

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Part I Public, held in the Elwood Room, Conference & Function Centre on 23 September 2020, commencing at 9.03am

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

98-20 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Tangi Utikere.

RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council on 26 August 2020 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 98-20 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

99-20 Notice of Motion - Representation Review

Officer's response, presented by Hannah White, Democracy and Governance Manager.

She explained that Council was not required to do a representation review for another 3 years, but could initiate one if it wished. A representation review would cost \$30,000 which had not been budgeted for.

Councillor Bowen spoke to her notice of motion. She made the following points:

- Historically, Palmerston North has always had 15 councillors. Councils of similar size have fewer elected members.
- The number of councillors did not get discussed last representation review because it was overshadowed by other issues.
- Due to STV and city wide voting, the expectations of being a councillor has increased.
- Need to have an adequate number of councillors to meet the workload but enough to discourage factions.

Council discussed the issue and raised the following points:

- Reasonable to consider fewer members since voting is city-wide.

- Fewer councillors would bring Palmerston North into line with similar sized councils.
- Concern that reducing the number of councillors would create a loss of diversity around the council table.
- No community appetite to have an early representation review.
- No saving to ratepayers.
- Money should be used on more pressing issues.
- Māori wards would not be included if the review is held now (because of the binding poll held in 2018) –it is better to delay the review until Māori wards can be included in the discussion.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Grant Smith.

Note:

On a motion: “To undertake a representation review in 2021, so that any outcomes can be in place for the 2022 election, and that the Review includes specific consultation on reducing the number of Elected Members.”

The motion was lost 3 votes to 13, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen and Vaughan Dennison.

Against:

Councillors Tangi Utikere, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

100-20

Notice of Motion - Whenua Planting options

Notice of Motion, presented by Councillor Karen Naylor.

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That the Chief Executive investigate whenua planting options in partnership with local Iwi.

Clause 100-20 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

REPORTS

101-20

PNCC Corporate Emissions Inventory and Management Plan

Memorandum, presented by David Murphy, Acting General Manager – Strategy and Planning, and Adam Jarvis, Senior Climate Change Officer.

The summarised answers which were circulated to Elected Members is

attached to these minutes.

Council discussed the motions but acknowledged that the work required to prepare a feasibility study on how the Council could be carbon neutral by 2030; or forecast the annual carbon emissions would take significant time and money to do. The Chief Executive reminded Council that the budget was very tight this year and there was no spare capacity to conduct additional work.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Tangi Utikere.

RESOLVED

1. To receive the memorandum titled 'PNCC Corporate Emissions Inventory and Management Plan' presented to Council on 23 September 2020.

Clause 101-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Abstained:

Councillor Zulfiqar Butt.

The meeting adjourned at 10.45am

The meeting resumed at 11.07am

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

Note:

On a motion "that the Chief Executive report back on the feasibility of Palmerston North City Council being carbon neutral by 2030, to inform the Long Term Plan."

The motion was lost 4 votes to 12, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall and Karen Naylor.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Tangi Utikere, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

Note:

On a motion "that the Chief Executive includes an annual carbon emissions forecast in the draft Long Term Plan, with emissions reducing annually."

The motion was lost 4 votes to 12, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall and Karen Naylor.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Tangi Utikere, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy

Meehan, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

102-20

District Licensing Committee - Appointment Process

Memorandum, presented by Desiree Harvey, Legal Counsel.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

RESOLVED

1. That the memorandum titled 'District Licensing Committee – Appointment Process' reported to Council on 23 September 2020 be received.
2. That the Chief Executive be instructed to commence a recruitment process for four persons, including at least one Elected Member, to be included on Palmerston North City Council's list of approved District Licensing Committee members.
3. That the Mayor, Chief Executive, Legal Counsel, an independent District Licensing Committee Chair, and one Elected Member form the selection panel to finalise selection criteria, shortlist and interview candidates and make recommendations to the Council regarding final appointments.
4. To delegate authority to the Mayor in consultation with the Chief Executive to appoint the independent District Licensing Committee Chair and Elected Member on the selection panel.

Clause 102-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Abstained:

Councillors Tangi Utikere and Susan Baty.

103-20

Update on Release of Part II (Confidential) decisions

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy and Governance Manager.

A motion that "the voting decisions are also released for Part II items, when the decision/ report is released, subject to legal advice" was discussed, but was superseded by the procedural motion to leave the item on the table, and discuss it further at the October Council meeting.

Council requested that legal advice be given on the potential ramifications of the proposed motion above.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Tangi Utikere.

RESOLVED

1. To receive the memorandum titled 'Update on Release of Part II

(Confidential) decisions' reported to Council on 23 September 2020.

2. To agree that released decisions be reported on the agenda of Council or the relevant committee at its subsequent meeting.

Clauses 103.1-103.2 above were carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Moved Tangi Utikere, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That this item be left on the table until the next Council meeting on 28 October 2020.

Clause 130.3 above was carried 15 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

104-20

Amendment to the Council and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2020

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy and Governance Manager.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Tangi Utikere.

RESOLVED

1. To receive the memorandum titled 'Amendment to the Council and Committee Meeting Scheduled for 2020', reported to Council on 23 September 2020.
2. That the Rangitāne o Manawatū Committee meet at 2pm 25 November 2020 in the Council Chamber.
3. That the Manawatū District and Palmerston North City Joint Strategic Planning Committee meet at 1pm, 10 November 2020 in the Manawatū District Council, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.
4. That the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee meet at 2pm 21 October in the Russell Lounge at Central Energy Trust Arena, 61 Pascal Street, Palmerston North.

Clause 104-20 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Tangi Utikere, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel

Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

105-20 Council Work Schedule

The Council's meeting calendar will be presented to Council in October.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Tangi Utikere.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council receive its Work Schedule dated September 2020.

Clause 105-20 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

106-20 Recommendation to Exclude Public

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Tangi Utikere.

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason 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:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
14.	Minutes of the ordinary meeting - Part II Confidential - 26 August 2020	For the reasons set out in the ordinary minutes of 26 August 2020, held in public present.	
15.	Appointment of Commissioner - All Saints Church Land Use Consent 5331	Privacy	s7(2)(a)
16.	Appointment of Commissioners - Kiwirail Regional Freight Hub	Privacy	s7(2)(a)

17.	Trustee Appointments to Council Controlled Organisations	Privacy	s7(2)(a)
18.	Civic Honour Awards 2020	Privacy	s7(2)(a)
19	Chief Executive's Performance Review 2019/20 [Limited circulation] Part IIB – Elected Members only.	Privacy	s7(2)(a)

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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Clause 106-20 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The public part of the meeting finished at 11.54am

Confirmed 28 October 2020

Mayor