



MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2020 VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK AT 9.00AM

PRESENT:

Mayor Lyn Riesterer (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor Shona Browne (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillors:
Debi Hocart
Barry Howe
David Moore
Steve Nelson
Louis Rāpihana

IN ATTENDANCE:

Aileen Lawrie (Chief Executive Officer)
Bevan Gray (Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager)
Peter Bridgwater (Accountant)
Gae Finlay (Executive Assistant and Governance Support Officer)

GUEST:

John Galbraith

Councillor Nelson opened the meeting with two inspirational verses.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DECLARATION OF ANY INTERESTS IN RELATION TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Nil.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING: 10 MARCH 2020 p4

RESOLVED

- (1) That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 10 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

Browne/HWTM

Carried

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING 24 MARCH 2020 p16

RESOLVED

- (1) That the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting held on 24 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

HWTM/Hocart

Carried

3. MINUTES – REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING 21 FEBRUARY 2020 p22

RESOLVED

- (1) That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 21 February 2020 be received.**

Moore/Nelson

Carried

4. MINUTES – CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING 25 MARCH 2020 p31

RESOLVED

- (1) That the minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on 25 March 2020 be received.**

Browne/HWTM

Carried

5. MAYORAL REPORT – 7 MARCH 2020-16 APRIL 2020 p35

Her Worship the Mayor advised that she attended the Emergency Council meeting on 24 March 2020, which is not noted in the report.

RESOLVED

(1) That the report titled "Mayoral Report – 7 March 2020-16 April 2020" be received.

HWTM/Browne

Carried

**6. 2020/21 ANNUAL PLAN – INFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT DOCUMENT p38
and separate document**

The Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager advised that although Council will be increasing rates, if some of the capital projects submitted to Crown Infrastructure Partners are accepted, Council can effectively reduce the rate increase. Other cost savings will be made in light of the Covid-19 lockdown, e.g. travel and associated costs.

The Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager further advised that Council is not aware, at this stage, of the number of businesses impacted by the lockdown and to what extent they are affected. It is considered more time and cost effective for Council to give assistance to those experiencing financial hardship by way of rates remission or some other form of assistance in relation to payment of rates. Community feedback will be important as some people will be affected more than others. The community feedback will assist in making informed decisions ahead of adoption of the Annual Plan. The Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager noted that if the rate increase is reduced too much, Council will be further in the red.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that staff have provided the technical information but times are changing quickly and political pressure is mounting around the country on Council and Councillors to take pay cuts. She asked that Council consider the implications of a rate rise in the current climate and in the community.

Following a discussion and exchange of thoughts, the Chief Executive Officer advised that a media release will be going out following the meeting and invited input from Councillors.

Concern was expressed that there will be an increase in the Regional Council targeted rate for the Otara-Waioeka Rivers Scheme and Council agreed that this should be noted in the media release.

RESOLVED

(1) That the report titled "2020/21 Annual Plan – Information and Engagement Document" be received.

- (2) That the Council seek feedback from the community on what is proposed for next year, and also ahead of the upcoming Long Term Plan preparation.

Hocart/Rāpihana

Carried

7. RATING REVIEW WORKSHOP

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RESOLVED

- (1) That the report titled "Rating Review Workshop" be received.
- (2) That the Council agrees that a full rating review ahead of the Long Term Plan is not necessary. If needed an amendments review would be undertaken as Council considers the existing rating system to be largely appropriate.

Rāpihana/Browne

Carried

8. 2019 TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

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The options outlined in Clause 2 of the recommendations will be workshopped with Council.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report titled "2019 Triennial Elections" be received.
- (2) That Council:
- Considers whether it retains the first past the post electoral system or adopts the single transferable voting electoral system for the 2022 triennial elections – by 12 September 2020.
 - Considers whether it establishes Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections – by 23 November 2020.
 - Undertakes a representation arrangements review in 2020/21 (including undertaking any public consultation).

Hocart/Nelson

Carried

9. LGFA AMENDMENT & RESTATEMENT DEEDS

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RESOLVED

- (1) That the report titled "LGFA Amendment & Restatement Deeds" be received.

- (2) That the Amendment and Restatement Deed (Notes Subscription Agreement) and the Amendment and Restatement Deed (Multi-Issuer Deed) be approved.**

Howe/Rāpihana

Carried

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10.13am and reconvened at 10.20am. John Galbraith joined the meeting at this time.

10. ŌPŌTIKI HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT – IMPLEMENTATION p143

John Galbraith spoke to the report, in particular providing an update in relation to the archeological authority application.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report titled “Ōpōtiki Harbour Development – Implementation” be received.**

Rāpihana/Moore

Carried

11. ANNUAL COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS p154

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report titled “Annual Community Survey Results” be received.**

Rāpihana/Hocart

Carried

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S UPDATE p161

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report titled “Chief Executive Officer’s Update” be received.**

HWTM/Hocart

Carried

Councillor Hocart left the meeting at 10.47am and returned at 10.52am.

13. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC p172

SECTION 48 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION & MEETINGS ACT 1987

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- 14. Confirmation of In-Committee Minutes – Ordinary Council Meeting 10 March 2020.**

15. Minutes – Toi-EDA meeting 10 March 2020.

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:

Item No	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 the passing of this resolution
14.	In-Committee Minutes – Ordinary Council Meeting 10 March 2020	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.	Section 48(1)(a)
15.	Minutes – Toi-EDA meeting 10 March 2020	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.	Section 48(1)(a)

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 or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

14.	Protect the privacy of natural persons Protect information Protection from improper pressure or harassment Prevent disclosure or use of official information Carry out negotiations Maintain legal professional privilege Carry out commercial activities	Section 7(2)(a) Section 7(2)(b)(i) & (ii); (d) & (e) and Section 7(2)(c)(i) & (ii) Section 7(2)(f)(ii) Section 7(2)(j) Section 7(2)(i) Section 7(2)(g) Section 7(2)(h)
15.	Protect the privacy of natural persons Protect information	Section 7(2)(a) Section 7(2)(b)(i) & (ii)

Rāpihana/Moore

Carried

RESOLVED

(1) That the resolutions made while the public was excluded, be confirmed in open meeting.

(2) That the public be readmitted to the meeting.

Hocart/Browne

Carried

RESOLVED

- (1) That the minutes of the In-Committee Ordinary Council meeting held on 10 March 2020 be received.**

Browne/Hocart

Carried

RESOLVED

- (1) That the minutes of the Toi-EDA meeting held on 10 March 2020 be received.**

HWTM/Rāpihana

Carried

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.06AM.

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE CERTIFIED AS BEING A
TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A SUBSEQUENT
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 2 JUNE 2020**

L J RIESTERER

HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR