
Finance Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 15 August 2017 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr G Mallett
Deputy Chairperson	Cr R Pascoe
Members	Mayor A King
	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr S Henry
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr P Southgate
	Cr G Taylor
	Cr L Tooman

In Attendance:	Richard Briggs – Chief Executive
	David Bryant – General Manger Corporate
	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community
	Sean Murray – General Manager Major Events, Venues and Tourism
	Kelvyn Eglinton – General Manager City Growth
	Chris Allen – General Manager City infrastructure
	Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communications
	Tracey Musty – Financial Controller
	Nigel Ward - Communications Team Leader
	Andrew Parsons – City Development Manager
	Jason Harrison – City Transportation Manager
	Matthew Bell – Revenue and Rates Manger
	Jolie Humphreys - Strategic Policy Analyst
	Bridget Morgan – Water Asset Manager

Governance Advisors:	Becca Brooke – Governance Team Leader
	Amy Viggers - Committee Advisor

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/Bunting)

That the apologies from Councillors O’Leary, Yeung and Southgate (for lateness) are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/Casson)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

No members of the public wished to speak.

5. Finance Committee Open Minutes 4 July 2017

Resolved: (Crs Casson/Bunting)

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 4 July 2017 as a true and correct record.

6. 10-Year Plan Monitoring Report - For the year ended 30 June 2017

The Financial Controller introduced the report, noting that the end of year figures were subject to change as they were currently being audited. Staff responded to questions from the Elected Members concerning activity variances, the deferrals process, re-evaluation gains, and the costs associated with remediation of the slips along the river path.

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/Casson)

That the Finance Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the deferral of 30 capital projects with a total budget value of \$23.9m and carries these into the 2017-18 financial year.

Councillor Gallagher arrived at 9.38am during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Mayor King left the meeting at 9.44 during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Councillor Southgate joined the meeting at 9.46am at the conclusion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

7. Key Projects Monitoring Report - June 2017

The General Manager Corporate took the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the Rototuna Town Centre, and the Victoria on the River project. It was noted that both projects were on track to be delivered on time and on budget.

Resolved: (Cr Mallett/Cr Taylor)

That the Finance Committee receives the report.

Councillor Henry arrived at 9.56am during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

8. 2015-25 10-Year Plan Service Performance Report - Year 2, Quarter 4

The Strategic Policy Analyst took the report as read, noting that the figures were subject to change as they were currently being audited. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the Key Performance Measures (KPIs). It was confirmed that the current KPIs were based on the previous 10 Year Plan and would be used for the remainder of the financial year. When the 2018-25 10 Year Plan is adopted by Council by 30 June 2018, the KPIs would be updated.

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/Taylor)

That the Committee receives the report.

Mayor King re-joined the meeting at 9.56 during the discussion of the above Item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

9. Waikato Regional Airport Limited - Review of Director Remuneration and Term of Appointment

The General Manager Major Events, Venues and Tourism introduced the report. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the review of the Director's remuneration. It was confirmed that the Waikato Regional Airport Directors fees had not been reviewed since 2007.

Motion: (Crs Mallett/Bunting)

That the Finance Committee:

a) approves WRAL Director fees to be increased:

- i. Chair from \$34,800 to \$45,000 per annum with effect from 1 July 2017
- ii. Directors from \$23,200 to \$30,000 per annum with effect from 1 July 2017

b) approves an amendment to the WRAL constitution by adding the following clause under the heading Appointment and Removal:

"15.2 (e) Directors to be appointment for an initial three-year term with a maximum of two concurrent terms to be served unless circumstances that dictate otherwise."

c) delegates authority to the Mayor and/or Chief Executive to vote on behalf of Council at the WRAL Annual General Meeting in October 2017 in support of the above resolutions; and

d) notes the resolutions under a) and b) above can only be activated by a majority vote of WRAL shareholders.

Amendment: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the Finance Committee:

a) approves WRAL Director fees to be increased by approx 3% as follows:

- i. Chair from \$34,800 to \$36,000 per annum with effect from 1 July 2017
- ii. Directors from \$23,200 to \$24,000 per annum with effect from 1 July 2017

b) approves an amendment to the WRAL constitution by adding the following clause under the heading Appointment and Removal:

"15.2 (e) Directors to be appointment for an initial three-year term with a maximum of two concurrent terms to be served unless circumstances dictate otherwise."

- c) delegates authority to the Mayor and/or Chief Executive to vote on behalf of the WRAL Annual General Meeting in October 2017 in support of the above resolutions; and
- d) notes the resolutions under a) and b) above can only be activated by a majority vote of WRAL shareholders.

The Amendment was put.

- Those for the Amendment:** Crs Macpherson and Casson.
- Those against the Amendment:** Mayor King, Crs Mallett, Gallagher, Pascoe, Tooman, Bunting, Henry, Southgate and Taylor.

The Amendment was declared lost.

The Motion was then put and declared carried.

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/Bunting)

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- b) approves an amendment to the WRAL constitution by adding the following clause under the heading Appointment and Removal:

“15.2 (e) Directors to be appointment for an initial three-year term with a maximum of two concurrent terms to be served unless circumstances dictate otherwise.”
- c) delegates authority to the Mayor and/or Chief Executive to vote on behalf of the WRAL Annual General Meeting in October 2017 in support of the above resolutions;
- d) notes the resolutions under a) and b) above can only be activated by a majority vote of WRAL shareholders.

Cr Macpherson Dissenting.

10. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Mallett/Cr Bunting)

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

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.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
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C1. Finance Committee Public) Good reason to withhold	Section 48(1)(a)
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Excluded Minutes 4 July) information exists under
2017) Section 7 Local Government
C2. Report on overdue debtors) Official Information and
as at 30 June 2017 & Debt) Meetings Act 1987
write-offs 2016/17)

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 relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
Item C2.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
	to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 11.07am.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.24am.