



**Minutes of a meeting of the
Nelson City Council
Te Kaunihera o Whakatū**

Held via Zoom on Thursday 26 August 2021, commencing at 9.05a.m.

Present: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese (Chairperson), Councillors Y Bowater, T Brand, M Courtney, J Edgar (Deputy Mayor), K Fulton, M Lawrey, R O'Neill-Stevens, B McGurk, G Noonan, P Rainey, R Sanson and T Skinner

In Attendance: Chief Executive (P Dougherty), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Group Manager Environmental Management (C Barton), Group Manager Community Services (A White), Group Manager Corporate Services (N Harrison), Group Manager Strategy and Communications (N McDonald), Team Leader Governance (R Byrne) and Governance Adviser (E Stephenson)

Apologies : Nil

Karakia and Mihi Timatanga

Her Worship the Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia. The Mayor acknowledged the work of the health sector, the Police, community organisations, emergency management, iwi and the public in keeping everyone safe and the benefits of the Trafalgar Centre as a COVID-19 vaccination centre.

The Mayor acknowledged the situation in Afghanistan and expressed support for fellow New Zealanders in Afghanistan and those serving in the New Zealand Defence Force, past and present.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

Agenda Item 7 - Te Ara o Whakatū - Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan was considered before Item 6 - Community Engagement on the sale of 69 to 101 Achilles Avenue and 42 Rutherford Street to Kāinga Ora.

3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with items on the agenda were declared.

4. Public Forum (via Zoom)

4.1. Nelson Citizens Alliance - The 3 Waters Concept

Document number R26170

Lindsay Hay and Dr Henry Hudson, on behalf of the Nelson Citizens Alliance, spoke about the 3 Waters concept and gave opinions on the way forward. Points included the need for more information to make an informed decision, the 3 Waters proposal not being relevant to Nelson and a suggestion that a binding referendum was required. A supporting document was provided (A2734760).

Her Worship the Mayor noted that she would address this issue in the Mayor's report.

Attachments

- 1 A2734760 - Nelson Citizens Alliance supporting information

5. Mayor's Report

Document number R26175, agenda pages 6 - 59 refer.

Her Worship the Mayor spoke to her report. She acknowledged the need for more information on the 3 Waters proposal and clarified that the financial component was not compensation for assets, which would still remain in Councils' ownership and that there was nothing in the financial analysis to indicate rates rises. She noted discussions were underway regarding setting up mechanisms to support the sharing of information with the public.

The Chief Executive, Pat Dougherty, outlined planned 3 Waters public meetings and Elected Member workshops, noting that COVID-19 restrictions may affect plans and that no decision regarding transfer of assets would be made in the next couple of months. He advised that a formal report on the national case for change and effects of the proposals on Nelson would be presented to the 23 September Council meeting.

Her Worship the Mayor answered questions regarding communication of the 3 Waters proposal to the public, noting that Council's role was to analyse and test the policy rather than promote it, and that material specific to Nelson would be presented to Elected Members and discussed at workshops prior to being communicated to the public.

Discussion took place on Council's submission to the Governance Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development Discussion Document and it was noted that a more comprehensive submission had not been possible due to the lack of staff resources.

The motion was taken in parts.

Resolved CL/2021/158

That the Council

- 1. Receives the report Mayor's Report (R26175) and its attachments (A2713175 and A2704583,); and***

Her Worship the Mayor/Edgar

Carried

Resolved CL/2021/159

That the Council

- 2. Approves, retrospectively, Council's submission to the Governance Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development Discussion Document (AA2713175).***

Her Worship the Mayor/Edgar

Carried

The meeting was adjourned from 10.10am until 10.32am.

6. Te Ara ō Whakatū - Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan (Agenda Item 7)

Document number R26117, agenda pages 95 - 208 refer.

City Centre Development Programme Lead, Alan Gray, presented the report and answered questions regarding the document's graphics being visual impressions, modal shift, car parking and the plan's forewords.

It was noted that the climate change 'Look out for' solutions on agenda page 194 were not consistent with the solutions for the growing population and economic shift, and would be changed.

Mr Gray answered questions regarding climate change considerations, inundation, shared spaces, encouraging diversity and the plan for wider engagement.

It was noted that the forewords to the plan would be approved by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive, and an additional clause was added to reflect this.

Resolved CL/2021/160

That the Council

1. ***Receives the report Te Ara ō Whakatū - Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan (R26117); and its attachments (A2719965 and A2729194); and***
2. ***Notes the Draft Te Ara ō Whakatū - Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan forewords will be approved by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive; and***
3. ***Agrees to seek public feedback on the Draft Te Ara ō Whakatū - Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan (A2719965); and***
4. ***Agrees that Draft Te Ara ō Whakatū - Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan engagement process and public feedback opportunities meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 including the principles of consultation in section 82; and***
5. ***Approves the Draft Te Ara ō Whakatū - Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan (A2719965) for public feedback; and***
6. ***Approves the public feedback document (A2729194), amended as necessary; and***
7. ***Agrees that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive be delegated to approve any minor amendments required to the supporting information or public feedback materials prior to the start of the consultation process; and***
8. ***Approves the consultation approach (set out in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 of this report (R26117) and agrees:***
 - (a) ***The approach includes sufficient steps to ensure the Draft Te Ara ō Whakatū- Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan will be reasonably accessible to the public and will be publicised in a manner appropriate to its purpose and significance; and***
 - (b) ***The approach will result in the Draft Te Ara ō Whakatū- Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan being as***

widely publicised as reasonably practicable as a basis for consultation.

Edgar/Courtney

Carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned from 11.32am until 11.48am.

7. Community Engagement on the sale of 69 to 101 Achilles Avenue and 42 Rutherford Street to Kāinga Ora (Agenda Item 6)

Document number R26028, agenda pages 60 - 94 refer.

Team Leader City Development, Lisa Gibellini, presented the report, giving a brief background of the process so far and next steps. She noted a numbering issue in the agenda report, which required a change to recommendation 6, changing the relevant sections of the report from 3.15 to 3.19, to sections 4.7 – 4.11.

Ms Gibellini also noted that due to COVID-19 alert levels, there were several communication methods listed in paragraph 4.7, agenda page 63, that would not be able to occur. She answered questions regarding finished design, investment into Nelson, the construction budget, hard copies of the plan, the feedback period, responses from tenants and maximum building heights. In response to a question, Ms Gibellini confirmed that it would be Council's decision to consider the public's feedback against the outcomes it wanted to achieve.

Resolved CL/2021/161

That the Council

- 1. Receives the report Community Engagement on the sale of 69 to 101 Achilles Avenue and 42 Rutherford Street to Kāinga Ora (R26028) and its attachment (A2704161); and***
- 2. Agrees to seek public feedback on a proposal to divest Council property located at 69 to 101 Achilles Avenue and 42 Rutherford Street to Kāinga Ora for social and affordable housing developments; and***
- 3. Agrees that the public feedback document meets the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 including the principles of consultation in section 82; and***
- 4. Approves the public feedback document (A2704161), amended as necessary; and***
- 5. Agrees that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive be delegated to approve any minor***

amendments required to the supporting information or public feedback document prior to the start of the consultation process; and

- 6. Approves the consultation approach (set out in paragraph 4.7 – 4.11 of this report (R26028)) and agrees the approach:**
 - (a) includes sufficient steps to ensure the public feedback document will be reasonably accessible to the public and will be publicised in a manner appropriate to its purpose and significance; and**
 - (b) will result in the public feedback document being as widely publicised as reasonably practicable as a basis for consultation.**

Edgar/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried unanimously

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Rainey gave the closing karakia.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.41pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 23 September 2021.

Resolved CL/2021/162

That the Council

- 1. Confirms the amended minutes of the meeting of the Council, held on 26 August 2021, as a true and correct record.*