

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Economic Growth Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 22 February 2023, commencing at 9.00am.

Members Present: Councillor William Wood (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan and Orphée Mickalad.

Non Members: Councillors Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

Apologies: Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

Councillors Lew Findlay and Debi Marshall-Lobb left the meeting at 12.04pm. They were not present for clauses 7 and 8.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Fitzgerald opened the meeting with karakia.

1-23 Apologies

Moved William Wood, seconded Grant Smith.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 1-23 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors William Wood, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

2-23 Public Comment

Rob Campbell, Chief Executive of Palmy Bid spoke on the following items.

- Current economic conditions, particularly the effect of inflation on small business owners.
- Urged Council to continue to have an Investment mindset and

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not to shrink investment in the city.

Regarding Transport Strategies and Plans:

- Palmy Bid is supportive of transport strategies that encourage access to city centre for all modes of transport.
- Supports buses using outer ring road, and an on-demand bus system.
- Wishes to work with Council to investigate the design and location of the Main St Bus terminal and any review of the car parking strategy.

Moved William Wood, seconded Grant Smith.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the public comment for information.

Clause 2-23 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors William Wood, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

3-23

Presentation - Central Economic Development Agency

Presentation, by Jerry Shearman CEO and Bobby McFee, Chair of the Board.

Jerry outlined CEDA's strategic projects and updated the Committee on progress. He discussed -

Te Utanganui – Central NZ distribution hub – wide support around the region for this key logistics hub.

Manawatū Food Strategy – developing sustainability practices and innovation in food production. Focused on getting it adopted as a regional strategy.

Manawatū Destination Management Plan – launched the new Manawatū Version 2.0 visitor promotion. Focused on encouraging sustainable tourism practices.

Te Āpiti Manawatū Gorge Master Plan – deciding on a catalyst project.

Profiling the region – ongoing work to promote the region as a great place to do business.

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Moved William Wood, seconded Grant Smith.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 3-23 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors William Wood, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

REPORTS

4-23

Summary report on the Palmerston North economic structure

Memorandum, presented by Stacey Bell - City Economist.

Moved William Wood, seconded Grant Smith.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the report titled 'Summary report on the Palmerston North economic structure' of 22 February 2023 presented to the Economic Growth Committee.

Clause 4-23 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors William Wood, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

5-23

Palmerston North Strategic Transport Networks

Memorandum, presented by Vinuka Nanayakkara, Senior Transport Planner.

The meeting adjourned at 10.28am

The meeting resumed at 11.00am

Following concerns that members had not received enough time to consider the Plan, the Mayor moved a procedural motion to lie the report on the table so that the Strategic Transport Networks Plan could be workshopped with Elected Members.

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Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Palmerston North Strategic Transport Networks Plan be laid on the table for further socialising and workshopping with Elected Members.

Clause 5-23 above was carried 9 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors William Wood, Mark Arnott, Roly Fitzgerald, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Lew Findlay and Patrick Handcock.

Against:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

6-23

Process and options to establish and enforce heavy vehicle routes

Memorandum, presented by Vinuka Nanayakkara, Senior Transport Planner; Peter Ridge, Senior Policy Analyst and Chris Lai, Activity Manager – Transport.

Moved William Wood, seconded Grant Smith.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Process and options to establish and enforce heavy vehicle routes' of 22 February 2023 to the Economic Growth Committee.

Clause 6-23 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors William Wood, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

The meeting adjourned 12.04pm.

The meeting resumed at 1.04pm.

Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb and Lew Findlay were not present when the meeting resumed.

7-23

Main Street Cycleway - Permanent Solution Decision

Report, presented by Chris Lai - Activity Manager Transport and Bryce Hosking, Acting Chief Infrastructure Officer.

Officers corrected the following errors in the report; -

- the total cost for Option 1 is \$650K not \$750K.
- the Officer's recommendation should read "retain the existing ...

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temporary cycleway” not “retain the existing ... shared pathway”

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Orphée Mickalad.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council endorse Option 1: Retain the existing Pioneer Highway temporary cycleway infrastructure until it reaches the end of its useful life and replace it and progress the remaining pieces as a permanent solution to create a complete and safe cycleway along that route.

Clause 7-23 above was carried 9 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Roly Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Patrick Handcock and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillors William Wood, Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison and Karen Naylor.

8-23

Work Schedule - February 2023

Moved William Wood, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Economic Growth Committee receive its work schedule dated February 2023.

Clause 8-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors William Wood, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Patrick Handcock, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Fitzgerald ended the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 1.43pm.

Confirmed 12 April 2023

Chair