

149TH MEETING

OF

THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 2.10 PM ON THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1998

PRESENT: The Mayor, Ms Vicki Buck (Chairperson).
Councillors Oscar Alpers, Carole Anderton, Graham Berry, David Buist,
David Close, Graham Condon, David Cox, Anna Crighton,
Newton Dodge, Carole Evans, Morgan Fahey, Ishwar Ganda,
Pat Harrow, Ian Howell, Alister James, Lesley Keast, Charles Manning,
Garry Moore, Margaret Murray, Denis O'Rourke, Gail Sheriff,
Barbara Stewart and Ron Wright.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for lateness were received from the Mayor who arrived at 2.15 pm,
from Councillor David Cox who arrived at 2.17 pm, from Councillors
Oscar Alpers and Charles Manning who arrived at 2.20 pm and from
Councillor Ron Wright who arrived at 2.40 pm.

ABSENT: Councillor Gordon Freeman.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Morgan Fahey) temporarily assumed the chair at the
beginning of the meeting, until the arrival of the Mayor at 2.15 pm.

**1. DRAFT SUBMISSIONS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT STRATEGY DISCUSSION
DOCUMENT**

Consideration was given to the tabled draft submission on the Roothing Advisory
Group's report "The Way Forward".

(2.15 pm the Mayor arrived and assumed the chair)

(2.17 pm Councillor Cox arrived)

(2.20 pm Councillors Alpers and Manning arrived)

Councillor O'Rourke moved "*That the draft submissions be adopted by the Council*".
The motion was seconded by Councillor Close.

Councillor Harrow moved by way of amendment "*That the Christchurch City Council
make a submission to the Roothing Advisory Group seeking the formation of a LATE
within the present City Council boundaries, to include a transfer of assets*". The
amendment was seconded by Councillor Berry and when put to the meeting was
declared **lost**.

Councillor Evans moved by way of further amendment "*That the Council request the Government to cease diverting revenue to the consolidated fund from user charges, petrol levies and car registration, on the grounds that it is fiscally irresponsible to use such funds for non-roading purposes which should be funded from general taxation*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor Berry and when put to the meeting was declared **lost**.

The motion moved by Councillor O'Rourke and seconded by Councillor Close providing for the adoption of the draft submission was then put to the meeting and declared **carried** on division no 1 by 22 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For (22): Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Buist, Close, Condon, Cox, Crighton, Dodge, Evans, Fahey, Ganda, Howell, James, Keast, Manning, Moore, Murray, O'Rourke, Sheriff, Stewart, Wright and the Mayor.

Against (2): Councillors Berry and Harrow.

(3.20 pm Councillors Condon, Fahey and Ganda retired)

Councillor Evans then requested that her previous amendment regarding the diversion of revenue from petrol levies and other sources to the consolidated fund be recommitted, on the basis that she had since ascertained that, contrary to a previous assurance, this issue had not been specifically addressed in the draft submission.

The previous amendment moved by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Berry was then recommitted, and on being put to the meeting was declared **carried** on division no 2 by 12 votes to 9, the voting being as follows:

For (12): Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Berry, Buist, Cox, Dodge, Evans, Harrow, Murray, Sheriff, Stewart and the Mayor.

Against (9): Councillors Close, Crighton, Howell, James, Keast, Manning, Moore, O'Rourke and Wright.

2. COACHMAN INN

Consideration was given to the report on this issue by the Legal Services Manager.

Councillor Crighton moved:

1. *That the Council agree to purchase the Coachman Inn, and, in the absence of agreement on price between the parties, use price-fixing procedures emulating the Public Works Act 1981.*

2. *That the Council either:*
 - (i) *On-sell the building with an appropriate conservation or heritage covenant; or*
 - (ii) *Lease the building to an appropriate tenant.*
3. *That the difference between the purchase and sale cost in the event of Option 2(i), or the difference between the economic rental and the achievable rental in the case of Option 2(ii) be met from the Council's heritage fund.*
4. *That the date of settlement be 1 July 1998.*
5. *That provision be made in the 1998 Plan for the purchase of the building, the provision to be uplifted only if the building cannot be sold before 31 May 1999.*
6. *That this resolution is not to be taken as a precedent for the future and the Council is making the purchase for other reasons."*

The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Rourke.

(4.00 pm Councillors Dodge and Moore retired)

Councillor Alpers moved by way of amendment "*That the Council advise the Commissioner that it is not prepared to enter into a section 17 type agreement if he recommends in favour of the requirement for the Coachman*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor Murray.

3. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Councillor Wright moved:

1. *That the draft resolution to exclude the public contained in the pink sheet attached to the agenda be adopted.*
2. *That Mr Tony Hughes-Johnson, barrister, be permitted to remain at the meeting following the exclusion of the public, as the Council's legal adviser on this issue."*

The motion was seconded by Councillor Evans and when put to the meeting was declared **carried**.

(Members of the public were then temporarily excluded from the meeting between 4.55 pm and 5.30 pm. Following the readmittance of the public at 5.30 pm the remaining items of business which follow were dealt with in open meeting.)

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COACHMAN INN (Cont'd)

The Mayor ruled that the amendment previously moved by Councillor Alpers and seconded by Councillor Murray amounted to a direct negative, and was thus not allowed under Standing Order 2.18.12.

The motion moved by Councillor Crighton and seconded by Councillor O'Rourke was then put to the meeting and declared **carried** on division no 3 by 13 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

For (13): Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Close, Crighton, Evans, Harrow, James, Keast, Manning, O'Rourke, Stewart, Wright and the Mayor.

Against (6): Councillors Berry, Buist, Cox, Howell, Murray and Sheriff.

The meeting concluded at 5.35 pm

CONFIRMED THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH 1998

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(Note: Councillors Graham Condon, Newton Dodge, Morgan Fahey, Ishwar Ganda and Garry Moore retired from the meeting prior to the exclusion of the public.)

4. COACHMAN INN

The Council **received** oral reports from the Property Projects Manager and other staff regarding the negotiations held to date with Mr David Carter regarding the possible purchase of the Coachman Inn by the Council.

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