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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL 2010 AT 1:02PM IN THE RECEPTION LOUNGE, LEVEL 2 AUCKLAND TOWN HALL

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Hon John Banks, QSO Deputy Mayor David Hay, JP

Councillors: Douglas Armstrong, QSO

Ken **Baguley** Bhatnagar Aaron Dr Cathy Casey Christian, JP Bill Mark Donnelly Easte Graeme Paul Goldsmith Lister, OBE John Toni Millar, JP Greg Moyle, ED Northey, ONZM Richard

Noelene Raffills

His Worship the Mayor moved: Councillor Armstrong seconded:

That the meeting adjourn until 1:30pm.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor David Mayor moved: Councillor Christian seconded:

That the meeting adjourn until 1:45pm.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 1:45pm.

1. APOLOGIES

His Worship the Mayor moved: Councillor Moyle seconded:

That the apologies from Councillors Boyle, Fryer, Mulholland and Roche for non-attendance be accepted.

CARRIED

2. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

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3. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

There was no extraordinary business.

4. COMBINED COMMITTEES REPORT NO. 02-2010

The Combined Committees Report No. 02-2010 was tabled with the attachments.

[ATTACHMENT 4A]

Councillor Armstrong moved:

Councillor Goldsmith seconded:

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offset by \$500,000 of sponsorship revenue and is comprised of:

- a. Miscellaneous contract variations \$876,000
- b. Landscaping cost savings (\$246,000)
- c. Storage room \$600,000
- d. Toilets \$160,000
- e. Contingency \$100,000
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- iii. Including an additional \$282,500 per annum operational expenditure for implementation of the Owairaka Masterplan in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012
- iv. Including \$2 million capital expenditure in 2010/2011 for events space upgrades
- v. To include an additional \$1.5m CAPEX in the 2010/2011 year for open space acquisitions for the purposes of opening up land locked parks and improving access and amenity
- vi. That \$60,000 operational expenditure be granted to the Auckland Art Fair by way of sponsorship conditional upon negotiation of an appropriate sponsorship agreement to the satisfaction of the Chairperson of Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee
- vii. That it be noted that the Queen's Wharf Sheds 10 and 11 are an important part of Auckland's port and maritime historic landscape, and that the NZ Historic Places Trust has not ruled out future registration of Sheds 10 and 11
- viii. That the \$21 million and \$5 million capital expenditure budget for Queen's Wharf in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 be confirmed in the Annual Plan, subject to:
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- ix. That an allocation of \$50,000 to design and position at least two critters in the CBD to be regarded as street furniture.
- D. That it be noted that \$117,000 of the additional \$300,000 allocated for Volcanic cones remediation will be expended on Owairaka-Mt Albert.
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 - a. design a cycle lane from the Grafton Rd side down to Stanley St into the Domain and through the Domain to the potential Parnell Station \$125k in 2010/2011
 - b. Development of a citywide Bike Stand policy \$50k in 2010/2011
 - c. Purchase and installation of 10 stands at \$10k per stand \$100k in 2010/2011
 - d. Construction of Cycleway Grafton to Parnell Train Station site \$375k in 2011/2012
 - e. Purchase and installation of addition 10 stands at 10k per stand \$100k per stand \$100k in 2011/2012.
- F. That the 2010/2011 Annual Plan document and budgets be adopted, subject to any changes approved at the 28 April 2010 Combined Committees meeting.
- G. That the Chairperson of the Finance and Strategy Committee, Councillor Northey and the General Manager Finance be delegated authority to make changes to the document and budgets to reflect decisions regarding the Annual Plan 2010/2011 and any other minor editorial changes.

7. RATES POLICY FOR 2010-2011

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A. That the council notes the feedback on the rates-related policies contained in the draft Annual Plan for 2010/2011.

- B. That the council notes that the average rates increase (excluding the impact of the CBD, Mainstreet, and additional recycling targeted rates) for 2010/2011 is 1.9 per cent, in order to fund the budget. The 1.9 per cent rates increase is 37 per cent lower than 3 per cent advised in the draft Annual Plan, which was equal to council's projected rate of inflation.
- C. That the council confirms the next step of the long-term differential strategy for the general rate will be applied, which will transfer around \$2.8 million from non-residential properties to residential properties.
- D. That the council notes the rates for 2010/2011 will be stated as a GST exclusive amount, to which GST applies, to allow the council to factor in any change to the level of GST.
- E. That the council confirms the following rates charges for 2010/2011, which are based on the updated budget:
 - i. refuse collection targeted rate of \$164.44 (plus GST) per service
 - ii. additional recycling bin targeted rate of \$51.56 (plus GST) per additional service
 - iii. the uniform annual general charge of \$268.44 (plus GST) per separately used or inhabited part
 - iv. the CBD targeted rate for the CBD non-residential group will increase by around \$2.3 million to \$16.1 million (excluding GST) and will have a rate in dollar charge of 0.020506 (plus GST) on the annual value.
 - v. the CBD targeted rate for the residential properties in the CBD will be \$50.67 (plus GST) per residential unit.
- F. That the council confirms the remission for an approved refuse and recycling service at \$108.44 (plus GST) and \$51.56 (plus GST) respectively.
- G. That the council confirms that a 1.13 per cent discount will be applied to rates invoices paid in full by the first instalment date before the change of GST.
- H. That the council confirms that the four rates instalment dates for the 2010/2011 financial year will be:
 - i. 20 August 2010
 - ii. 22 November 2010
 - iii. 21 February 2011
 - iv. 20 May 2011
- I. That the council approves a 10 per cent penalty for late rates payments for the 2010/2011 financial year as follows:
 - i. A penalty of 10 per cent of the rates assessed in the 2010/2011 financial year that are unpaid after the due date for each instalment may be added on the day following the due date.
 - ii. A penalty of 10 per cent of the amount of all rates assessed in any financial year that are unpaid on 1 July 2010 may be added on the day following that date.
 - iii. A penalty of 10 per cent of the amount of all rates to which a penalty has been added under (b) and which are unpaid on 5 January 2011 may be added on the day following that date.
- J. That the council adopts the updated rates resolution for the 2010/2011 financial year, which has been circulated separately at this meeting, but noting that the following rates have changed for the decisions made at the 28 April 2010 Combined Committees meeting:
 - i. This rate is for the general purposes of the council's activities in the 2010/2011 financial year and is intended to yield \$344.9 million (excluding GST).

Differential Group	R Rate in the Dollar (excluding GST)
Re Residential	0.034220
No Non-residential	0.078220

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CBD non-residential	0.083225
Great Barrier Island non- residential	0.067156
Farming and open space	0.032996
Limited access	0.007604
Remote islands	0.000000

- ii. The uniform annual general charge on all rateable land within the district at \$268.44 (plus GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit and will generate \$52.9 million (excluding GST).
- iii. The CBD target rate at 0.020506 in the dollar (plus GST) on the annual value of all non-residential land situated in the central area and will generate \$16.1 million (excluding GST).

8. PAH HOMESTEAD - REQUEST FOR UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE

That the council endorses the recommendations of the Political Working Group for the Pah Homestead project, (refer item 6):

- A. That the Pah Homestead Working Party notes the scope extensions, arising from discovered items and contract variations, and additional contingency deemed necessary to enable the Pah Homestead to operate as a successful arts and culture centre
- B. That the Pah Homestead Working Party notes the cost associated with the scope extensions and additional contingency is \$876,000, will be partially offset by savings on the landscaping work (\$246,000) and the TSB Bank sponsorship contribution (\$500,000) with the remaining \$130,000 being unbudgeted expenditure met through reallocation of savings in council's capital expenditure programme for 2009/10.
- C. That the Pah Homestead Working Party approves the scope extension to include the provision of a purpose built storeroom considered necessary by the James Wallace Arts Trust to operate a successful arts and culture centre, noting that this facility will require unbudgeted capital expenditure of \$600,000 and ongoing unbudgeted operating expenditure of \$19,000 for maintenance and depreciation.
- D. That the Pah Homestead Working Party approves the scope extension to include the provision of public toilets, noting that there are no public toilets at Monte Cecilia Park at present and that the provision of the toilet facilities will require unbudgeted capital expenditure of \$160,000 and ongoing unbudgeted operating expenditure of \$11,000 for depreciation, maintenance and cleaning.
- E. That the Pah Homestead Working Party approves additional unbudgeted capital contingency of \$100,000 for the provision of storage and public toilets.
- F. That the above decisions be recommendations to Finance and Strategy Committee and Combined Committees for incorporation into the Annual Plan.
- G. That the draft Relationship Agreement and draft Agreement to Lease be communicated as final to the James Wallace Arts Trust and that execution of the documents is expedited and necessary before access to the Pah Homestead can be agreed to for the James Wallace Arts Trust.

Secretarial note: Councillor Northey requested all amendments that were LOST at the 28 April 2010 Combined Committees meeting be moved as one block at the council meeting.

Councillor Northey moved the following amendments: Councillor Casey seconded:

3. REGULATORY FEES AND CHARGES REPORT - amendment by way of addition to A:

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A. That the changes to regulatory fees for the 2010/2011 year as set out in the report entitled "Regulatory Fees and Charges Report" dated 8 April 2010 be approved, subject to:

- Page 10 the Gambling Venues fee for new venue consent applications be set at \$31,111.
- 6. ANNUAL PLAN 2010/2011 amendment by way of replacement to B (iv):
 - iv. Cost savings of between \$3.3 and \$3.5 million per annum for footpath renewals for the three years from 2011/2012 to 2013/2014 be utilised to bring forward footpath renewals from later years as requested by submitters to the Annual Plan.

Amendments by way of addition to C.i:

- a. That provision be made for the re-establishment of volcanic cone park rangers.
- b. "including not making the proposed cuts in the cycleway and walkway improvements (\$0.5 million in 2009/10)."
- c. That the \$0.6 million cost saving for Sandringham Road be spent on cycleway and walkway improvements in Eden-Albert rather than on the Link Lane.

Amendments by way of addition to C.ii:

- a. To read: including providing \$214,000 annually to keep the Aotea Centre foyers open to the public on non-event days.
- b. That the annual budget for school safety and transport projects be restored to the gross level previously provided for in the 10 year plan before the recent notification of government subsidy cuts.

Amendments by way of addition to C.iii:

- a. That as requested in Annual Plan submissions funding be allocated to plan to turn Queen St from Mayoral Drive to Customs Street into an area free of cars and trucks most of the time
- b. To read: "including additional funding of \$300,000 be allocated for tidy-up work on Puketapapa-Mt Roskill, Maungarei-Mt Wellington and Maungawhau-Mt Eden".

Amendments by way of an addition to C.iv:

- a. That the Blockhouse Bay Reserve be redeveloped as requested in the submissions.
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Amendments by way of addition to C.v:

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a. That the 2010-2020 stormwater budget include an additional \$18 million for stormwater upgrades to improve water quality in the Manukau and Waitemata Harbours and \$44 million to reduce flooding and for unexpected population growth to restore it come close to the level and timing of funding in the 2006-2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan.

Amendments by way of addition to C.vi:

- a. That \$15 million be allocated over 2010/2020 years being \$10 million for the Otahuhu Pool and \$5 million for progress on Avondale Pool.
- b. That the annual grants for community organisations be increased by \$100,000 annually for strategic partnerships and by \$200,000 annually for other grants.
- c. "including a further \$40,000 in total for the calendar of events for much loved iconic community events namely the Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta (+\$5000), the Grey Lynn Festival (+\$10,000), the Mission Bay Jazzfest(+\$10,000), the Onehunga Bay Festival(+\$10,000) and the Sculpture on the Gulf (+\$5000)".
- d. That \$500,000 annually be transferred from sponsored major events funding to community events.

Amendments by way of addition to C.vii:

- a. That \$120,000 be allocated in 2010/11 for the deferred redevelopment of Maybury Reserve.
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- d. That the property on the corner Mt Eden Road and Kelly Street be purchased for the development of a sculpture park.

Amendments by way of addition to C.viii:

- a. That \$5 million be allocated over the 2010/20 years for MAGIC (the Music and Arts Glen Innes Centre).
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Amendments to C by way of addition:

x. That no further purchases beyond the 3 specific purchases approved at the

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last Finance and Strategy Committee meeting be approved for Monte Cecilia Park given:

- o the Council's spend of \$32.4 million on land acquisition for Monte Cecilia Park to 2009
- the likely significant cost for the purchase and re-siting of the Monte Cecilia School
- o an unknown estimate of cost for the purchase of Liston Village and the Marcellin College Playing fields
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An amendment by way of replacement to E(i):

"will remain unchanged at the current rate of \$162.67 (plus GST)..."

An amendment by way of replacement to E(iii):

"will remain unchanged at the current rate of \$222.22 for 2009/10 and 2010/11 (plus GST)..."

An amendment by way of replacement to E(iii):

"will be eliminated."

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For the Amendment:		Against the Amendment:	
Councillors:	Cathy Casey	Councillors: Douglas Armstrong	
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The amendment was declared LOST by 10 votes to 5.

Deputy Mayor, David Hay moved the following amendment by way of addition: Councillor Moyle seconded:

9. STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

That the Chief executive and staff be thanked for their efforts in assisting the council to hand the city to the new Auckland Council in sound financial shape with projected rate increases kept to the minimum consistent with affordable progress.

CARRIED

Councillors Casey, Easte and Northey wished their votes against the amendment be recorded.

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- EDGE.
- iii. Spreading the Organisational Development capex budget more evenly across the ten-year plan period.
- iv. Cost savings of between \$3.3 and \$3.5 million per annum for footpath renewals for the three years from 2011/2012 to 2013/2014
- v. Further cost savings, increased revenues, and adjustments identified as part of the council's ongoing focus around efficiency, capex deliverability and budget accuracy.
- C. That the 2010/2011 Annual Plan and projections for other years in the Ten Year Plan be amended as follows:
 - i. Including additional capital expenditure of \$1,490,000 for Pah Homestead (plus all associated consequential operating expenditure) with \$880,000 in 2009/2010 and \$610,000 in 2010/2011. This additional capital expenditure will be partially offset by \$500,000 of sponsorship revenue and is comprised of:
 - a. Miscellaneous contract variations \$876,000
 - b. Landscaping cost savings (\$246,000)
 - c. Storage room \$600,000
 - d. Toilets \$160,000
 - e. Contingency \$100,000
 - ii. Including an additional \$200,000 per annum operational expenditure for Pah Homestead for five years from 2010/2011;
 - iii. Including an additional \$282,500 per annum operational expenditure for implementation of the Owairaka Masterplan in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012;
 - iv. Including \$2 million capital expenditure in 2010/2011 for events space upgrades.
 - v. To include an additional \$1.5m CAPEX in the 2010/2011 year for open space acquisitions for the purposes of opening up land locked parks and improving access and amenity.
 - vi. That \$60,000 operational expenditure be granted to the Auckland Art Fair by way of sponsorship conditional upon negotiation of an appropriate sponsorship agreement to the satisfaction of the Chairperson of Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee.
 - vii. That it be noted that the Queen's Wharf Sheds 10 and 11 are an important part of Auckland's port and maritime historic landscape, and that the NZ Historic Places Trust has not ruled out future registration of Sheds 10 and 11.
 - viii. That the \$21 million and \$5 million capital expenditure budget for Queen's Wharf in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 be confirmed in the Annual Plan, subject to:
 - a. These funds are only to be applied to a project that ensures the restoration/refurbishment of the sheds on Queen's Wharf for the Rugby World Cup, and in the case of Shed 10 future medium term uses including the possible option of a cruise ship terminal
 - b. Any release of these funds being subject to Council confirmation
 - c. That Auckland City Council's sentiment on the Queen's Wharf sheds (resolution vii and viii above) be conveyed to the Historic Places Trust and to central government.
 - ix. That an allocation of \$50,000 to design and position at least two critters in the CBD to be regarded as street furniture.
- D. That it be noted that \$117,000 of the additional \$300,000 allocated for Volcanic cones remediation will be expended on Owairaka- Mt Albert.
- E. That \$750,000 be allocated over the next two years to walking/cycling projects that reaffirm the Auckland Councils support of sensible walking/cycling projects that improve the options for cyclists in the CBD. The indicative projects and budgets are as follows and will need to be confirmed during 2010:

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a. design a cycle lane from the Grafton Rd side down to Stanley St into the Domain and through the Domain to the potential Parnell Station \$125k in 2010/2011

- b. Development of a citywide Bike Stand policy \$50k in 2010/2011
- c. Purchase and installation of 10 stands at \$10k per stand \$100k in 2010/2011:
- d. Construction of Cycleway Grafton to Parnell Train Station site \$375k in 2011/2012
- e. Purchase and installation of addition 10 stands at 10k per stand \$100k per stand \$100k in 2011/2012.
- F. That the 2010/2011 Annual Plan document and budgets be adopted, subject to any changes approved at the 28 April 2010 Combined Committees meeting.
- G. That the Chairperson of the Finance and Strategy Committee, Councillor Northey and the General Manager Finance be delegated authority to make changes to the document and budgets to reflect decisions regarding the Annual Plan 2010/2011 and any other minor editorial changes.

7. RATES POLICY FOR 2010-2011

- A. That the council notes the feedback on the rates-related policies contained in the draft Annual Plan for 2010/2011.
- B. That the council notes that the average rates increase (excluding the impact of the CBD, Mainstreet, and additional recycling targeted rates) for 2010/2011 is 1.9 per cent, in order to fund the budget. The 1.9 per cent rates increase is 37 per cent lower than 3 per cent advised in the draft Annual Plan, which was equal to council's projected rate of inflation.
- C. That the council confirms the next step of the long-term differential strategy for the general rate will be applied, which will transfer around \$2.8 million from non-residential properties to residential properties.
- D. That the council notes the rates for 2010/2011 will be stated as a GST exclusive amount, to which GST applies, to allow the council to factor in any change to the level of GST.
- E. That the council confirms the following rates charges for 2010/2011, which are based on the updated budget:
 - i. refuse collection targeted rate of \$164.44 (plus GST) per service.
 - ii. additional recycling bin targeted rate of \$51.56 (plus GST) per additional service
 - iii. the uniform annual general charge of \$268.44 (plus GST) per separately used or inhabited part
 - iv. the CBD targeted rate for the CBD non-residential group will increase by around \$2.3 million to \$16.1 million (excluding GST) and will have a rate in dollar charge of 0.020506 (plus GST) on the annual value.
 - v. the CBD targeted rate for the residential properties in the CBD will be \$50.67 (plus GST) per residential unit.
- F. That the council confirms the remission for an approved refuse and recycling service at \$108.44 (plus GST) and \$51.56 (plus GST) respectively.
- G. That the council confirms that a 1.13 per cent discount will be applied to rates invoices paid in full by the first instalment date before the change of GST.
- H. That the council confirms that the four rates instalment dates for the 2010/2011 financial year will be:
 - i. 20 August 2010
 - ii. 22 November 2010
 - iii. **21 February 2011**
 - iv. **20 May 2011**
- I. That the council approves a 10 per cent penalty for late rates payments for the

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2010/2011 financial year as follows:

i. A penalty of 10 per cent of the rates assessed in the 2010/2011 financial year that are unpaid after the due date for each instalment may be added on the day following the due date.

- ii. A penalty of 10 per cent of the amount of all rates assessed in any financial year that are unpaid on 1 July 2010 may be added on the day following that date.
- iii. A penalty of 10 per cent of the amount of all rates to which a penalty has been added under (b) and which are unpaid on 5 January 2011 may be added on the day following that date.
- J. That the council adopts the updated rates resolution for the 2010/2011 financial year, which has been circulated separately at this meeting, but noting that the following rates have changed for the decisions made at the 28 April 2010 Combined Committees meeting:
 - i. This rate is for the general purposes of the council's activities in the 2010/2011 financial year and is intended to yield \$344.9 million (excluding GST).

Differential Group	R Rate in the Dollar (excluding GST)
Re Residential	0.034220
No Non-residential	0.078220
CBD non-residential	0.083225
Great Barrier Island non- residential	0.067156
Farming and open space	0.032996
Limited access	0.007604
Remote islands	0.000000

- ii. The uniform annual general charge on all rateable land within the district at \$268.44 (plus GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit and will generate \$52.9 million (excluding GST).
- iii. The CBD target rate at 0.020506 in the dollar (plus GST) on the annual value of all non-residential land situated in the central area and will generate \$16.1 million (excluding GST).

8. PAH HOMESTEAD - REQUEST FOR UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE

That the council endorses the recommendations of the Political Working Group for the Pah Homestead project, (refer item 6):

- A. That the Pah Homestead Working Party notes the scope extensions, arising from discovered items and contract variations, and additional contingency deemed necessary to enable the Pah Homestead to operate as a successful arts and culture centre
- B. That the Pah Homestead Working Party notes the cost associated with the scope extensions and additional contingency is \$876,000, will be partially offset by savings on the landscaping work (\$246,000) and the TSB Bank sponsorship contribution (\$500,000) with the remaining \$130,000 being unbudgeted expenditure met through reallocation of savings in council's capital expenditure programme for 2009/10.
- C. That the Pah Homestead Working Party approves the scope extension to include the provision of a purpose built storeroom considered necessary by the James Wallace Arts Trust to operate a successful arts and culture centre, noting that this

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- facility will require unbudgeted capital expenditure of \$600,000 and ongoing unbudgeted operating expenditure of \$19,000 for maintenance and depreciation.
- D. That the Pah Homestead Working Party approves the scope extension to include the provision of public toilets, noting that there are no public toilets at Monte Cecilia Park at present and that the provision of the toilet facilities will require unbudgeted capital expenditure of \$160,000 and ongoing unbudgeted operating expenditure of \$11,000 for depreciation, maintenance and cleaning.
- E. That the Pah Homestead Working Party approves additional unbudgeted capital contingency of \$100,000 for the provision of storage and public toilets.
- F. That the above decisions be recommendations to Finance and Strategy Committee and Combined Committees for incorporation into the Annual Plan.
- G. That the draft Relationship Agreement and draft Agreement to Lease be communicated as final to the James Wallace Arts Trust and that execution of the documents is expedited and necessary before access to the Pah Homestead can be agreed to for the James Wallace Arts Trust.

9. STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

That the Chief executive and staff be thanked for their efforts in assisting the council to hand the city to the new Auckland Council in sound financial shape with projected rate increases kept to the minimum consistent with affordable progress.

CARRIED

Councillors Casey, Easte and Northey wished their votes against the motion be recorded.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC: LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

His Worship the Mayor moved: Deputy Mayor, David Hay seconded:

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

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 follows.

No.	_	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
_		Public conduct of matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason to withhold exists under section 7.	Section 7(2)(i) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists

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industrial negotiations).	under section 7.
In particular, the report contains information on negotiations between council and a private party.	

CARRIED

There being no further business His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:00pm.