

Council member and meetings

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

HELD ON FRIDAY, 23 JUNE 2006 AT 10:03AM

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Dick Hubbard, ONZM, JP

Councillors:	Neil	Abel
	Doug	Armstrong, QSO
	Leila	Boyle
	Dr. Cathy	Casey
	Christine	Caughey
	Bill	Christian, JP
	Glenda	Fryer
	Dr John	Hinchcliff, CNZM
Deputy Mayor	Dr Bruce	Hucker, QSO
	Linda	Leighton
	Scott	Milne, JP
	Richard	Northey, ONZM
	Noelene	Raffills
	Penny	Sefuiva
	Richard	Simpson
	Faye	Storer
	Vern	Walsh, JP

1. **APOLOGIES**

His Worship the Mayor moved:

Councillor Christian seconded:

That the apologies of Councillors Millar and Mulholland be accepted.

CARRIED

His Worship the Mayor moved:

Councillor Christian seconded:

That this meeting stand adjourned until 11.30am

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 11.30am

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Dick Hubbard, ONZM, JP

Councillors:	Neil	Abel
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	Doug	Armstrong, QSO
	Leila	Boyle
	Dr. Cathy	Casey
	Christine	Caughey
	Bill	Christian, JP
	Glenda	Fryer
	Dr John	Hinchcliff, CNZM
Deputy Mayor	Dr Bruce	Hucker, QSO
	Linda	Leighton
	Toni	Millar, JP
	Scott	Milne, JP
	Richard	Northey, ONZM
	Penny	Sefuiva
	Richard	Simpson
	Faye	Storer
	Vern	Walsh, JP

1. **APOLOGIES**

His Worship the Mayor moved:

Deputy Mayor seconded:

That the apologies of Councillors Mulholland and Raffills be accepted.

CARRIED

His Worship the Mayor moved:

Councillor Christian seconded:

That this meeting stand adjourned until 12.30pm

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 12.35pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Neil Abel
 Doug Armstrong, QSO
 Leila Boyle
 Dr. Cathy Casey
 Christine Caughey
 Bill Christian, JP
 Glenda Fryer
 Dr John Hinchcliff, CNZM
 Deputy Mayor Dr Bruce Hucker, QSO

Linda	Leighton
Toni	Millar, JP
Scott	Milne, JP
Graeme	Mulholland, JP
Richard	Northey, ONZM
Noelene	Raffills
Penny	Sefuiva
Richard	Simpson
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Vern	Walsh, JP

1. **APOLOGIES**

Deputy Mayor moved:

Councillor Walsh seconded:

That the apology of His Worship the Mayor be accepted.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor moved:

Councillor Walsh:

That this meeting stand adjourned until 1.30pm.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 1.34pm

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Dick Hubbard, ONZM, JP

Councillors:	Neil	Abel
	Doug	Armstrong, QSO
	Leila	Boyle
	Dr. Cathy	Casey
	Christine	Caughey
	Bill	Christian, JP
	Glenda	Fryer
	Dr John	Hinchcliff, CNZM
Deputy Mayor	Dr Bruce	Hucker, QSO
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1. **APOLOGIES**

His Worship the Mayor moved:

Deputy Mayor seconded

That the apology of Councillor Leighton be accepted.

CARRIED

His Worship the Mayor moved:

Deputy Mayor seconded

That this meeting stand adjourned until 2.30pm.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 2.36pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Neil Abel
 Dr. Cathy Casey
 Christine Caughey
 Bill Christian, JP
 Glenda Fryer
 Dr John Hinchcliff, CNZM
 Deputy Mayor Dr Bruce Hucker, QSO
 Toni Millar, JP
 Scott Milne, JP
 Graeme Mulholland, JP
 Richard Northey, ONZM
 Noelene Raffills
 Penny Sefuiva
 Richard Simpson
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 Vern Walsh, JP

1. **APOLOGIES**

Deputy Mayor moved:

Councillor Milne seconded

That the apologies of His Worship the Mayor, and Councillors Armstrong, Leighton and Boyle be accepted.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor moved:

Councillor Milne seconded

That this meeting stand adjourned until 3.00pm.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 3.05pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Neil Abel
 Dr. Cathy Casey
 Christine Caughey
 Bill Christian, JP
 Glenda Fryer
 Dr John Hinchcliff, CNZM
 Deputy Mayor Dr Bruce Hucker, QSO
 Toni Millar, JP
 Scott Milne, JP
 Graeme Mulholland, JP
 Richard Northey, ONZM
 Noelene Raffills
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 Vern Walsh, JP

1. **APOLOGIES**

Deputy Mayor moved:

Councillor Simpson seconded

That the apologies of His Worship the Mayor, and Councillors Armstrong, Leighton and Boyle be accepted.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor moved:

Councillor Simpson seconded

That this meeting stand adjourned until 3.20pm.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 3.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Neil Abel
 Dr. Cathy Casey
 Christine Caughey
 Bill Christian, JP
 Glenda Fryer
 Dr John Hinchcliff, CNZM
 Deputy Mayor Dr Bruce Hucker, QSO
 Toni Millar, JP
 Scott Milne, JP
 Graeme Mulholland, JP
 Richard Northey, ONZM
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 Vern Walsh, JP

1. **APOLOGIES**

Deputy Mayor moved:

Councillor Christian seconded

That the apologies of His Worship the Mayor, and Councillors Armstrong, Leighton and Boyle be accepted.

CARRIED

2. **COMBINED COMMITTEES REPORT NO. 02/2006**

Councillor Walsh moved:

Councillor Casey seconded:

That the recommendations contained in the report of the Combined Committees No 02/2006 be accepted and that officers be requested to prepare the final LTCCP in accordance with these recommendations ie:

1. **Operating Expenditure Changes and Adjustments from Draft to Final Annual Plan 2006/2007**
 - A. **That additional operating expenditure requests totalling \$2.1 million, fully offset by increased expected net interest income (\$2.25 million) be approved, noting that this increases the planned 2006/2007 base operating surplus to \$15.9 million, with the following amendments to the 10 year expenditure projections:**

- i. **Parnell Community Trust for 2006/2007 \$40,000**
 - ii. **South Town Hall \$200,000**
 - iii. **Small local improvements projects \$150,000**
Increase budget (2006/2007 only)
 - iv. **Funding of second generation District Plan (2006/2007) \$150,000**
 - v. **Walking school bus programme \$5,000**
 - vi. **Waiheke Community Art Gallery operational \$4,000**
Grant increase
 - vii. **Waiheke Community Theatre operational grants \$4,000**
increase
 - viii. **Monte Cecilia Park archaeological work/testing \$20,000**
 - ix. **Confidential items \$2,250,000**
 - x. **The Town Hall Organ \$3,000,000**
- B. That it be noted the agreement to the two blue minute requests (regarding \$200,000 for enforcement requirements and \$150,000 second generation District Plan) would directly impact on the 2006/2007 base operating surplus of \$350,000. This reduces the planned 2006/2007 base operating surplus to \$15.5 million.**
- C. That officers be requested to report to the 2007/2008 Annual Plan Direction Setting meeting on future funding by Auckland City of the Auckland City War Memorial Museum and MOTAT by establishing a targeted rate in 2007/2008. The targeted rate would not increase rates in 2007/2008, but transfer a like amount from the general rate.**
- D. That officers work with the Parnell Community Trust to recommend to the Community Development and Equity Committee the formalisation of a new relationships with the Auckland City Council and the Parnell Community Trust in the provision of broader community outcomes and:**
- i. **That \$40,000 (refer resolution A.(i) above) be budgeted in this financial year (2006/2007) to implement the delivery of agreed outcomes;**
 - ii. **that the additional service provided will align with the Community Outcomes policy.**
- E. That Councillor Simpson's amendment be considered favourably by the Economic Development and Sustainable Business Committee as part of the report and item on Broadband at its August 2nd meeting, being:**

"That \$5 million be allocated for the establishment of a 'Task force on digital broadband and data' and support of a four year programme (to be called 'Digital Auckland') commencing on September 1, 2006 to facilitate necessary procedures, partnerships and advocacy to realise the following:

- i. *By September 1 2010, establish access to affordable broadband for all Auckland City residents (ie. to remove the 'digital divide')*
- ii. *By September 1 2010, establish and promote the existence of an advanced multi-gigabit ethernet- a Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) - within a central Auckland City corridor (eg. along the CTC to connect high broadband users such as Universities, Hospital, Schools, Utilities, and Businesses).*
- iii. *By 1 September 2010, establish web site portals enabling convenient public access to georeferenced digital information extensively describing the City, its services, its planning, and thematics portraying features such as related to air and water quality, consents, heritage, vegetation, rating, traffic etc.. This access is intended to provide a greater transparency of governance and empower Auckland City residents with information pertaining to the sustainability of decision outcomes in terms of impact on their own lives and interests.*

- iv. *Through the process of delivering a), b), and c) above, this initiative will ensure new organisational efficiencies in processing applications for broadband and information, and develop policy to mandate improved broadband access and information gathering outcomes through developer contributions and other funding mechanisms."*

2. Capital Expenditure 2006/2007 based on Option A

- A. That the deferrals of \$38.1 million from the 2005/2006 year be added to the 2006/2007 capital programme.
- B. That the increase in the 2006/2007 capital expenditure programme of \$5.4 million in the final Long-term council community plan be approved noting that this is a transfer across years and not additional expenditure.

3. South Town Hall Project

That the South Town Hall project proceeds on the following basis:

- i. the South Town Hall site and the existing buildings (Queen Street character buildings and council administered portions of the Town Hall) be earmarked for the South Town Hall arts precinct concept.
 - ii. the Property Enterprise Board or appropriate body be given responsibility for identifying and establishing opportunities for:
 - a. commercial investment
 - b. public good investment (funding to be sought, for example, from performing arts groups, the CBD targeted rate, and/or the Development with Vision budget)
 - iii. the 2006/2007 to 2007/2008 budgets be increased from \$150,000 to \$350,000 of which \$200,000 is in the first year and \$150,000 in the second year.
 - iv. the potential capital contribution is included in the Development with Vision envelope
- 4. Youthtown Client Base, Benefit Of Auckland City Funding And Representation On Youthtown Board**
- A. That the matter of the appropriate level (if any) of Auckland City funding and how it should be utilised by Youthtown be reported on once Youthtown has had the opportunity to advise how the funding will be utilised by them.
 - B. That Auckland City continues representation on the Youthtown board.
- 5. Auckland Heritage Festival Funding**

That the funding for the Auckland Heritage Festival be reviewed annually immediately after the festival against officer prescribed key performance indicators.

6. Small Local Improvement Programmes (Slips)

That the current level of Small Local Improvement Projects funding be increased by a total of \$150,000 resulting in the following total sums:

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Community Board	Amount
Avondale	\$400,000
Eastern Bays	\$400,000
Eden/Albert	\$450,000
Great Barrier	\$200,000
Hobson	\$450,000
Maungakiekie	\$400,000
Mt Roskill	\$400,000
Tamaki	\$400,000
Waiheke	\$250,000
Western Bays	\$400,000

7. Funding Of Second Generation District Plans

- A. That an additional sum of \$150,000 be included in the 2006/2007 and \$300,000 in the 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 budgets for the establishment and support for a programme of works that will achieve the creation of a second generation District Plan (2gDP).**
- B. That the \$200,000 available for the Isthmus review be committed to research and early consultation on the issues that must be addressed in the review, noting that this means requests for public plan changes will be held over and incorporated into the 2009 District Plan.**

8. Commercial Centre Footpath Cleaning

- A. That the resolution of the Arts Culture and Recreation Committee to further investigate appropriate street cleaning methodologies and associated costs and funding options be undertaken, with a view to commencing a phased introduction of alternative services from the 2007/2008 financial year be endorsed.**
- B. That a further report detailing the proposed service levels along with a phased implementation programme and associated budget be reported back to the Annual Plan Direction Setting meeting in October 2006.**
- C. That \$200,000 be allocated for compliance monitoring and education around rubbish collections within the CBD and suburban centres.**

9. Waiheke Musical Museum Charitable Trust Funding Request

- A. That the request by the Waiheke Musical Museum Charitable Trust for a further grant of \$180,000 towards the purchase price of the musical instrument collection from Mr and Mrs Whittaker be declined as the Trust has not been able to demonstrate the support for the museum in the form of other funds raised or user numbers.**
- B. That as the Trust has not been able to raise all the necessary funds to complete the purchase from Mr and Mrs Whittaker, that the Auckland City and Waiheke Community Board grants totalling \$60,000 also be withdrawn and the funding agreement terminated.**
- C. That the site leased by the Waiheke Musical Museum Charitable Trust at Artworks be recommended for a community lease, and that this matter be referred to the Community Development and Equity Committee and Waiheke Community Board for consideration.**

10. Walking School Bus Programme

That an additional \$5,000 per annum be allocated to the Road Safety programme for the walking school bus scheme.

11. Statement Of Proposal On Transferring Auckland City's Shares In Auckland International Airport Ltd To A Holding Company

- A. That the submissions that were received in respect of the holding company proposal be noted.**
- B. That the establishment of a holding company for Auckland City's Auckland International Airport Ltd shareholding, together with other commercial shareholdings be agreed in principle, pending further investigation of implementation issues.**
- C. That officers report to the Finance and Corporate Business Committee in due course with an implementation plan for the establishment of a holding company for the airport shares.**

12. Statement Of Proposal To Remove Pedestrian Mall Status From Parts Of Queen Elizabeth Square

- A. That the submissions received in respect of the proposal to remove pedestrian mall status from underground-parts of Queen Elizabeth Square be noted.**
- B. That the pedestrian mall status for underground-parts of Queen Elizabeth Square be adopted for the final Long-term council community plan 2006-2016.**

13. Auckland City Environments - Fees And Charges

- A. That in order to achieve full cost recovery and ensure service levels are maintained and improved:**
 - i. environmental health fees be increased by 10 percent**
 - ii. Land Information Memoranda fees be increased by 5 percent**
 - iii. applications for variations and extensions to subdivisions consents be increased in line with those for land use consents, and**
 - iv. building consent and inspection fees be adjusted in accordance with the schedule attached as Appendix One to the Group Manager Auckland City Environments' report dated 8 June 2006, with all increases being effective from 1 July 2006.**
- B. That a review be undertaken of the Auckland City Council environmental health fees in comparison with other councils and the service provided and reported to the Planning and Regulatory Committee for forwarding to the Annual Plan Direction Setting meeting in October 2006.**

14. Isthmus Water and Sanitary Services Assessment (Wassa)

- A. That following the assessment of water and sanitary services on the Auckland City Isthmus as required by the Local Government Act 2002 that there be no change to the existing policies, and role of Council, for managing water, wastewater, stormwater, public conveniences and cemeteries on the Auckland Isthmus.
 - B. That scenario 4b for stormwater services, involving the provision of increased public infrastructure investment based on increased development contributions from \$3.1m per annum to an estimated \$8.6m per annum, be adopted.
 - C. That within the development contributions policy for stormwater, a rebate policy allowing a \$1,000 rebate for the use of rainwater tanks that provide for non potable water reuse within a development be confirmed.
 - D. That the project "Improving water quality through stormwater works" of \$18 million be approved in addition to scenario 4b for stormwater.
 - E. That the committee informs Metrowater that it wishes them to implement Drainage Strategic Review scenario 3.5 in its capital expenditure programme, but agrees that Metrowater may plan for Scenario 4 if it can do so and still meet the key performance indicators in its Statement of Intent.
 - F. That the water and sanitary services assessment be used as the basis of drainage network consent applications to the Auckland Regional Council.
 - G. That Watercare Services Ltd be requested to complete a regional wastewater strategy to determine future treatment plant requirements and service area, interceptor routes and sizes and wet weather overflow mitigation options, together with consents by June 2012.
15. Consultation And Hearings Process For The Draft Long-Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016

That following consideration of both written and oral submissions on the draft Long-term plan 2006-2016 council believes due consideration has been given to the various requests over the deliberation period, accordingly:

- A. That the schedule of reports requested for consideration by committees contained within Appendix B of the report by the Committee manager dated 9 June 2006 be confirmed.
- B. That the schedule of individual submitter responses to the draft Long-term council community plan 2006-2016 be adopted.
- C. That the Chief executive be requested to provide an estimate of the cost of the Long-term council community plan process and suggestions on how the costs can be reduced in the future (including officers time).
- D. That Auckland City Council join the inter-council working party on genetically modified organisms.
- E. That the Waiheke Community Art Gallery and the Community Theatre operational grants be restored to \$10,000 per annum.
- F. That a councillor be appointed as a "children's advocate" and a report be provided to the Community Development and Equity Committee for forwarding to council regarding the appointment of a children's advocate. (ref row 13)
- G. That the voluntary, community and philanthropic sectors be added to the partnerships outlined in page 16 of the draft Long-term plan to recognise the

value of partnerships with tertiary institutions in the research outlined in page 18. (ref row 44)

- H. That the Long-term council community plan specifically include advocacy for the reopening of the Tamaki Station and the Onehunga branch line as soon as practicable. (ref row 68)
- I. That \$20,000 be included in the Long-term council community plan to continue the archaeological work/testing on Monte Cecilia park. (ref row 73)
- J. That the number of third sector housing providers and the number of housing units they provide be added as a performance indicator for affordable housing. (ref row 78)
- K. That the Schedule of Amendments for Combined Committees as Appendix C, attached to the Committee Manager's report dated 9 June 2006, be amended as follows:
- i. Delete rows 1 to 7, 9, 10 to 11, 14 to 23, 25 to 30, 32 to 36, 38 to 39, 41 to 43, 48 to 51, 54 to 59, 61 to 67, 70, 72, 74 to 76, and 79 to 83.
 - ii. That the following rows be added to the Reports to Committees schedule:

Row	Topic	Detail	Committee
12	Cess pit and drainage cleaning	That a report on service levels be provided.	Works and Services Committee
34	Long-term council community plan	That council consider whether, and in what form, the partnership for quality principles of interdependence, independence, quality, openness, involvement and influence should appear in the LTCCP or another council policy document.	Finance and Corporate Business Committee
37	Mission Bay Mainstreet	That the Mission Bay business area be considered as a mainstreet.	Economic Development and Sustainable Business Committee
40	Options for payment of rates, fines, etc	That Council rates, account and fines be able to be paid at NZ Post Shops with the transaction costs being added to the payment.	Finance and Corporate Business Committee
45	Policing	That council should advocate to central government for increased policing.	Economic Development and Sustainable Business Committee and Public Safety & Community Order Committee
77	Zero	That additional funding for "zero	Public Safety &

	Tolerance Graffiti programme	tolerance" graffiti programme be added to the Annual Plan.	Community Order Committee
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16. Delivering The Long-Term Vision - New Projects For Inclusion In The Long-Term Council Community Plan (Ltccp) 2006-2016

- A. **That the following minor wording changes (in italic) to the world leader and world class sections of the long-term vision for inclusion in the final Long-term council community plan 2006-2016 be endorsed and adopted.**

Global city

- **Auckland is a youthful, cosmopolitan, *safe* and equitable global city; a great place to live, welcoming of new migrants and businesses. Our diverse communities, and our pioneer and distinct Pacific heritage, give us a special identity in the world. Auckland's vitality and our special identity stimulates social, cultural, and business opportunities.**

Lifestyle

- **Every Aucklander can enjoy the benefits and lifestyle opportunities provided by our location *and feels safe throughout the city.***
- B. **That the full list of projects be noted for possible inclusion in the final Long-term council community plan 2006-2016 (at Appendix 2 of the Senior advisor strategy development's report dated 15 June 2006), which has been prioritised within a strategic framework with consideration of:**
- **Council priorities (as expressed in council decisions to date)**
 - **Strategic alignment**
 - **Internal review**
 - **Feedback from research and submissions**
 - **Time-bound opportunities**
 - **Cost implications (impact on rates)**
- C. **That the following projects from the prioritised list be selected for inclusion in the final Long-term council community plan 2006-2016, namely:**

Project costs	Gross (\$m)	Net (\$m)
1. AMETI	800.0	100.0
2. Stormwater: Flood Risk	44.0	0.0
3. Stormwater: Water quality	18.0	18.0
4. Footpaths I (large)	83.0	83.0
6. Swimming pools	20.4	14.6
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Islands I - to include:	11.7	10.0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● construction of all-tide access wharves at Motuihe, Motutapu and Browns Islands ● Great Barrier projects - eg: acceleration of new seal, Claris airfield passenger terminal, walking tracks. ● Waiheke projects - eg: road upgrades and new seal; new footpaths; protection works for The Strand, Onetangi and The Esplanade, Blackpool 		
8. Safer land	5.1	5.1

9. Recycling including green waste	27.0	27.0
10. Promoting diversity (opex)	13.5	13.5
11. Wynyard point infrastructure	338.0	93.0
12. Development with vision	425.0	160.0
13. Restoring Pah Homestead	5.0	5.0
14. Aotea Square improvements	6.2	6.2
15. Colonnade / canopy	18.0	18.0
16. International facilities	100.0	100.0
17. Westhaven Marina: public spaces	20.0	15.0
18. Improving access to waterfront	56.1	42.6
19. Community facilities (capex)	20.0	15.0
20. Additional transport projects	208.2	89.6
21. School transport safety	9.6	9.6
22. Tamaki Edge	30.0	30.0
23. Local centres (opex)	0.9	0.9
24. Arts agenda	1.8	1.8
25. Learning quarter (opex)	0.9	0.9
26. Economic growth	5.1	5.1
27. Zoo projects	7.5	5.5
28. Events programme	7.5	7.5
29. Library collections	1.5	1.5
30. Otahuhu Library	11.0	11.0
31. Local centres (capex)	16.0	13.0
Totals	2311.0	A. <input type="checkbox"/> 4

- D. That the Chairman of Combined Committees and the General manager finance be delegated authority to sign-off the final Long-term council community plan text recording the decisions made under recommendation above, with council approval to occur at the Council meeting scheduled for 29 June 2006.
- E. That the proposed strategic milestones be endorsed for each of the relevant new projects adopted in recommendation C above for inclusion in the final Long-term council community plan which are listed in Appendix 4 of the Senior advisor strategic development's report dated 15 June 2006.
- F. That officer's report to the Transport and Urban Linkages Committee on the budget needs for provision of park and rides associated with rail stations and that the committee use the information obtained to prioritize expenditure within the transport capital expenditure envelopes.

17. Mainstreets Rates 2006/2007

- A. That the following Mainstreet budgets be approved for the 2006/2007 financial year, and included in the long-term council community plan for 2006-2016:

Mainstreet Programme	2006/07 Budgets (excl GST)
Avondale	\$88,000.00
Blockhouse Bay	\$33,275.00
Eden Valley	\$67,500.00
Ellerslie	\$67,850.00
Glen Innes	\$128,840.80
Heart of the City	\$2,603,910.00
Karangahape Road	\$225,500.00
Mt Eden	\$63,525.00
Newmarket	\$785,000.00
Onehunga	\$324,000.00
Otahuhu	\$330,000.00
Panmure	\$275,000.00
Parnell	\$243,650.00
Ponsonby	\$200,000.00
Remuera	\$177,000.00
Rosebank	\$150,000.00
St Heliers	\$99,000.00
Total	\$5,862,050.80

- B. That the boundaries of all Mainstreet programmes remain the same as those for the 2005/2006 financial year (refer to Appendix 1 of the Mainstreet programme co-ordinator's report dated 29 May 2006 for boundary maps).

18. Options for Auckland City's Extended Rates Rebate Scheme For 2006/2007

- A. That Auckland City pursue any remaining avenues for having Metrowater's water and wastewater charges included in the central government's rates rebate scheme from July 2006.
- B. That Auckland City's extended rates rebate scheme (ERRS) for 2006/2007 will be based on the parameters for the updated Department of Internal Affairs rates rebate scheme from 1 July 2006, but the parameters of the extended rates rebate scheme (ERRS) be modified to include:
- Metrowater's water and wastewater charges, and
 - rural residences.
- C. That it be noted that the extended rates rebate scheme for 2006/2007 could exceed the \$850,000 budget
- D. That Auckland City's extended rates rebate scheme (ERRS) will no longer accept backdated rates rebate applications from 1 July 2006, as the Department of Internal Affairs will no longer process backdated rebate applications from previous years.

19. Rates Issues

- A. That it be noted that:
- i. the higher property values provided by the 2005 citywide revaluation will not increase rate revenue but will distribute rates between ratepayers differently
 - ii. growth in the rating base over 2005/2006 (from new properties and improvements to existing properties) will increase the rates revenue in 2006/2007

- iii. **the due dates for Auckland City's rate instalments in 2006/2007 will be brought forward by one month and rate instalments be moved to a four instalment pattern from 2006/2007 (that is, to 21 August, 20 November, 20 February and 21 May), as resolved at the Annual Plan Direction Setting meeting in November 2005**
 - iv. **officers investigate and report to the Annual Plan Direction Setting meeting possible changes to rating policy for rural and/or farmland in Auckland city, for implementation at a later date**
 - v. **the various rates-related policy statements will be amended for the final Long-term council community plan to reflect all the decisions made at this Combined Committee meeting.**
- B. That the \$95 uniform annual general charge in the general rate (the UAGC) be retained for 2006/2007.**
- C. That the next step of the general rate differential strategy be applied in 2006/2007.**
- D. That the CBD targeted rate for the CBD non-residential group be increased to match the group's reduction in the general rate, as a result of Auckland City implementing the next step of its long-term differential strategy for the general rate; the targeted rate will be assessed on annual value and will generate revenue of \$6.1 million (GST exclusive) for 2006/2007.**
- E. That the CBD targeted rate to apply to CBD residential ratepayers continue to be applied as a fixed charge of \$52 (including GST) per residential unit for 2006/2007.**
- F. That the five rate remission and postponement policies for 2005/2006 (remission of rate penalties; remission of rates on car parks; remission of rates on Rural 3 properties; remission of rates in miscellaneous circumstances; and postponement of rates payments) are unchanged and will apply again for 2006/2007.**
- G. That Auckland City's discount rate for early payment of rates for 2006/2007 be set at 2.15 per cent; this will be applied to 2006/2007 rates paid in full by the first rate instalment date [a discount rate of 2.15 per cent is equivalent to a 8.55 per cent return to the ratepayers (before tax)].**
- H. That the general rate for 2006/2007 be increased by 3.3 per cent to meet Auckland City's budget requirements, and to adjust for inflation for 2006/2007.**
- I. That the city-wide targeted rate for refuse collection be increased to \$163 per service for 2006/2007 to cover the increases for the waste minimisation initiatives and the additional cost increases identified for 2004/2005, 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 and officers compile a report to the Annual Plan Direction Setting meeting on more sophisticated refuse charging more closely related to the actual waste generated for each particular property.**
- J. That the CBD targeted rate be extended by a further two years before reducing to a residual amount from 2016/2017 onwards to fund the marginal depreciation and operational expenditure (associated with the higher asset base and amenity associated with the *CBD Into the Future* strategy).**
- K. That the four targeted rates for transport, open spaces and volcanic cones; community development and housing; and heritage and urban design, be increased by 3.3 per cent for 2006/2007, to adjust for inflation expected in 2006/2007.**
- L. That the coverage and level of its targeted rates for refuse collection,**

transport, open spaces and volcanic cones; community development and housing; and heritage and urban design, be increased further to fund the additional projects adopted at this meeting for the final Long-term council community plan, to accelerate Auckland City's progress towards achieving its long-term vision. The actual increases required will depend on which additional projects the Council adopts at the meeting.

- M. That Auckland City establish a new city development targeted rate, to fund those additional projects adopted in the final Long-term council community plan, that can not be covered by the existing targeted rates.
 - N. That the policy on rate remission and postponement for Maori freehold land that was included in the draft 2006-2016 Long-term council community plan be adopted, while consultation with the city's three iwi groups continues over 2006.
20. **Policy on Partnerships with the Private Sector**

That the policy on partnerships with the private sector be adopted for the final Long-term council community plan 2006-2016.

21. **Policy on Significance**

That the policy on significance be adopted for the final Long-term council community plan 2006-2016.

22. **Treasury Management Policy**

That the draft Treasury Management Policy incorporating the liability management and investment policies be adopted in the Long-term council community plan 2006-2016.

23. **Revenue and Financing Policy for Auckland City's 2006-2016 LTCCP**

That the revenue and financing policy be adopted for inclusion in the council's Long-term council community plan for 2006 - 2016.

24. **Development Contributions Policy: Submissions and Policy for Adoption (With Options)**

- A. That the development contributions policy (subject to any amendments from recommendations B, C and D) which provides for development contributions across the whole isthmus (including the central area) on residential and non-residential development, and which covers community amenities, parks-community, parks-reserves, stormwater and transport, be adopted by council effective from July 2006.
- B. That the policy adopted be deemed to include the changes necessary to give effect to the adoption of the project "Carrying out stormwater works to cater for growth and reduce flood risks" (as set out in section 12 of the development contributions policy, and in particular the corresponding higher per household unit equivalent (HUE) charges).
- C. That the policy adopted be deemed to include the changes necessary to give effect to the adoption of the project "Wynyard Point" (as set out in section 12 of the development contributions policy, and in particular the corresponding higher per household unit equivalent (HUE) charges).

- D. **That delegated authority be granted to the Chairman, Finance and Corporate Business Committee and the General manager finance to make any amendments to the policy arising from this meeting (including consequential amendments needed as a result of other decisions).**
 - E. **That the committee notes the changes that have been made to the policy following public submissions.**
 - F. **That work continue with urgency on a development contributions policy for open space for the central area with the aim of applying the policy as soon as practicable.**
25. **Peter Blake Memorial - Te Papa And Nz National Maritime Museum**
- A. **That council considers that the revised tribute to Sir Peter Blake in the NZ National Maritime Museum (as presented in May 2006) in the form of a permanent display including an exhibition celebrating the life of Sir Peter Blake, is appropriate for his significant contribution to the city and his world class maritime achievement.**
 - B. **That council notes the total estimated cost will be up to \$8 million, and would provide a substantial enhancement to the NZ National Maritime Museum, with 75 per cent of the cost being funded by sources other than the Council, noting that the proposal is endorsed by the Blake family.**
 - C. **That the external exhibition building be referred to the Urban Design Panel for comment.**
 - D. **That a conditional funding agreement (the final terms and conditions of which are to be approved by the Chair of the Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee and the General Manager, Arts Community and Recreation) be prepared between Auckland City and the New Zealand National Maritime Museum and Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa recording that a contribution of up to \$2 million plus GST be made to the museum enhancement, and to include as a minimum the following conditions:**
 - i. **no further funds, either capital or ongoing operational expenses, would be payable by Auckland City for support of this tribute.**
 - ii. **details of funding raised from all other sources and the overall total cost to complete the project would be reported to and approved by Auckland City Council before Auckland City would contribute to the proposal.**
 - iii. **that Auckland City Council's contribution will be appropriately acknowledged and that all endeavours be taken to make the admission price as inexpensive as possible for Auckland city residents as contributors, including consideration of a minimum of two free entry days, and further that the National Maritime Museum actively promote a concession fee for Auckland city residents.**
 - iv. **That the memorial is acknowledged as a national asset gifted to the Auckland region.**
 - v. **that in recognising that the memorial is a national asset gifted to the Auckland region, that NZ National Maritime Museum and Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa actively seek financial contributions towards the project from the other territorial local authorities in the Auckland region.**
 - vi. **that Auckland City acknowledges the Development Agreement between the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa and the NZ National Maritime Museum dated 18 May 2006.**
 - E. **That resolutions A to E only be moved into the open section of the meeting and that the Mayor and the Chairperson of the Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee be authorised to make any statements.**

26. Auckland Town Hall Organ Trust - Update and Funding Request

- A. That the earlier council decision (28 August 2003) to support the redevelopment of the Auckland Town Hall organ be reconfirmed including the conditional grant of \$1,000,000 and that this amount be provided for in council's budgets for 2006/2007 and future years.
- B. That an additional conditional grant to the Town Hall Organ Trust of up to \$1.75 million (the timing of which is to be confirmed) towards the redevelopment of the Auckland Town Hall organ be approved.
- C. That a further grant of up to \$250,000 be approved in 2006/2007 and made available to the Town Hall Organ Trust to use to cover the cost of the preliminary design work, legal fees, marking and administrative work that needs to be undertaken prior to redevelopment commencing.
- D. That the Funding Agreement between the Town Hall Organ Trust and Auckland City be varied to reflect the additional grants and to incorporate such other items and matters necessary to achieve the redevelopment of the organ, while protecting the interests of Auckland City, recognising the large level of financial contribution being made by Auckland City and the large amount of fundraising that remains to be undertaken. The final terms and conditions of the varied Funding Agreement are subject to approval by the Chairman of Finance and Corporate Business Committee and the General Manager Finance.
- E. That the request by the Town Hall Organ Trust for council to execute the Deed of Gift transferring ownership of the Town Hall organ to the Trust be declined.
- F. That council officers report back to the appropriate committee of council to provide a progress report on fundraising activities and the outcome of the negotiations with the tenderers so that Auckland City can determine whether to continue supporting the project in its current form.
- G. That the Trust be requested to hold a free event on completion of the refurbishment of the Town Hall organ.
- H. That resolutions A to H only be moved to the open section of the agenda, with the officer's report remaining in the confidential section.

CARRIED

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC : LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Deputy Mayor moved:

Councillor Walsh seconded:

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

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

C1(i)	Combined Committees Report No. C2/2006 - New Zealand National Maritime Museum	Good Reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
C1 (ii)	Combined Committees Report No. C2/2006 - Auckland Town Hall Organ Trust - Update And Funding Request.	Good Reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
C1 (iii)	Combined Committees Report No. C2/2006 - Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra Funding Requirements 2006/2007 And 2007/2008	Good Reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
C1 (iv)	Combined Committees Report No. C2/2006 - Harbour Festival Evaluation	Good Reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
C1 (v)	Combined Committees Report No. C2/2006 - Metrowater Statement Of Intent	Good Reason to withhold exists under section 7	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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No.	Reason to withhold information under section 7	
C1(i)	To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	[Section 7 (2)(h)]
	To enable the Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	[Section 7 (2)(i)]
C1(ii)	To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	[Section 7 (2)(h)]
	To enable the Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	[Section 7 (2)(i)]
C1 (iii).	To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	[Section 7 (2)(h)]
C1 (iv)	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	[Section 7 (2)(b)(ii)]
C1(v)	To enable the Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	[Section 7 (2)(i)]
	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	[Section 7 (2)(b)(ii)]

CARRIED

There being no further business His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.35pm