

Extraordinary Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 29 May, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

In Attendance

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo
Cr Gavin Benney (Teams/In person)
Cr Nicholas Connop
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Deborah Harding
Cr Patrick Holmes
Cr Scott McKenzie
Cr Marie Olsen (Teams)
Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid
Cr Phoenix Ruka
Cr Paul Yovich (Teams/In person)

Not in Attendance

Cr Jayne Golightly

Scribe

C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

Administrative matters

- Meeting recorded
- Supplementary reports:
 - Item 4.2 – Supplementary report LTP Deliberations
 - Item 5.3 – Submission on Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Maori Wards and Maori Constituencies) Amendment Bill

1. Karakia/Prayer

Cr Ruka opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga

Item 5.2 LTP Deliberations – refer Becoming a Northland Inc Shareholder and Community Facilities and Services – Whangarei Art Trust.

3. Apology / Kore Tae Mai

Cr Jayne Golightly

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Deborah Harding

That the apology be sustained.

Carried

Crs Olsen and Reid requested their votes against be recorded.

4. Information Reports / Ngā Pūrongo Kōrero

4.1 Managing Carry Forwards

Moved By Cr Phil Halse

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That Council notes the Managing Carry Forwards Report.

Carried

4.2 Supplementary Report to the LTP 2024-34 Deliberations

Item 4.2 provided supporting information to Item 5.2 Long Term Plan 2024-34 Deliberations.

5. Decision Reports / Whakatau Rīpoata

5.1 Fees and Charges and Consultations Alongside the 2024-34 LTP - Deliberations

Moved By Cr Simon Reid

Seconded By His Worship the Mayor

That Council:

1. Notes the total of 422 formal submissions were received on the LTP and Concurrent Consultations:
 - 8 of the total submissions related directly to the Draft Rates Remissions and Postponement Policy and Early Repayment of Rates Policy
 - 8 of the total submissions related directly to the Draft Revenue and Financing Policy
 - 8 of the total submissions related directly to the Draft 2024 Development Contributions Policy
 - 4 of the total submissions related directly to the Draft 2024 Significance and Engagement Policy
 - 5 of the total submissions related directly to the Draft Fees and Charges 2024-2025.
2. Confirms the responses as recommended in Attachment 1 Deliberations on Fees and Charges and Consultations Alongside the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan

3. Note that submitters will be informed of the outcome of their submissions.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the Draft Revenue and Financing Policy.
2. Notes that there is no requirement, following the public consultation, to amend, revise or change any part of either policy.
3. Approves the preparation of the final Revenue and Financing Policy and present to the July 2024 meeting of Council, for adoption.

Draft Rates, Remissions and Postponement Policy and the Early Payment of Rates Policy

That the Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the Draft Rates, Remissions and Postponement Policy and the Early Payment of Rates Policy.
2. Notes that the policy 24/102 Remission of Excess Water Rates will be amended to reflect an improved method for calculating the remission on excess water consumption due to a leak.
3. Approves the preparation of the final Rates, Remissions and Postponement Policy and the Early Payment of Rates Policy for presentation to the June 2024 meeting of Council, for adoption.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

That Council

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the Draft 2024 Development Contributions Policy.
2. Notes that the policy will be amended to include a category identifying retirement villages and the assessment criteria as discussed in Attachment 1 Deliberations on Fees and Charges and Consultations Alongside the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.
3. Approves the preparation of the final revised Draft 2024 Development Contributions Policy for presentation to the July 2024 meeting of Council, for adoption.

Draft 2024 Significance and Engagement Policy

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the Draft 2024 Significance and Engagement Policy.
2. Notes that the policy will be amended with minor wording changes to clarify significant assets.
3. Approves the preparation of the final revised 2024 Significance and Engagement Policy for presentation to the June 2024 meeting of Council, for adoption.

Fees and Charges

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received in relations to the Fees and Charges Statement of Proposal.
2. Notes that there is no requirement, following the public consultation, to amend, revise or change any part of either policy.
3. Approves the preparation of the final 2024-2025 Fees and Charges schedule and present to the June 2024 meeting of Council, for adoption.

Carried

5.2 Long Term Plan 2024-34 Deliberations

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Scott McKenzie

That the Council

1. Notes and considers the 425 formal submissions received on the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan and Concurrent Consultations.
2. Confirms the non financial responses as recommended in the attached report, including changes in the timing of some projects.

Carried

LTP Question 1 – Becoming a Northland Inc Shareholder

Moved By Cr Peters

Seconded By Cr Couper

That the Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Becomes a shareholder in Northland Inc with effect from 01 July 2024 and approves the additional investment funding of \$370,000 in the 2024-25 year and \$482,000 in the 2025-26 year as set out in the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

3. Notes the funding required has already been included within the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan budget.
4. Reviews the benefits of Council's involvement in Northland Inc before committing further funding beyond Year 2 (2025 – 26).

Carried

Cr Yovich requested his vote against be recorded.

Cr Reid abstained from voting.

Declaration of Interest:

Cr Harding declared an interest in regards to this item. Cr Harding has a contractual connection with an independent trust partnered with Northland Inc.

LTP Question 2 - Freedom Camping Monitoring and Compliance

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Paul Yovich

That the Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Resolves not to fund Freedom Camping Monitoring and Compliance enforcement services going forward.
3. Notes that unless funding can be secured from external parties, and/or increased revenue can be secured, this will result in Council not responding to Freedom Camping enquiries and complaints going forward.
4. Directs staff to continue to investigate options for external funding of a reduced Freedom Camping Monitoring and Compliance enforcement service, along with any unbudgeted revenue streams that could be used to fund this service.

On the motion being put Cr Holmes called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor			X
Cr Gavin Benney		X	
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Ken Couper	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Deborah Harding	X		
Cr Patrick Holmes		X	
Cr Scott McKenzie		X	
Cr Marie Olsen	X		

Cr Carol Peters	X		
Cr Simon Reid		X	
Cr Phoenix Ruka	X		
Cr Paul Yovich	X		
Results	8	4	1

The Motion was Carried (8 to 4)

LTP Question 3 - Commercial Property Options

Moved By Cr Ken Couper

Seconded By Cr Paul Yovich

1. Notes that while revenue generation can be incentivised, current modelling indicates that there is insufficient scale and commercial opportunities to generate a profit from properties within the identified portfolio in the life of this plan.
2. Focuses on commercial property/opportunities to deliver strategic outcomes, including outcomes that could be delivered in partnership.
3. Does more detailed analysis of specific development opportunities within the commercial property portfolio (including defining the outcomes that Council is seeking from the portfolio / the trade-offs that it is willing to accept) before progressing to any preferred option, allocating \$150k in year 1 of the LTP for this work.
4. Establishes mechanisms for the governance and oversight of commercial property, with hapu involvement and external expertise being provided for, and clear delegations.
5. Notes that sufficient budget will be required to attract appropriate skills and expertise and undertake work necessary to progress development proposals, reviewing budgets and funding mechanisms through the detailed investigation stages.
6. Excludes the ex-Balance Site from development opportunities at this time in order to enable further discussion with hapu.
7. Having considered the matters above determines its preferred option as a CCO/CCTO with a more modest budget (\$500k per annum from year 2 of the LTP), noting further work to be undertaken in year 1 of the LTP.
8. Directs staff to bring the terms of reference for a Transition Advisory Board to the July 2024 Council meeting.

Carried

Cr Connop requested his vote against be recorded.

Transportation

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic and the issues they raise and, where possible, will include these in Council's business as usual work.
2. Allocates an additional \$250,000 capital expenditure per annum across years 1 to 10 of the Long Term Plan unsubsidised specifically for new footpath projects in rural and coastal areas and notes this will be funded by additional debt.
3. Allocates programme funding to the following footpaths raised through consultation in rural and coastal areas subject to budget and feasibility:
 - a. Hikurangi – King St
 - b. Ruakaka /One Tree Point– Marsh Road, Slako Crescent, Albany Road
 - c. Ngunguru Kopipi Crescent.

Amendment

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Patrick Holmes

Include 'd.' Whangarei Heads Road (Waikaraka).

**The amendment was Carried
and subsequently Carried
as the substantive Motion**

Parks and Recreation

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic and the issues they raise and, where possible, will include these in Council's business as usual work.
2. Considers undertaking a Reserve Management Plan prioritisation in year 3 and allocates \$50,000 additional operating expenses in year 3 of the Long Term Plan to undertake the priority Reserve Management Plan.
3. That an additional \$100k capital expenditure (debt funded) be added to year 3 of the Long Term Plan to enable the development of the Recreation Hub design. The design and

construction is currently signalled in year 11-13 (\$35 Million) of the Infrastructure Strategy.

4. Progress the development of the Tikipunga Sports Park Turf Development by:
 - a. Supporting the business case for artificial sports turf surface; and
 - b. Including an additional \$50,000 operating expenditure in year 1 of the Long Term Plan for producing a business case; and
 - c. Including an additional total of \$2.5m capital expenditure, to be split \$2m in year 2 and \$500,000 in year 3 of the Long Term Plan for the development of an artificial sports turf; and;
 - d. Including \$30,000 operating expenditure for the maintenance and operation of the artificial sports turf in years 3-10.
5. Approves operating expenditure funding for the Ruakaka Recreation Centre of \$70,000 in year 1 and \$35,000 in years two and \$35,000 in year three of the Long Term Plan.
6. Approves amalgamating the funding of existing projects associated with the Hikurangi Sports Hub so that it can be delivered earlier without increasing the overall budget:
 - a. \$50,000 operating expenditure in year 2 to complete the masterplan
 - b. \$1m capital expenditure in year 3
 - c. \$500,000 capital expenditure in year 4
7. Notes that the amalgamation of the funding for Hikurangi Sports Hub includes the replacement of the Lake Waro skatepark with a new skatepark at the Hikurangi Sports Hub.
8. Notes that the amalgamation of the funding for Hikurangi Sports Hub, as shown above in recommendation 6, includes existing projects included in the Long Term Plan as below:
 - a. Skatepark (\$343,000)
 - b. Playground (\$226,000)
 - c. Sports Hub (\$124,000)
 - d. Car Parking (\$298,000)
 - e. Drainage (\$323,000); and
 - f. Floodlights (\$373,000)

Totalling \$1,686,000 in the Long Term Plan.
9. Removes funding for existing conveniences investigation of \$100,000 from year 1 as this will be undertaken internally and the budget used to offset other increases.

Carried

Cr Yovich left the meeting at 10.17am during the discussion On Parks and Recreation. Cr Yovich rejoined the meeting via Teams at 10.20am.

Water

Moved By His Worship the Mayor
Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Notes there are no recommended changes to this activity as set out in the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.
3. Notes that most of the actions requested by submitters can be accommodated in Council's planned activities.
4. Notes that central government's Local Waters Done Well programme will provide greater certainty for future options for this activity.

Carried

Wastewater

Moved By His Worship the Mayor
Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Notes there are no recommended changes to this activity as set out in the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.
3. Notes that most of the actions requested by submitters are accommodated in Council's planned activities.
4. Notes that central government's Local Waters Done Well programme will provide greater certainty for future options for this activity.

Carried

Stormwater

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Phoenix Ruka

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Notes there are no recommended changes to this activity as set out in the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.
3. Notes that most of the actions requested by submitters are accommodated in Council's planned activities.

Carried

Coastal System and Flood Management

Moved By Scott McKenzie

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Notes there are no recommended changes to this activity as set out in the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.
3. Notes that most of the actions requested by submitters are accommodated in Council's planned activities.
4. Notes that funding of \$100,000 will be allocated to the Tutukaka boat ramp project.
5. Continues using the Coastal Protection Policy for assessing coastal protection.
6. Directs staff to undertake a review of targeted rates for specific coastal protection projects.

Carried

A short break was taken from 10.36am to 10.48am following discussions on Coastal System and Flood Management.

Flood Protection

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Deborah Harding

That Council

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Notes there are no recommended changes to this activity as set out in the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

Carried

Solid Waste

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That Council

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Discontinues the twice weekly collection of waste from the coastal settlements in January in order that service levels across the district are consistent.

Carried

Community Facilities and Services / Strategy and Planning: Knowledge Precinct Plan, including new Theatre and the Redevelopment of Forum North

Moved By Cr Ken Couper

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topics.
2. Approves moving operating expenses and capital expenses funding currently allocated for the renovations of Forum North from years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan to years 1-4 of the Long Term Plan as follows:
 - a. Move \$400,000 operating expenses to year 1, divided between progressing the Knowledge Hub Precinct Plan and carrying out remedial works to keep the current Forum North venue spaces fit for purpose.
 - b. Move \$500,000 operating expenses to year 2 providing \$375,000 to fund potential Knowledge Precinct technical reports for any application to central government, and \$125,000 to bring forward the commitment by Council for

design costs and a sustainable operating model for a new theatre in support of the Forum North Trust.

- c. Move \$375,000 operating expenses to year 3 to fund potential Knowledge Precinct technical reports for any application to central government.
 - d. Move \$750,000 capital expenses for Forum North Renovations from year 1 to year 3, and remove year 2 capital budget of \$2,500,000.
3. Notes the capital expenses funding allocated to the new theatre is unchanged between years 4-7 of the Long Term Plan.

Carried

Community Facilities and Services – Whangarei Art Trust (WAT)

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Gavin Benney

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topics.
2. Approves \$90,000 operating expenses funding in year 1 of the Long Term Plan to the Whangarei Art Trust, split between \$29,600 to the Hundertwasser Art Centre and \$60,400 to the Whangarei Art Museum to enable Whangarei Art Museum to deliver education programmes and top up the guarantee funding available for the Hundertwasser Art Centre.
3. Approves \$480,000 operating expenses funding in year 2 and \$480,000 operating expenses in year 3 of the Long Term Plan to the Whangarei Art Trust, which is additional funding to the existing operating grant.

On the motion being put Cr Yovich called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor		X	
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Deborah Harding	X		
Cr Patrick Holmes	X		
Cr Scott McKenzie	X		
Cr Marie Olsen		X	
Cr Carol Peters	X		

Cr Simon Reid		X
Cr Phoenix Ruka	X	
Cr Paul Yovich		X
Results	8	4

The Motion was Carried (8 to 4)

Declaration of Interest:

Cr Couper declared a conflict of interest as council's appointed representative to the Whangarei Art Trust. Cr Couper withdrew from the table and took no part in discussions on this matter.

Community Facilities and Services – Community Safety and CitySafe

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney

Seconded By His Worship the Mayor

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topics.
2. Approves operating expenses funding of \$54,405 in years 1-3 of the Long Term Plan to maintain the CitySafe contract and provide the living wage until the right of renewal in 2027.

Carried

Community Facilities and Services – (Libraries, Community Property, Community Development, Community Funding, Pensioner Housing, Venues and Events, Customer Services, Civil Defence Emergency Management/CDEM

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Deborah Harding

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the submissions received and the issues raised, and that staff will address as many of the issues through their work programmes where possible where funding is not available.
2. Approves operating expenses funding of \$50,000 in years 1-4 of the Long Term Plan to progress the implementation of the Council Housing Strategy with a focus initially on new pensioner housing.

3. Approves operating expenses funding of \$60,000 in years 1-10 of the Long Term Plan to the Mayoral budget in support of large or major events for the Whangarei District.
4. Approves a reduction in operating expenses funding of \$48,000 across years 1-10 from the Venues and Events flags and decorations budget.

Amendment

Moved By Cr Ken Couper

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

Recommendation 4 to be replaced with:

‘4. Request further investigation be done in relation to flags maintenance.’

**The amendment was Carried
and subsequently Carried
as the substantive Motion**

Support Services

Moved By Cr Deborah Harding

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topics.
2. Notes that no changes to the activities are proposed from that set out in the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

Carried

Planning and Development

Moved By Cr Ken Couper

Seconded By Cr Scott McKenzie

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topics.
2. Notes the operational initiatives already in place relating to these submissions with no changes to the activity as set out in the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

Carried

Governance and Strategy Services

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topics.
2. Notes that no changes to the activity are proposed from that set out in the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

Carried

Māori Outcomes

Moved By Cr Deborah Harding

Seconded By Cr Phil Halse

That Council:

1. Prioritises investment to the development of a Māori Engagement framework including:
 - a) Designing and implementing a system for Māori Engagement.
 - b) Establishing Hapū consenting capability and capacity to expediate consenting processes.
 - c) Establishing Hapū positions in Council's project framework for Steering and Control Groups.
2. Approves operating expenses funding of \$115,000 operating expenses per annum through years 1 to 10 of the Long Term Plan to support this work.

Carried

Crs Olsen and Yovich requested their votes against be recorded.

Aquatic Centre Repairs

Moved By Cr Patrick Holmes

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That Council:

1. Approves a capital grant of \$2.2m (funded by debt) in year 1 of the Long Term Plan to Sport Northland for critical plant repairs and replacements.
2. Allocates an additional \$650,000 capital grant (funded by debt) in year 2 of the Long Term Plan to address the most urgent non critical renewals.

3. Allocates \$20,000 operating expenses in year one for a business case to evaluate the long term investment path for the Aquatic Centre.
4. Directs staff to commence planning for future aquatic facilities that is aligned to the planning of a Sports/Recreation Hub.
5. Notes that indications are that Council may need to bring the Aquatic Centre 'in house' and that this option may trigger a future consultation process.
6. Notes that \$1.6m operating expenses funding may be required for remaining renewal items over year 3-10 of the Long Term Plan but that this requirement will be considered in more depth for the next Long Term Plan once the business case has been completed.

Amendment

Moved By Cr Phil Halse

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That Council:

1. Approves a capital grant of \$2.2m (funded by debt) in year 1 of the Long Term Plan to Sport Northland for critical plant repairs and replacements.
2. Allocates an additional \$650,000 capital grant (funded by debt) in year 2 of the Long Term Plan to address the most urgent non critical renewals.
3. Allocates \$20,000 operating expenses in year one for a business case to evaluate the long term investment path for the Aquatic Centre.
4. Notes that \$1.6m operating expenses funding may be required for remaining renewal items over year 3-10 of the Long Term Plan but that this requirement will be considered in more depth for the next Long Term Plan once the business case has been completed.
5. Request Sport Northland and/or their management company review the admission price to help cover costs.

On the ~~motion~~ amendment being put His Worship called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor		X	

Cr Gavin Benney	X	
Cr Nicholas Connop		X
Cr Ken Couper	X	
Cr Phil Halse	X	
Cr Deborah Harding	X	
Cr Patrick Holmes	X	
Cr Scott McKenzie		X
Cr Marie Olsen	X	
Cr Carol Peters	X	
Cr Simon Reid	X	
Cr Phoenix Ruka	X	
Cr Paul Yovich	X	
Results	10	3

**The ~~motion~~ amendment was Carried (10 to 3)
and subsequently Carried
as the substantive Motion**

*Note: Correction to Minutes – refer Minutes Whangarei District
Council meeting 25 July 2024.*

Hikurangi and Oakura Wastewater Treatment Plan Consents and Renewals

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney
Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the requirement to apply for Resource Consents Renewals for the Hikurangi and Oakura Wastewater treatment plants.
2. Approves bringing forward \$320,000 from years 6 and 7 to years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan for wastewater treatment plant consents.

Carried

Large Event Funding

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney
Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That Council:

1. Approves operating expenses funding of \$350,000 in year 1 and \$215,000 in year 2 of the Long Term Plan to provide an

opportunity for Council to exclusively host an NRL game featuring the NZ Warriors in 2025 at the Northland Events Centre.

2. Encourages staff to seek alternative funding through external funding agencies.
3. Resolves that alternative funding will mean that any surplus from the Large Event Fund will be available for other events.

Carried

Cr Holmes requested his vote against be recorded.

Cr Connop abstained from voting on this item.

Northland Events Centre Trust 2021 Annual Operating Grant

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney

Seconded By Cr Phil Halse

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the concerns of the Northland Events Centre Trust 2021 regarding the expenses of the lease.
2. Retains the current annual operating grant of \$662,784 for Northland Events Centre Trust 2021 in the Long Term Plan.
3. Continues to pay commercial rates on behalf of Northland Events Centre Trust 2021.
4. Reviews the annual operating grant amount for Northland Events Centre Trust 2021 once the Stadium Asset Management and Maintenance Plan is complete and future costs are known.

Carried

AH Reed Canopy Walkway

Moved By Cr Nicholas Connop

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That Council approve additional operating expenses funding of \$50,000 in year 1 of the Long Term Plan for the detailed investigation of the AH Reed canopy walkway.

Carried

Cr Benney left the meeting following this item. Cr Benney re-joined the meeting for the Rates Increases item via Teams.

Rating Policy

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Notes that the issues raised will be considered at the next review of the rating policy.
3. Notes that the rating policy review is conducted after the completion of the 2024 General Rating Revaluation so that the impacts on all ratepayers from any changes can be fully understood.

Carried

Changes to the Capital Programme including Elected Member proposed Changes (page 22 of the minutes) was taken after the Rating Policy.

Rates Increases

Procedural Motion

Moved By Cr Halse

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That this item does lie on the table and not be discussed at this meeting.

On the procedural motion being put Cr Halse called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Deborah Harding			X
Cr Patrick Holmes		X	
Cr Scott McKenzie		X	
Cr Marie Olsen	X		
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Cr Phoenix Ruka		X	

Cr Paul Yovich	X	
Results	5	6

The Procedural Motion was Lost (5 to 6)

Motion

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Scott McKenzie

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Approves increasing general rates by 17.2% for 2024-25.
3. Approves increasing the targeted rates for 2024-25:
 - a. wastewater rates by 2.9%;
 - b. water rates by 5.4%;
 - c. flood protection rates by 4.9%.
4. Notes Council's responsibility to continue to provide the necessary services to the community within its financial benchmarks.
5. Instructs staff to continue to work with ratepayers struggling to make rates payments.

On the motion being put Cr Reid called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Ken Couper	X		
Cr Phil Halse		X	
Cr Deborah Harding	X		
Cr Patrick Holmes	X		
Cr Scott McKenzie	X		
Cr Marie Olsen		X	
Cr Carol Peters	X		
Cr Simon Reid		X	
Cr Phoenix Ruka		X	
Cr Paul Yovich		X	
Results	8	5	

The Motion was Carried (8 to 5)

Cr Benney was absent for the vote on the procedural motion.

Cr Benney re-joined the meeting via Teams at 2.10pm, during discussions on this item.

Cr Yovich left the meeting at 2.45pm following voting on the rates increases. Cr Yovich rejoined the meeting during Item 5.3.

Spending and Debt

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Notes that changes to both debt and expenses will be required as a result of other decisions made through the deliberations process.
3. Notes that in order to incorporate additional operational expenses arising from deliberations, as contained within recommendations above, a pro-rata budget reduction will be applied to existing budgets across Council activities, excluding Transportation. Management will provide additional information as to the allocation of these cuts in a separate briefing.
4. Continues to explore opportunities to reduce costs and improve efficiencies where practicable.

Carried

Consultation and Engagement

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback received on the topic.
2. Instructs officers to investigate options for engagement tools.

Carried

Crs Halse and Reid requested their votes against be recorded.

Item 5.3 was taken after Consultation and Engagement.

Changes to the Capital Programme including Elected Member Proposed Changes

The meeting adjourned to enable the potential impacts of a motion proposed by Cr McKenzie to be analysed. Following the break a revised motion was proposed for discussion.

Moved By Cr Scott McKenzie

Seconded By Cr Phoenix Ruka

That the Council:

1. Brings forward \$300,000 in year 1 of capital expenditure on community led cycle projects from year 4 and \$600,000 from year 5 (a total of \$900,000) into years 1,2 & 3 to allow delivery of the Waipu and One Tree Point community led cycle projects in the first three years of the Long Term Plan (refer recommendation 3)(Elected Member Proposed Change). Years 4, 5 and 6 have no funding.
2. Reduce the capital expenditure on community led cycle projects by \$1,000,000 over 10 years, noting the reduction is not to affect the Waipu and One Tree Point Projects (refer recommendation 3)(Elected Member Proposed Change).
3. Notes that bringing forward the \$900,000 for the Waipu and One Tree Point projects (recommendation 1) along with reducing the capital expenditure on community led cycle projects by \$1,000,000 over the 10 years of the Long Term Plan (recommendation 2), will result in the following budget for this programme (Elected Member Proposed Change): Year 1-\$300,000, Year 2-\$650,000, Year 3-\$350,000, Years 4 to 10 no funding.
4. Reduce the capital expenditure in the Long Term Plan on mid-block raised priority crossings (Zebra/Signal) by a total \$2,000,000 across years 3 to 6, and notes that this will result in the following budget for this programme (Elected Member Proposed Change): Years 1 & 2 \$500,000, Year 3 \$400,000.
5. Reduce the capital expenditure on works on John Street by \$13,200,000 and bring the project forward to Year 4 of the Long Term Plan.
6. Provide a sum of \$10,000,000 for urban design upgrades spread equally from Years 4 to 7 of the LTP.
7. Reduce the capital expenditure on fleet replacement by \$500,000 over the 10 years (\$50k per year) of the Long Term Plan and notes that this will result in the following budget for this programme (Elected Member Proposed Change): Year 1-10 \$227,875/annum

8. Reduces the capital expenditure on coastal seawall renewals by removing \$100,000 from year 1 of the Long Term Plan and notes that this will result in the following budget for this programme (Staff Recommendation):
Year 1- \$125,000, Year 2-\$225,000, Year 3-\$463,660, Year 4-\$189,996, Year 5-\$0,
Year 6- \$71,265, Year 7-\$63,785, Year 8-\$70,537, Year 9-\$0, Year 10-\$0.
9. Reduce the capital expenditure on the resurfacing of off-street carparks by removing \$200,000 from year 1 of the Long Term Plan and notes that this will result in the following budget for this programme (Staff Recommendation): Year 1- \$0, Year 2-10 \$200k/annum.
10. Include \$20,000 in year 1 and \$300,000 in year 2 for the Onerahi Domain Lighting subject to the requirements associated with the airport or other planning requirements.
11. Approve an additional capital budget of \$1 m in each of years 1, 2 and 3 for the investigation and building of public conveniences in Maungatapere Village Year 1, Parua Bay Year 2 and Pipiwai area in Year 3 and other priority level projects within the community facilities and services activity. Any expenditure on these projects will require authorisation by resolution of full Council and will be recognised within the appropriate activity. This will be debt funded. (Elected Member Proposed Change).
12. Notes that, as outlined in the cover Agenda and the Issues and Options Briefing report, Airport capital expenditure has been increased to reflect the capital programme presented to Strategy Planning and Development through its consideration of the draft Airport Statement of Intent (SOI), and to the Ministry of Transport (MoT) as being required over the next 4 years in order to maintain operations, manage risk and ensure health and safety at the airport. Where applicable commentary will be included in the final Long Term Plan and SOI detailing the projects that are not yet funded by MoT, noting that they will not proceed if MoT funding is not approved (Staff Recommendation).

Amendment

Moved By Cr Simon Reid

Seconded By Cr Paul Yovich

That recommendation 6 '*Provide a sum of \$10,000,000 for urban design upgrades spread equally from Year 4 to 7 of the LTP.*', be deleted from the motion.

On the amendment being put Cr Reid called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper		X	
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Deborah Harding		X	
Cr Patrick Holmes		X	
Cr Scott McKenzie		X	
Cr Marie Olsen	X		
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Cr Phoenix Ruka			X
Cr Paul Yovich	X		
Results	5	6	

The Amendment was Lost (6 to 5)

The meeting adjourned from 12.29pm to 1.30pm.

Cr Benney did not rejoin the meeting immediately following the lunch break. Cr Benney was off line for the vote on the Amendment.

Cr Olsen was off line from 1.46pm to 1.50pm.

Procedural Motion

Moved By Cr Ken Couper

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the motion now be put.

On the Procedural motion being put Cr Reid called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Ken Couper	X		
Cr Phil Halse		X	
Cr Deborah Harding	X		
Cr Patrick Holmes	X		
Cr Scott McKenzie		X	
Cr Marie Olsen			X
Cr Carol Peters	X		

Cr Simon Reid		X
Cr Phoenix Ruka	X	
Cr Paul Yovich		X
Results	7	4

The Procedural Motion was Carried (7 to 4)

Cr Benney was off line for the vote on the Procedural Motion

On the motion being put Cr Yovich called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Ken Couper	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Deborah Harding	X		
Cr Patrick Holmes	X		
Cr Scott McKenzie	X		
Cr Marie Olsen		X	
Cr Carol Peters	X		
Cr Simon Reid		X	
Cr Phoenix Ruka	X		
Cr Paul Yovich		X	
Results	9	3	

The Motion was Carried (9 to 3)

Cr Benney was off line for the vote on the motion. Cr Benney rejoined the meeting during discussion on the rates increases.

Extra ordinary business

Subsequent to the agenda being circulated Item 5.3 Submission on Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Maori Wards and Maori Constituencies) Amendment Bill was distributed separately but not within the time frame specified in LGOIMA.

Moved By Cr Deborah Harding

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That council consider Item 5.3 Submission on Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Maori Wards and Maori Constituencies) Amendment Bill at today's meeting.

Carried

5.3 Submission on Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill

Moved By Cr Deborah Harding

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the Council approves the submission (Attachment 1) on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill be submitted for consideration by the Select Committee, subject to any typographical changes to be made.

Carried

Cr Yovich was offline during discussions on Item 5.3, Cr Yovich re-joined the meeting for the vote on Item 5.3.

Crs Olsen and Yovich requested their votes against Item 5.3 be recorded.

6. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui

Cr Ruka closed the meeting at 2.47pm with a karakia/prayer.

Confirmed this 27th day of June 2024

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo (Chairperson)