

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 14 February 2024, commencing at 9.03am.

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

Apologies: Councillor Lew Findlay,

Councillor Orphée Mickalad left the meeting at 11.30am during consideration of clause 14-24. He returned at 11.53am, during clause 15-24. He was not present for clause 14-24.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 11.54 after consideration of clause 14-24. He was not present for clauses 15-24 to 19-24 inclusive.

Karakia Timatanga

Deputy Mayor Debi Marshall-Lobb opened the meeting with karakia

10-24 Apologies

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the apologies from Councillor Lew Findlay.

Clause **Error! Reference source not found.** above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Declaration of Interest

The Mayor Grant Smith declared a conflict of interest in Item 13 Approval for the Mayor to attend the 2024 Taipei Smart City Mayor's Summit (clause 18-24), he took no part in discussion or debate.

11-24

Culture & Sport Committee Part I Public - 7 February 2024

Councillor Bowen presented the recommendation below.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Grant Smith.

RESOLVED

1. That the Committee's recommendation be adopted.

Te Manawa Museums Trust: Draft Statement of Intent 2024-27

1. That Council increase Te Manawa's operational grant funding in the draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34 to be:

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
\$3,833,599	\$4,024,056	\$4,217,826

Clause 11-24 above was carried 11 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillors Roly Fitzgerald and Karen Naylor.

Abstained:

Councillors Vaughan Dennison and Leonie Hapeta.

12-24

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 7 February 2024 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 12-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Abstained:
Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

REPORTS

13-24 2024-34 Draft Long Term Plan Consultation Material Update
Memorandum, presented by David Murphy, Chief Planning Officer, Cameron McKay, Chief Financial Officer and Chris Dyhrberg, Chief Infrastructure Officer.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council agree the Consultation Document for the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan (Attachment 1), be provided to Audit New Zealand, subject to the agreed amendment.

Clause 13-24 above was carried 14 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

On an amendment to recommendation 1: That paragraphs regarding social housing and the animal shelter costs be removed from page 23.

The amendment was carried 11 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Billy Meehan and Orphée Mickalad.

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded William Wood.

Note:

On an amendment to recommendation 1: That the words “We’ve cut a lot of existing budgets” is changed on page 3.

The amendment was lost 4 votes to 11, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Leonie Hapeta, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

Against:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10.29am

The meeting resumed at 10.48am

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

2. That Council agree the Supporting Material for the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan (presented in [Attachments 3-10](#) to the Council meeting on 7 February 2024 with minor amendments as directed at that meeting) to be provided to Audit New Zealand.

Clause 13-24 above was carried 14 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Rachel Bowen.

Note:

On an amendment to recommendation 2: Subject to amending the timing for Programme 1194 (CET Arena) to spread the \$36M investment across the 10 Years of the LTP with a maximum of \$7.67M in the first 3 years.

The amendment was lost 1 votes to 14, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

Against:

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

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

RESOLVED

3. That the Chief Executive provide options to increase revenue, including increasing fees and charges and options for new fees and charges.

Clause 13-24 above was carried 13 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb and Lorna Johnson.

14-24

Long-Term Plan - Rating System

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

Councillor Orphée Mickalad left the meeting at 11:30 am

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council agree the rating information contained in the memorandum for inclusion in the supporting material for the Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34; and that this be provided to Audit New Zealand.

Clause 14-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Councillor Orphée Mickalad returned to the meeting at 11:52am

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 11:54am

15-24**Rates Remission and Postponement Policies**

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

Noting the following minor amendments:

- Section 11.2, remove the last bullet point "the ratepayer's sole income is from a central government benefit (including New Zealand superannuation)
- Section 11.2 applies to residential ratepayers only.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt for consultation the draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policies (Attachment 1) with minor amendments.

Clause 15-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The meeting adjourned at 12.20am

The meeting resumed at 1.24pm

16-24**Treasury Policy (Including Liability Management & Investment Policy)**

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

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the updated Treasury Policy, incorporating the Liability Management and Investment Policy pursuant to section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002 (Attachment 1).
2. That Council note it will review the specific borrowing limits contained in clause 3.6.1 of the Treasury Policy as part of the process of developing its Financial Strategy for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, and that if the outcome of the review is that there are changes to these limits, the Treasury Policy will be updated to include these.

Clause 16-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna

Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

17-24 Summary of Waste Assessment 2023

Memorandum, presented by Peter Ridge, Senior Policy Analyst, and Natasha Hickmott, Activities Manager - Resource Recovery and Sustainability.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the Palmerston North City Council Waste Assessment 2023 (Attachment 1).
2. That Council note the Palmerston North City Council Waste Assessment 2023 is now complete in accordance with section 51 of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.
3. That Council confirm it has considered the Palmerston North Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2019 in light of the draft Palmerston North City Council Waste Assessment 2023 and agree to develop a replacement Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

Clause 17-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Mayor Grant Smith vacated the chair and sat in the gallery
Deputy Mayor Debi Marshall Lobb took the chair.

18-24 Approval for the Mayor to attend the 2024 Taipei Smart City Mayor's Summit

Memorandum, presented by Gabrielle Loga, International Relations Manager.

Moved Debi Marshall-Lobb, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That Council grant approval for the Mayor to travel to Taipei from 18 March to 23 March 2024 to attend the 2024 Taipei Smart City Mayors' Summit.

Clause 18-24 above was carried 11 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillors Rachel Bowen and Karen Naylor.

Note:

The Mayor Grant Smith declared a conflict of interest, withdrew from the discussion and sat in the gallery.

Mayor Grant Smith took the chair.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

19-24 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
15.	Purchase of 117-121 College Street (St. Marks Presbyterian Church)	THIRD PARTY COMMERCIAL: Disclosing the information could harm a company's commercial position	s7(2)(b)(ii)
16.	Purchase of 80 Waldegrave Street	THIRD PARTY COMMERCIAL: Disclosing the information could harm a company's commercial position	s7(2)(b)(ii)

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 19-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The public part of the meeting finished at 2.10pm

Confirmed 6 March 2024

Mayor