

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Wednesday, 24 February 1999 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors McQueen (Chairperson), Macaskill, Shaw, Shields, Thomas & Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Laplanche, Leonard, McCarthy, Morrison, Roberts, Saywell, Schollum, Sells and Helen Sillars

Procedural Items

US 24 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

US 25 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

Matters for Consideration

US 26 Long Term Financial Strategy 1997-2007: 1999 Update and Supporting Operating Plans

(1) **Report of Council Chairperson.**

Report 99.51

File: G/4/1/10

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Shields/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) **Report of Chief Financial Officer**

Report 99.52

File: G/4/1/10

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Shields/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 27 Utility Services Division: Proposed Operating Plans 1999-2007

Water Levy 1999-00

Members had a lengthy discussion about whether to change the levy for the forthcoming year. Members decided to give further consideration to this question after the release of the proposed 1999/2000 Annual Plan.

Councillor Macaskill left at 11.15am.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

(1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*

(2) *That the Water Group Operating Plan be approved in principle.*

(3) *That the Plantation Forestry Plan be approved in principle.*

(4) *That the draft Operating Plans for the above activities be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long Term Financial Strategy 1997-2007: 1999 update (incorporating Council's 1999/2000 Annual Plan).*

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That the Committee seek a review on progress to date on water pricing with the Territorial Authorities and seek reports on possible changes to the pricing mechanism.

US 28

Exclusion of the Public

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Report of the public excluded part of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 24 February 1999.

- (1) Water Group: Proposed Operating Plans 1999-2007*
- (2) Plantation Forestry: Proposed Operating Plans 1999-2007*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons 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 Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

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| <i>(1) Water Group:
Proposed
Operating Plans
1999-2007</i> | <i>Because of the need to
carry on commercial
negotiations</i> | <i>That the public conduct of the whole
or 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
would exist (ie to carry on
commercial negotiations).</i> |
| <i>(2) Plantation
Forestry:
Proposed
Operating Plans
1999-2007</i> | <i>Because of the need to
carry on commercial
negotiations</i> | <i>That the public conduct of the whole
or 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
would exist (ie to carry on
commercial negotiations).</i> |

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 of 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:

Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting adjourned at 11.35am in order to commence the public excluded part of the meeting.

The open part of the meeting recommenced at 11.45am.

US 29 **Water Integration Negotiations**

Councillor McQueen updated members on the progress to date on water integration negotiations with the Territorial Authorities.

The open part of the meeting concluded at 12.05pm.

Cr A E McQUEEN
Chairperson

Date:

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 1998 be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded.

Matters for Decision

US 18 Possum Control Operation: Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Water Collection Areas

Report 99.12

File: B/10/1/1, F/2/4/8

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the communication and planning processes for a possum control operation in the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo catchments be approved.*
- (3) That the operation will remain subject to final endorsement by the Council once the communications programme is complete and the resource consent and Medical Officer of Health approval are obtained.*

US 19 Te Marua Pump Station: Standby Generation

Report 99.2

File: B/39/1/2

Councillor Macaskill arrived at 9.50am and apologised for his lateness.

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the standby generation project for the Te Marua pump station be approved.*
- (2) That the expenditure not exceeding \$40,000 in 1998/99 and total project expenditure not exceeding \$650,000 in 1999/00 be approved.*

Matters for Information

US 20 Divisional Report

Report 99.28

File: O/2/1/10

Disposal of Hutt City Assets – Maintec Limited

Mr Benham, Divisional Manager, said Council had registered an expression of interest and will keep members informed on progress in the negotiations. The intention is for Hutt City Council to complete the sale by 1 July 1999.

Risk Management Programme

Mr Kennedy, Strategy and Asset Manager, said that further to his report on the Risk Management Programme on 2 December 1998, Council always had one month's supply of chlorine in storage.

Water Usage

Mr Kennedy said a press release would be issued within the next few days advising residents to exercise care in their use of the garden hose.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 21 Questions

There were no questions.

US 22 General

There were no matters of general business.

US 23 **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Contract No 1168: Orongorongo Pipeline: Intakes to Tunnel Advice of Tender Acceptance

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons 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:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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<i>Contract No 1168: Orongorongo Pipeline: Intakes to Tunnel Advice of Tender Acceptance</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or 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 would exist (ie to carry on commercial negotiations)</i>
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Wellington Regional Council

The open part of the meeting concluded at 10.35am.

CR A E McQUEEN
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 4 March 1999

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 11 February 1999, Items US 15 to US 23 inclusive, be adopted.