

Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 7 September 1999 at 11.30am

Present

Councillors McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Werry and Councillor Hutchings (WCC)

Also Present

Councillor Allen

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Kennedy, Leonard, Morrison, Roberts, Sells, van Dyk

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 63 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

US 64 **Public Participation**

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

US 65 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Shaw)

That the Public and the Public Excluded minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 1999, Report 99.505 and Report PE 99.498, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation to Policy and Finance Committee

US 66 Reallocated Capital Expenditure

Report 99.484

File: B/16/8/3, B/40/10/4

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Thomas/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) Approve a further \$52,000 to complete the Gear Island Water Treatment Plan switchboard installation.*
- (2) Approve an increase from \$150,000 to \$235,000 for the first stage of the rehabilitation of the OK main from Thorndon to Karori.*
- (3) Note that both projects will be contained within the total approved capital expenditure of \$4.165 M for 1999/2000.*

Matters for Committee Decision

US 67 Commissioning of Hutt City Council's Rahui Reservoir

Report 99.497

File: B/19/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) Note that costs of approximately \$180,000 would need to be expended to continue to operate the Buick Street Pump Station safely for a further period of time.*
- (3) Agree, as a consequence, that the Council cannot meet the request to delay commissioning of the Rahui Reservoir.*

- (4) *Note, that upon advice from Hutt City Council that Rahui Reservoir has been commissioned, unchlorinated fluoridated water from Waterloo Water Treatment Plant will be supplied to that reservoir (this is likely to be the case in a short period of time).*
- (5) *Note, that upon request from Hutt City Council to supply unfluoridated aquifer water to Rahui Reservoir there will be a cost to Hutt City Council of approximately \$550,000 and a lead time of approximately 12 months to meet that request*

Councillor Thomas requested her dissenting vote be recorded for recommendation (5) above.

Councillor Allen left at 12.10pm.

US 68 Wholesale Water Supply: Review of Fees and Charges for Private Supplies: Period July 1999 to June 2000

Report 99.504

File: B/5/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)

- (1) *That a variable water rate of 44.4 cents per cubic metre for private supplies for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 be approved.*
- (2) *That fixed fees and charges the same as was set for the 1997/98 financial year be approved.*

Matters for Information

US69 Divisional Report

Report 99.500

File: O/2/1/10

Councillor Shields left at 12.10pm on other Council business.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 70 Questions

There were no questions.

US 71 **General****New Electricity Supply Contract**

Members noted with concern the comments in Mr Kennedy's Strategy and Asset Group's report that electricity prices between 1998/1999 and 1999/2000 will have increased 17% and decided to leave it to the discretion of officers as to whether further action should be taken on this matter.

US 72 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report PE99.506

*Resolved**(Cr McQueen/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 7 September 1999

(1) Waiwhetu Tunnel Easement to Hutt City Council

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>(1) Waiwhetu Tunnel Easement to Hutt City Council</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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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:

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- (2) *That Mr John Tizard, Oakley Moran, be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public had been excluded, for Item 11, Waiwhetu Tunnel Easement to Hutt City Council, because of his legal expertise. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of Mr Tizard's position with Oakley Moran.*

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Cr A E McQUEEN
Chairman

Date: