM, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Non Members:** Councillors Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta and Lorna Johnson.

**Apologies:** The Mayor (Grant Smith) (late arrival and early departure on Council Business), Councillors Zulfiqar Butt (early departure), Lew Findlay QSM (early departure), Leonie Hapeta (early departure on Council Business) and Bruno Petrenas (late arrival).

The Mayor (Grant Smith) was present when the meeting resumed at 11.03am. He was not present for clause 37. He was not present when the meeting resumed at 2.00pm. He entered the meeting again at 2.11pm during consideration of clause 43. He was not present for clause 42.

Councillor Bruno Petrenas was present when the meeting resumed at 11.03am. He was not present for clause 37.

Councillor Brent Barrett was not present when the meeting resumed at 2.00pm. He entered the meeting again at 2.12pm during consideration of clause 43. He was not present for clause 42.

Councillors Zulfiqar Butt, Lew Findlay QSM and Leonie Hapeta were not present when the meeting resumed at 2.00pm. They were not present for clauses 42 to 44 inclusive.

### **37-20 Apologies**

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

#### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 37-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

The meeting adjourned at 9.02am.

The meeting resumed at 11.03am.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillor Bruno Petrenas were present when the meeting resumed.

### **38-20 Presentation - Countdown**

Mr Matthew Grainger, Acting General Manager Format, Development and Property of Woolworths New Zealand Limited, made a presentation regarding the two latest Countdown projects in Palmerston North.

The Palmerston North Regional Distribution Centre on Alderson Drive (North East Industrial Park), currently under construction, will replace the current centre at Mako Mako Road, being more than three times its size. More than 100 employees have been hired for the construction stage and it was expected that 50 additional roles will be created for the centre's operation. The opening is planned for August 2021.

The new supermarket on Pioneer Highway, Awapuni, will include a retail block. Construction is planned to start in late November and the opening is expected for August 2021. This project will result in an increase of 80 employees in the Countdown team and the generation of approximately 50 construction jobs.

Mr Grainger acknowledged the collaborative approach from the City Council during the consenting process for both projects.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

#### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Infrastructure Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 38-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

### **39-20 Public Comment**

Mrs Maxine Johnson and Mr Vince Lockwood made public comment about the Summerhill Drive Cycleway project, particularly the recent consultation carried out by the Council. Mr Lockwood expressed that, as residents of the affected area, they would have expected to have been contacted directly and during the earlier planning stages. In their opinion, the consultation was insufficient as the consultation material asked for submitters' opinions on only two options and did not give participants the chance to suggest other alternatives.

Mrs Johnson and Mr Lockwood considered that the options proposed by the City Council would have negative effects on Summerhill Drive residents, noting

loss of parking spaces and impact on traffic flow. They asked that the project be postponed until there was another consultation with residents from Summerhill Drive and surrounding roads.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the public comment from Mrs Maxine Johnson and Mr Vince Lockwood be received for information.

Clause 39-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

**40-20 Public Comment**

Mr Jaco Broodryk, Principal of Whakarongo School, made public comment regarding the request for installing a zebra crossing on James Line, considered in clause 43-20 below. Mr Broodryk outlined the concerns the community and the school had regarding pedestrian safety on that road, especially for school students, many of whom are between 5 and 8 years old. Mr Broodryk mentioned that, from previous conversations with Council officers, the school had understood that there would be a zebra crossing. However, only refuge islands were installed.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the public comment from Mr Jaco Broodryk, Principal of Whakarongo School, be received for information.

Clause 40-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

**41-20 Presentation - NZTA**

Mr Lonnie Dalzell, Owner Interface Manager, and Dr Mark Long, People, Safety and Culture Manager, from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, provided an update on the Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway.

The presenters mentioned that the project had proceeded as planned, and is currently waiting for the relevant resource consent, which was still sitting with

the Environment Court. The enabling work had started.

Mr Dalzell and Dr Long pointed out that the social impacts of the project had been analysed, including Iwi input at the design phase, considerations for housing, and the decision to hire and upskill a local workforce.

More than 700 applications were received for the jobs and training open day. Some workers had already been hired and communication was being maintained with potential employees since the project was expected to ramp up in the following 12 months.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Infrastructure Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 41-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

The meeting adjourned at 12.14pm.

The meeting resumed at 2.00pm.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Lew Findlay QSM and Leonie Hapeta were not present when the meeting resumed.

**42-20 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting of 7 October 2020 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 42-20 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

**43-20 Notice of Motion - Zebra crossing on James Line**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting again at 2.11pm.

Councillor Brent Barrett entered the meeting again at 2.12pm.

After discussion, a substitute motion was proposed.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Chief Executive consults with Whakarongo School and reports back on options to further improve safety of the pedestrian crossing on James Line.

Clause 43.1 above was carried 11 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Abstained:**

Councillor Brent Barrett.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

2. That the report entitled “Notice of Motion – Pedestrian Crossing – James Line – Officer Advice” and reported to the November 2020 meeting of the Infrastructure Committee be received.

Clause 43.2 above was carried 11 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Abstained:**

Councillor Brent Barrett.

**Note:**

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The Notice of Motion ‘that the Chief Executive install a zebra crossing on James Line, next to the railway crossing’, was moved by Councillor Aleisha Rutherford as per Councillor Leonie Hapeta’s authorisation according to section 2.7.5 of the Standing Orders.

The motion was lost 1 votes to 10, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford.

**Against:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

**Abstained:**

Councillor Brent Barrett.

**44-20 Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Infrastructure Committee receive its Work Schedule dated November 2020.

Clause 44-20 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

The meeting finished at 2.52pm

Confirmed 2 December 2020

**Chairperson**