

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 5PM ON THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2002**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Garry Moore (Chairperson).
Councillors Oscar Alpers, Carole Anderton, Paddy Austin, Erin Baker, Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Graham Condon, Barry Corbett, David Cox, Anna Crighton, Carole Evans, Megan Evans, Ishwar Ganda, Pat Harrow, Alister James, Lesley Keast, Denis O'Rourke, Gail Sheriff, Barbara Stewart, Ingrid Stonhill, Sue Wells, Chrissie Williams, Norm Withers and Ron Wright.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for lateness were received and accepted from Councillors Erin Baker, Alister James and Chrissie Williams.

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(1) Electoral System for 2004 Elections

Submissions were made to the meeting by the following persons regarding the electoral system to be employed for the 2004 Christchurch City Elections:

- Mr David Close, who urged the Council to retain the present First Past the Post (FPP) system.

(5.15pm Councillor James arrived)

(5.20pm Councillors Baker and Willams arrived)

- The Hon David Caygill, who urged the Council to adopt the Single Transferable Voting (STV) system.

**2. MEETING OF THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD
OF 28 AUGUST 2002**

Resolved: That the Board's report be received.

**3. MEETING OF THE SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD
OF 4 SEPTEMBER 2002**

The Council was orally advised that at its meeting held the preceding evening the Shirley/Papanui Community Board had passed a resolution urging the Council not to adopt the Single Transferable (STV) system for the 2004 elections.

Resolved: That the information be received.

4. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

The Mayor referred to the supplementary report by the City Manager on the optimum number of members per ward if STV was to be used as the electoral system, and the outcome of the STV public consultation process.

The Mayor advised that it had not been possible to include this report in the agenda, as the required information was not available when the agenda had been prepared and circulated. The Mayor advised that it was, however, essential that the report be dealt with at the present meeting, rather than being deferred to a subsequent meeting.

It was **resolved** that the supplementary report of the City Manager be received and considered at the present meeting.

5. ELECTORAL SYSTEM FOR 2004 ELECTIONS

Consideration was given to the City Manager's report regarding the electoral system to be employed for the 2004 Christchurch City elections, and the City Manager's supplementary report on the optimum number of members per ward if STV was used and the outcome of the STV public consultation process.

Councillor O'Rourke moved "*That the Council conduct a poll of electors as soon as practicable to determine the question of whether the STV voting system will be implemented for Christchurch City and its Community Boards for the 2004 and 2007 elections*". The motion was seconded by Councillor Condon.

Councillor Broughton moved by way of amendment:

- “1. *That the Council retain the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system for the 2004 Christchurch City Elections.*
2. *That the Council resolve to hold a poll of electors, or a referendum, to be held in conjunction with the local body elections in 2004, to enable the people of Christchurch to state their preference on the preferred electoral system.*
3. *That if the Council decides on a poll of electors rather than a referendum then the Council request Central Government to amend the Act to permit the poll in 2004.*
4. *That the Council budget accordingly in the 2004/05 financial year for the cost of the poll/referendum.”*

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Crighton and when put to the meeting was declared **carried** on division no 1 by 13 votes to 12, the voting being as follows:

For (13): Councillors Baker, Broughton, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, C Evans, M Evans, Harrow, Sheriff, Stewart, Stonhill, Withers and Wright.

Against (12): Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Austin, Buck, Condon, Ganda, James, Keast, O'Rourke, Wells, Williams and the Mayor.

When put to the meeting as the substantive motion the amendment was declared **carried** on division no 2 by 13 votes to 12, the voting being as follows:

For (13): Councillors Baker, Broughton, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, C Evans, M Evans, Harrow, Sheriff, Stewart, Stonhill, Withers and Wright.

Against (12): Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Austin, Buck, Condon, Ganda, James, Keast, O'Rourke, Wells, Williams and the Mayor.

6. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2002

MAYOR