
Tira Kāwana / Governing Body

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Governing Body held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Thursday, 16 July 2020 at 5.05pm.

PRESENT

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillors

Hon Phil Goff, CNZM, JP
Deputy Mayor Cr Bill Cashmore
Cr Josephine Bartley
Cr Dr Cathy Casey
Cr Fa'anana Efeso Collins
Cr Pippa Coom
Cr Linda Cooper, JP
Cr Angela Dalton
Cr Chris Darby
Cr Alf Filipaina
Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO
Cr Shane Henderson
Cr Richard Hills
Cr Tracy Mulholland
Cr Daniel Newman, JP
Cr Greg Sayers
Cr Desley Simpson, JP
Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM
Cr Wayne Walker
Cr John Watson
Cr Paul Young

By electronic link

1 Affirmation

His Worship the Mayor will read the affirmation.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

Resolution number GB/2020/70

MOVED by Cr C Fletcher, seconded by Cr W Walker:

That the Governing Body:

b) approve the electronic attendance of:

- Cr C Fletcher

CARRIED

3 Declaration of Interest

Cr R Hills declared an interest in Item 9 – Emergency Budget 2020/2021 – Asset Recycling – Item 24, 107 Lynn Road, Bayview.

4 Petitions

There was no petitions section.

5 Public Input

There was no public input section.

6 Local Board Input

There was no local board input section.

7 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8 Adoption of the recommendations from the 16 July 2020 Finance and Performance Committee relating to Emergency Budget 2020/2021 - Asset Recycling

Cr R Hills declared an interest in Item 9 – Emergency Budget 2020/2021 – Asset Recycling – Item 24, 107 Lynn Road, Bayview and took no part in discussion or voting on this property.

Resolution number GB/2020/71

MOVED by Mayor P Goff, seconded by Cr D Simpson:

That the Governing Body:

- a) **approve the principles set out in paragraph 15 of the agenda report supporting the implementation of the asset recycling budget.**
- b) **request that the Audit and Risk Committee review the property rationalisation process and make any recommendations for improvement.**
- c) **approve, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of any required statutory processes (including Mana Whenua engagement) the disposal of the properties detailed in Schedule A with the final terms and conditions to be approved under the appropriate delegations.**

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.8.6, the following councillors requested their dissenting votes be recorded:

- Cr C Darby, Item 9 – 3 Victoria Road, Devonport
- Cr R Hills, Item 9 – 3 Victoria Road, Devonport.

9 Adoption of the recommendations from the 16 July 2020 Finance and Performance Committee relating to Rates Issues for the Emergency Budget 2020/2021

Resolution number GB/2020/72

MOVED by Mayor P Goff, seconded by Cr S Henderson:

That the Governing Body:

- a) **adopt the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy that includes the Postponement of Rates for Ratepayers Impacted by COVID-19 Scheme in Attachment A of the agenda report**
- b) **agree that as part of the final Annual Budget 2020/2021 the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate be suspended until 31 March 2021**
- c) **adopt the Revenue and Financing Policy in Attachment B of the agenda report**
- d) **confirm its in principle decision on 28 May 2020 to amend the rating mechanism in the Funding Impact Statement in the Annual Budget 2020/2021 to:**
 - i) **increase the waste management base service targeted rate to \$141.03 (including GST)**
 - ii) **increase the waste management standard refuse rate in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas to \$141.60 (including GST) and increase the large refuse rate for those areas to \$66.55 (including GST)**

- iii) include a new targeted rate for the Central Park Henderson BID
- iv) discontinue the rural sewerage pump-out service and targeted rate for ratepayers in the Upper Harbour local board areas effective from 1 July 2021.

CARRIED

10 Adoption of the recommendations from the 16 July 2020 Finance and Performance Committee relating to Emergency Budget 2020/2021 - Mayoral Proposal

Resolution number GB/2020/73

MOVED by Mayor P Goff, seconded by Cr D Simpson:

That the Governing Body:

- a) receive the Emergency Budget Mayoral Proposal in Attachment A of this report.
- b) agree that the Emergency Budget (Annual Budget 2020/2021) be based on a package including:
 - i) an average general rate increase of 3.5 per cent
 - ii) an increase to the Uniform Annual General Charge of 3.5 per cent
 - iii) continuation of Long-term Differential Strategy
 - iv) no changes to Regional Fuel Tax, Water Quality Targeted Rate and Natural Environment Targeted Rate
 - v) final budgets for 2020/2021 as set out in the staff report under the 3.5 per cent rates increase option, modified as follows:
 - A) including additional budgets for Watercare in 2020/2021 of \$224 million capital expenditure and \$15 million of operating expenditure to respond to Auckland's drought situation, noting that Watercare will mitigate \$121 million of the impact that this will have on group debt
 - B) updating revenue and funding projections as a consequence of Waka Kotahi fully funding public transport shortfalls from July to December 2020 and confirmation of \$98 million of government funding for fully or partially funded transport projects
 - C) including an additional group-level budget provision of \$98 million of additional transport and three waters capital expenditure in 2020/2021 that is assumed to be fully funded by central government, subject to further information about the projects being received
 - D) noting the \$20m reduction to the budget for 2021 Events including America's Cup
 - E) noting the reinstatement of \$10 million to decrease the proposed reduction in public transport services
 - F) increasing the target for asset recycling in 2020/2021 by an additional \$20 million
 - G) including \$40 million of additional Auckland Transport capital expenditure enabled by the \$15m public transport subsidy from Waka Kotahi in 2020/2021 for road safety and death and serious injury reductions, reinstating asset renewals, and project development work

- H) including the reinstatement of \$3 million funding for Locally Delivered Initiatives (LDI)
 - I) noting the removal of “Animal shelter consolidation” from the list of parent operational savings to be made in 2020/2021
 - J) including the reinstatement of \$450,000 funding to ensure library hours are not reduced
- c) agree, having had regard to the matters set out in section 100(2)(a) to (d) of the Local Government Act 2002, it is prudent to not balance the budget for the 2020/2021 financial year.
- d) acknowledge the record breaking 34,915 pieces of feedback received from the public during the consultation process in May and June 2020.
- e) acknowledge and thank Local Boards, Council Controlled Organisations and the Independent Māori Statutory Board for their collaboration and input into the Emergency Budget.
- f) note the Emergency Budget includes over \$200 million of savings and cost reductions for the council group; which includes a reduction to staff numbers.
- g) note that the introduction of the ‘Postponement of Rates for Ratepayers Impacted by COVID-19 Scheme’ will offer support to ratepayers who are financially affected by COVID-19.
- h) note that the Auckland Council group will continue to deliver a capital investment programme of over \$2.5 billion in FY2020/2021 which will contribute to Auckland’s recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr J Bartley	Cr C Fletcher	
Cr C Casey	Cr G Sayers	
Deputy Mayor BC Cashmore	Cr J Watson	
Cr E Collins		
Cr P Coom		
Cr L Cooper		
Cr A Dalton		
Cr C Darby		
Cr A Filipaina		
Mayor P Goff		
Cr S Henderson		
Cr R Hills		
Cr T Mulholland		
Cr D Newman		
Cr D Simpson		
Cr S Stewart		
Cr W Walker		
Cr P Young		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 18 votes to 3.

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.8.6, the following councillors requested their dissenting votes, be recorded:

- Cr G Sayers, clause b) i)
- Cr W Walker, clause h)

11 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the staff for their hard work putting together and supporting elected members through the budget process.

A small presentation was then made to the Chairperson of the Finance and Performance Committee for her leadership, inclusiveness and commitment throughout the budget process.

5.12pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY HELD
ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....