

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 18 September 2024, commencing at 9.00am

Members Present:	Councillor Leonie Hapeta (in the Chair), 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 and Orphée Mickalad.
Non Members:	Councillors Lew Findlay, Councillor Patrick Handcock and Councillor Kaydee Zabelin.

Councillor Lorna Johnson left the meeting at 12.35pm during consideration of clause 52-24. She was not present for clauses 52-24 and 53-24.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin opened the meeting with karakia.

47-24 Public Comment

Peter French recommended a design option to improve the layout of the Vogel/Hayden/Featherston Street intersection.

Harvey Jones, Phil Stevens and Arthur Yep made public comment in support of the Notice of Motion to keep Te Ahu a Turanga highway toll-free.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded William Wood.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Economic Growth Committee receive the public comments.

Clause 47-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, 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 and Kaydee Zabelin.

48-24 Presentation - Manawatū Chamber of Commerce

Amanda Linsley, Chief Executive, and Steve Davey, Chair, Manawatū Chamber of Commerce, presented to the Committee.

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They spoke on changes to the rating system, consultation on the Te Ahu a Turanga proposed toll, local business confidence, and business awards.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded William Wood.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Economic Growth Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 48-24 above was carried 14 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Lorna Johnson.

49-24

Presentation - Palmy BID

Rob Campbell, Chairperson, and Matthew Jeanes, General Manager, of Palmy BID presented to the Committee.

They summarised the activities, programmes and projects they developed during the year, along with future challenges.

They spoke on business confidence, retail crime and homelessness and how they are working alongside the community to provide more tools and information to be able to deal with these.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded William Wood.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Economic Growth Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 49-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Councillor Vaughan Dennison did not vote.

50-24

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded William Wood.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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1. That the minutes of the Economic Growth Committee meeting of 19 June 2024 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 51-24 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Abstained:

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Note:

Councillor Lew Findlay did not vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30am.

The meeting resumed at 10.51am.

51-24

Notice of Motion - Tolling Proposal for Te Ahu a Turanga

Councillor Brent Barrett presented the notice of motion.

David Murphy, General Manager Strategic Planning and James Miguel, Senior Transport Planner presented the officers' advice.

The Mayor moved an additional motion to include in the submission – that PNCC does support tolling future roads when the affected community has been prior knowledge (of a toll) before the project commences.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council lodge a submission calling for Te Ahu a Turanga to be kept free of road tolling.

Clause 51-24 above was carried 11 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, William Wood, Mark Arnott and Orphée Mickalad.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That in principle, Palmerston North City Council support the option of tolls on future new roading/highway projects where that is signalled in advance of the project.

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Clause 51-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, 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 and Kaydee Zabelin.

Moved William Wood, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

3. That the Committee receive the officers' advice attached to the Notice of Motion - Tolling Proposal for Te Ahu a Turanga.

Clause 51-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, 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 and Kaydee Zabelin.

The Chair deferred the following reports to the next Economic Growth meeting on 20 November 2024:

- International Relations and Education – 6 Monthly Report
- International Trip to China, April 2024
- Palmerston North Quarterly Economic Update – September 2024
- Road Maintenance Contract – 6 Monthly update

52-24 Committee Work Schedule - September 2024

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded William Wood.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Economic Growth Committee receive its Work Schedule dated September 2024.

Clause 52-24 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Councillors Lorna Johnson and Billy Meehan did not vote

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EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

53-24 Recommendation to Exclude Public

Moved William Wood, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE 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
17.	Tamakuku Terrace design guidelines review	Maintain legal privilege: and commercial activities:	s7(2)(g) and s7(2)(h)

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.

Also that Stephen Cornwall, Veros, be permitted to remain after the public has been excluded for the reason stated, for his knowledge and ability to assist the meeting in speaking to, and answering questions for Item 17 Tamakuku Terrace design guidelines review, noting that he will be present at the meeting only for that report.

Clause 53-24 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Councillors Brent Barrett and Lorna Johnson did not vote.

The Chair (Leonie Hapeta) vacated the Chair, and announced the Deputy Chair (William Wood) would chair the confidential part of the meeting.

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The public part of the meeting finished at 12.37pm.

Confirmed 20 November 2024

Chair

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