

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 9.30AM ON WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2008**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Bob Parker (Chairperson).
Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Ngaire Button, Barry Corbett, David Cox,
Yani Johanson, Claudia Reid, Bob Shearing, Mike Wall, Sue Wells, Chrissie Williams and
Norm Withers.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Gail Sheriff.

Recognition of Retiring Staff Member

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, recognised and paid tribute to Geoff Barnes who was retiring after 30 years service, in particular his work over a number of years on the Annual Plan.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING OF 12-14.5.2008

It was **resolved** on the motion of Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Johanson, that the open and public excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 12, Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 May 2008 be confirmed, subject to removing the names Sally Buck and Norm Withers from the list of Councillors present.

**3. SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES – SPECIAL ORDER (CITY MALL);
NEW COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION; REGIONAL GOVERNANCE GROUP**

(1) Special Order (City Mall)

Councillor Corbett moved:

“That the Council:

(a) *Declares that the Special Order creating a pedestrian mall in those parts of Cashel Street and High Street described in the schedule to the Special Order is varied by adding the following vehicles as an exception in clause 1:*

“(f) trams”.

(b) *Notes that this declaration does not take effect until the time for appealing has expired and any appeals have been determined by the Environment Court.*

(c) *Approves the inclusion of rails in the current stages of City Mall reconstruction.*

(d) *Agrees to the removal of the Cashel Airbridge subject to successful negotiation between the Chief Executive and affected owners.*

(e) *Confirms, subject to the full tram extension proposal being approved by the 2009/19 LTCCP:*

(i) *that the eastern kerb alignment for the tram rails in Oxford Terrace, and the reversal of one way flow between Hereford and Cashel Streets be adopted; and*

(ii) *that the on-road option for the tram rails in Colombo Street – Cathedral Square be adopted as the preferred alignment.*

- (f) *Requests that further work on other options which take the tram further along High Street (in particular Plan 3 – “Cathedral via High, Ferry” and Plan 8 – “High, Tuam, Manchester Loop”) be considered, including assessing the feasibility of utilising the existing double tram track still in situ in High Street, and a final recommended route with costings be reported back for potential inclusion in the proposed 2009/19 LTCCP.*
- (g) *Notes that the Council will continue to review its Central City Transport Concept, as part of the Central City Revitalisation Strategy, in conjunction with Environment Canterbury, and other key stakeholders.”*

The motion was seconded by Councillor Shearing, and was then put to the meeting on a clause by clause basis.

Clause (a) was declared **carried** on division No. 1 by 11 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For: (11) Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Corbett, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Wall, Wells, Withers and the Mayor.

Against: (2) Councillors Johanson and Williams.

Clause (b) on being put to the meeting was declared **carried**.

Clause (c) was declared **carried** on division No. 2 by 11 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For: (11) Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Corbett, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Wall, Wells, Withers and the Mayor.

Against: (2) Councillors Johanson and Williams.

Clause (d) was declared **carried** on division No. 3 by 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For: (12) Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Corbett, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Wall, Wells, Williams, Withers and the Mayor.

Against: (1) Councillor Johanson.

Clause (e) was declared **carried** on division No. 4 by 11 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For: (11) Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Corbett, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Wall, Wells, Withers and the Mayor.

Against: (2) Councillors Johanson and Williams.

Clause (f) was declared **carried** on division No. 5 by 11 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For: (11) Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Corbett, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Wall, Wells, Withers and the Mayor.

Against: (2) Councillors Johanson and Williams.

Clause (g) on being put to the meeting was declared **carried**.

(2) **New Council Controlled Organisation**

Councillor Shearing moved:

“That the Council:

- (a) *Approves the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation to hold the Council’s interest in the New Civic Building Project.*
- (b) *Authorises the General Manager, Corporate Services to arrange completion of the documentation required to enable Civic Building Limited to issue up to \$10m of uncalled capital to the Council and to enable the new Council Controlled Organisation to operate.”*

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The motion was seconded by Councillor Buck and on being put to the meeting was declared **carried** on division No. 6 by 11 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For: (11) Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Corbett, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Wall, Wells, Withers and the Mayor.

Against: (2) Councillors Johanson and Williams.

(3) Regional Governance Group

It was **resolved** on the motion of Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Buck that the Council:

- (a) Approve the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation to act as a Regional Governance Group for economic development in Canterbury.
- (b) Authorise the General Manager Strategy and Planning to execute all documentation required to enable the new organisation to operate.

4. 2008 AMENDMENTS TO THE 2006-16 LONG-TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (LTCCP)

Councillor Wells moved:

“That the Council:

- (a) *Adopt the 2008 Amendments to the Council’s 2006/16 LTCCP.*
- (b) *Authorise the General Manager of Corporate Services to make any necessary amendments required after 1 July 2008 to ensure that the published 2008 Amendments to the 2006/16 LTCCP is in accordance with the Council’s resolutions.*
- (c) *Authorise staff to conclude contractual terms and conditions with Transpacific Industries Group Ltd for the kerbside collection of domestic rubbish, organics and recyclables.”*

The motion was seconded by Councillor Shearing and was put to the meeting on a clause by clause basis.

Clause (a) was declared **carried** on division No. 7 by 11 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For: (11) Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Corbett, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Wall, Wells, Withers and the Mayor.

Against: (2) Councillors Johanson and Williams.

Clause (b) on being put to the meeting was declared **carried**.

Clause (c) on being put to the meeting was declared **carried**.

5. ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS

The Mayor moved:

“That the Council:

- (a) *Receive the information.*
- (b) *Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached tables as amended.”*

The motion was seconded by Bob Shearing.

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Councillor Johanson moved by way of amendment:

“That the Council make budget provision in the 2008/09 Annual Plan for pedestrian safety works including lights at the crossing at Main Street, Redcliffs, near the intersection with Augusta Street.”

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Williams and on being put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division No. 8 by 2 votes to 11, the voting being as follows:

For: (2) Councillors Johanson and Williams.

Against: (11) Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Corbett, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Wall, Wells, Withers and the Mayor.

Councillor Williams moved by way of amendment:

“That the Council retain the current charges for its holiday programme and childcare facilities.”

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Johanson and on being put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division No. 9 by 3 votes to 10, the voting being as follows:

For: (3) Councillors Broughton, Johanson and Williams.

Against: (10) Councillors Buck, Button, Corbett, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Wall, Wells, Withers and the Mayor.

Councillor Johanson moved by way of amendment:

“That the Council reinstate the maintenance grant of \$5000 to the Mount Pleasant Community Centre.”

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Councillor Johanson moved by way of amendment:

“That the charges for on-street parking remain at \$2.50 an hour.”

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Councillor Williams moved by way of amendment:

“That in the light of the 337 submissions on housing rentals the Council review the City Housing rentals once the outcome of the present negotiations for Central Government funding is known.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Broughton.

The Mayor ruled that this was an incorrect motion and the amendment was not accepted.

The original motion was then put to the meeting and declared **carried**.

6. 2008/09 ANNUAL PLAN

(a) APPENDIX A: CHRISTCHURCH SAFE CITY OFFICERS

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Wall, that the Council:

- (a) Allocate \$377,000 currently unbudgeted, in the 2008/2009 financial year to establish and run the ‘Safe City Officer Programme’ and assist with the establishment of a volunteer programme, ‘Otautahi Angels’.
- (b) Include in the proposed draft 2009/19 LTCCP funding \$453,000 per annum for the ‘Safe City Officer programme and volunteer programmed

APPENDIX B: PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL CRIME PREVENTION CAMERAS

Councillor Withers moved:

“That the Council:

- (a) *Authorise staff to complete the purchase and installation of 25 additional crime prevention cameras.*
- (b) *Allocate \$916,000 in the Annual Plan for the 2008/2009 financial year for the provision of 25 additional crime prevention cameras but note the ongoing savings by moving from Telecom to CCNL.*

The motion was seconded by Councillor Broughton and on being put to the meeting was declared **carried** by 12 votes to 1 on division No. 10, the voting being as follows:

For: (12) Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Corbett, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Wall, Wells, Williams Withers and the Mayor.

Against: (1) Councillor Johanson

APPENDIX C: UPDATE TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

It was **resolved** on the motion of Councillor Shearing, seconded by Councillor Cox, that the Council:

1. 2008/09 Capital Programme

Note the changes to the 2008/09 capital programme and LTNZ subsidy timing as a result of the carry forward and reprogrammed items and issues brought to the Council between the draft and final 2008/09 Annual Plan.

2. Operating Carry Forwards

Note the operational carry forwards included in 2008/09 are in the order of \$3.1m. A final list will be brought back to the Council with the year-end results.

3. Borrowing Costs

- (i) Change the financial assumption for borrowing costs to 8.62 per cent for the 2008/09 Annual Plan.
- (ii) Increase the planned amount for borrowing costs by \$220k in the 2008/09 Annual Plan.

4. Grubb Cottage Urgent Maintenance

Note the inclusion of this funding in the 2008/09 Annual Plan.

5. Cashel Street Air Bridge Removal

Include \$335k in the 2008/09 Annual Plan to fund removal of the City Mall Air Bridge.

6. Transport Interchange Scoping Study

Include \$235k net of subsidy in the 2008/09 Annual Plan to fund the Transport Interchange scoping study.

7. City Planning Work Programme and Resourcing

- (i) Include \$300k in the 2008/09 Annual Plan to fund the City Plan work programme.
- (ii) Support inclusion of \$470k per annum in the 2009-19 LTCCP funding for the City Plan work programme.

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8. **Income Equalisation Reserve**

- (i) Reduce the Income Equalisation Reserve drawdown for 2008/09 by \$390k.
- (ii) Include increased drawdown in the proposed draft 2009-19 LTCCP in 2009/10 of the same amount.

It was further **resolved** on the motion of Councillor Withers, seconded by Councillor Wells, that the Council:

- (b) Adopt the 2008/09 Annual Plan consisting of the draft 2008/09 Annual Plan and the changes accepted by resolution as above.
- (c) Set the rates for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2008 and ending on 30 June 2009 as set out in Appendix D attached.
- (d) Authorise the General Manager Corporate Services and the Corporate Finance Manager (jointly) to borrow up to \$85m in accordance with the Liability Management Policy to meet the residual funding of the capital works programme.
- (e) Authorise the General Manager Corporate Services to make any necessary amendments required to ensure that the published 2008/09 Annual Plan is in accordance with the Council's resolutions of 25 June 2008.

7. **CONCLUSION**

The meeting concluded at 1.46pm

CONFIRMED THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY 2008

MAYOR