

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 15 March 2023, commencing at 9.00am

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

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald opened the meeting with karakia.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared an interest in Item 19 'Trustee Appointment to The Regent Theatre Trust Board' (confidential) and took no further part in discussion or debate.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta declared a conflict of interest in Item 7 'Fees and Charges Review' (clauses 31.2 and 31.5 only) and took no further part in discussion or debate.

29-23

Confirmation of Minutes

It was requested that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 1 March 2023 be amended to record in the 'Declaration of Interests' section the nature of Councillor Brent Barrett's conflict of interest, being his participation in the Private Plan Change Matangi Residential Area as a member of the Hearing Panel.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 1 March 2023 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record, as amended.

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Clause 29-23 above was carried.

REPORTS

30-23 Annual Budget (Plan) 2023/24 - Adopting Supporting Information and the Consultation Document

Memorandum, presented by Cameron McKay, Chief Financial Officer, and Steve Paterson, Strategy Manager - Finance.

In discussion Elected Members requested that the table on page 9 of the draft Consultation Document for the 2023/24 Draft Annual Budget (Plan) be removed because it did not reflect the broader process and all the decisions made on the matter.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

RESOLVED

1. That the Table referring to 'Decisions made to proposed Annual Budget prior to consultation' be removed from the Consultation Document for the 2023/24 Draft Annual Budget.

Clause 30.1-23 above was carried.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

2. That the Council adopt the Supporting Information (Attachment 2) as the material relied upon to prepare the Consultation Document for the 2023/24 Draft Annual Budget (Plan).
3. That the Council adopt the Consultation Document (Attachment 3) for the 2023/24 Draft Annual Budget (Plan), as amended.
4. That the Mayor and Chief Executive be delegated authority to make minor amendments to the Consultation Document prior to publication.

Clauses 30.2 to 30.4-23 above were carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10.02am.

The meeting resumed at 10.24am.

31-23 Fees and Charges Review

Report, presented by Steve Paterson, Strategy Manager - Finance.

With regard to recommendations below, Elected Members agreed increases at lower rates than had been recommended by officers. Motion 9(a)(i) was put to acknowledge the cost of living pressures on the community. Similarly, motion 9(b) was put in order to moderate the charges' increase impact on the community.

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Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the report titled 'Fees and Charges Review', presented on 15 March 2023, and that the current status of fees and charges be noted.

Clause 31.1-23 above was carried.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Trade Waste

2. That the proposal to adopt updated fees and charges for Trade Waste services effective from 1 July 2023 as attached in Appendix 2, be approved for public consultation and the Chief Executive be authorised to undertake the necessary consultative process under sections 82 and 150 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Clause 31.2-23 above was carried.

Note:

Councillor Leonie Hapeta declared a conflict of interest, withdrew from the discussion and sat in the gallery.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Planning & Miscellaneous

3. That the Statement of Proposal (and the associated summary) to adopt updated fees and charges for Planning Services and Miscellaneous Services effective from 1 July 2023 as attached in Appendix 3, be approved for public consultation and the Chief Executive be authorised to undertake the necessary consultative process under sections 83 and 150 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Clause 31.3-23 above was carried.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Building

4. That the fees and charges for Building Services, as proposed in Appendix 4 be adopted and following public notification take effect from 1 July 2023.

Clause 31.4-23 above was carried.

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Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Environmental Health

5. That the fees and charges for Environmental Health Services (in terms of regulation 7 of the Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 1966) as proposed in Appendix 5, be adopted and following public notification, take effect from 1 July 2023.

Clause 31.5-23 above was carried.

Note:

Councillor Leonie Hapeta declared a conflict of interest, withdrew from the discussion and sat in the gallery.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Animal Control

6. That the fees and charges for the Impounding of Animals (in terms of section 14 of the Impounding Act 1955) and for Dog Registration and Dog Impounding (in terms of sections 37 and 68 of the Dog Control Act 1996) as proposed in Appendix 6 be adopted, and following public notification, take effect from 1 July 2023.

Burial & Cremation

7. That the fees and charges for Burial and Cremation, as proposed in Appendix 7 be adopted and following public notification, take effect from 1 July 2023.

Service Connections

8. That the fees and charges for Service Connections, as proposed in Appendix 8 be adopted and take effect from 1 July 2023.

Clauses 31.6 to 31.8-23 above were carried.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

Resource Recovery

9. That the changes to fees and charges for Resource Recovery, as proposed in Appendix 9, be adopted and take effect from 1 July 2023, incorporating:

a) MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE FOR KERBSIDE RUBBISH BAGS

- a)(i) That the maximum retail price for PNCC kerbside rubbish bags (large) be \$2.90, noting that this is not in line with our policy but is in response to cost of living pressures on our community.

Clause 31.9(a)(i)-23 above was carried 11 votes to 5, the voting being as follows:

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For:

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

Against:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Leonie Hapeta, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

9. That the changes to fees and charges for Resource Recovery, as proposed in Appendix 9, be adopted and take effect from 1 July 2023, incorporating:

a) MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE FOR KERBSIDE RUBBISH BAGS

a)(ii) Option 2 for small PNCC kerbside rubbish bags.

Clause 31.9(a)(ii)-23 above was carried 12 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Leonie Hapeta, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Lorna Johnson.

9. That the changes to fees and charges for Resource Recovery, as proposed in Appendix 9, be adopted and take effect from 1 July 2023, incorporating:

b) ASHHURST TRANSFER STATION RUBBISH DISPOSAL

That Council adopt Option 2 with any increase capped at a maximum increase of \$25 of the current trailer charges.

Clause 31.9(b)-23 above was carried.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Parks and Reserves

10. That the fees and charges for Parks and Reserves as proposed in Appendix 10 be adopted and take effect from 1 July 2023.

Backflow Prevention

11. That the fees and charges for Backflow Prevention testing and maintenance as proposed in Appendix 11 be adopted and take

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effect from 1 July 2023.

Corridor Access Request

12. That the fees and charges for Corridor Access Requests as proposed in Appendix 12 be adopted and take effect from 1 July 2023.

Clauses 31.10 to 31.12-23 above were carried.

32-23

Adoption of the Local Governance Statement 2022-25

Memorandum, presented by Sarah Claridge, Democracy & Governance Advisor.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the Local Governance Statement 2022-2025 (Appendix 1) to replace the Local Governance Statement 2019-2022.
2. That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make minor amendments to the Local Governance Statement 2022-2025 to keep it up to date.

Clause 32-23 above was carried.

33-23

Council Submission on the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Community Participation) Amendment Bill

Memorandum, presented by Peter Ridge, Senior Policy Analyst.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council note the submission to the Justice Select Committee on the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Community Participation) Amendment Bill.

Clause 33-23 above was carried.

34-23

Council Submission to the Inquiry into the 2022 Local Elections

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

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council note Council's submission to the Justice Committee

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Inquiry into the 2022 Local Elections (Attachment 1).

Clause 34-23 above was carried.

35-23 Council Submission on the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Amendment Bill

Memorandum, presented by Desiree Harvey, Legal Counsel.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council note Council's submission on the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Amendment Bill (Attachment 1).

Clause 35-23 above was carried.

36-23 Council Work Schedule

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council receive its Work Schedule dated 15 March 2023.

Clause 36-23 above was carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

37-23 Economic Growth Committee Part I Public - 22 February 2023

Consideration was given to Economic Growth Committee recommendations as appended to these minutes.

Moved William Wood, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

RESOLVED

Main Street Cycleway - Permanent Solution Decision

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 37-23 above was carried, with 1 abstention.

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38-23 Culture & Sport Committee Part I Public - 8 March 2023

Consideration was given to Culture & Sport Committee recommendations as appended to these minutes.

Councillor Rachel Bowen, Chairperson of the Culture & Sport Committee, noted that decisions in clause 8-23 of the Minutes of the Committee meeting dated 8 March 2023 were made by the Committee under delegated authority, and need not be presented as recommendations to Council.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

RESOLVED

Victoria Esplanade User Group - Amendments to Terms of Reference

1. That Council approve amendments to the 2018 Victoria Esplanade User Group Terms of Reference, as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.

Clause 38-23 above was carried, with 1 abstention.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

39-23 Recommendation to Exclude Public

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

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
18.	Confirmation of Minutes - Part II Confidential – 15 February 2023	For the reasons set out in the ordinary minutes of 15 February 2023, held in public present	
19.	Trustee Appointment to The Regent Theatre Trust Board	Privacy	s7(2)(a)

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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 39-23 above was carried.

Deferral of Items to the next Council meeting

The Mayor advised that the following Items of the Agenda would be deferred to the Council meeting to be held on 5 April 2023:

- Item 9 'Draft Interim Speed Management Plan - Approval for Public Consultation'.
- Item 10 'Consideration of Options to Progress the Civic and Cultural Precinct Master Plan'.

The public part of the meeting finished at 11.38am

Confirmed 5 April 2023

Mayor