

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of The Hutt City Council held in the Hutt City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Thursday 23 June 2016 commencing at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Mayor WR Wallace (Chair)
 Cr L Bridson Cr MJ Cousins
 Cr A Finlayson Cr T Lewis
 Cr M Lulich Cr G McDonald
 Cr C Milne Cr M Shierlaw
 Cr M Willard

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Deputy Mayor Bassett and Cr B Branch.

NON ATTENDANCE: Cr C Barry

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
 Mr B Kibblewhite, Chief Financial Officer
 Mr B Cato, Solicitor (part meeting)
 Ms K Stannard, Manager Secretariat Services

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. APOLOGIES****RESOLVED:****Minute No. C 16301(4)**

"That the apologies received from Deputy Mayor Bassett and Cr B Branch be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

4. **SETTING RATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2017** (16/735)

Report No. HCC2016/3/139 (2) by the Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Financial Officer advised that he would report back regarding an earlier Council request to reduce the average business accommodation rates. He also advised that the rateable values on properties was at today's date. He highlighted that Greater Wellington Regional Council's (GWRC) proposed rates increase would impact on the City's residential properties by approximately 9.1%.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Executive acknowledged that the wording in the officer's report for the average rural residential property was unclear as the properties received no water or sewage services instead of no services at all. He highlighted that officers would make the meaning clearer for future reports. He advised that officers would look at undertaking similar communication as last time regarding the issue of GWRC's proposed rates increase on the City's residential properties.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 16302(4)

"That Council resolves to set rates and add penalties to unpaid rates during the 2016/17 rating year by passing the following resolution:

1. SETTING THE RATES

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the current Long Term Plan and the Funding Impact Statement in the 2016/2017 Annual Plan, the Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to set and assess the following rates for the year commencing 1 July 2016 and ending 30 June 2017:

(a) A General Rate set and assessed under sections 13 and 14 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit in the district, differentially on those categories of rateable land as defined in the Hutt City Council Funding Impact Statement as follows: The General rates in the dollar calculated on the capital value of each rating unit shall be:

<i>Differential Category</i>		<i>Cents in the \$</i>
<i>Residential</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>0.35404</i>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>RU</i>	<i>0.25845</i>
<i>Business Accommodation</i>	<i>BA</i>	<i>0.93820</i>
<i>Business Central</i>	<i>BC</i>	<i>1.06211</i>
<i>Business Suburban</i>	<i>BS</i>	<i>1.00901</i>
<i>Utility Networks</i>	<i>UN</i>	<i>0.84969</i>
<i>Community Facilities 1</i>	<i>C1</i>	<i>0.35404</i>
<i>Community Facilities 2</i>	<i>C2</i>	<i>0.17702</i>
<i>Community Facilities 3</i>	<i>C3</i>	<i>0.84969</i>

(b) A Targeted Rate (Water Supply Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$381.00, on every separately used or inhabited

portion of a rating unit in the district to which water is supplied, with a charge of \$190.50 on every separately used or inhabited portion of a rating unit to which water can be, but is not supplied, (being a property situated within 100 metres from any part of the water works).

(c) A Targeted Rate (Wastewater Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$443.00, on the first water closet or urinal connected to the wastewater system from each rating unit, and a charge of \$221.50 for the second and each subsequent water closet or urinal from each rating unit so connected, provided that each household is charged for no more than one water closet.

(d) A Targeted Rate (Recycling Charge) set and assessed under sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$40.00 on every separately used or inhabited portion of a rating unit in the Residential differential category to which the recycling collection service is provided, or is available to be provided.

(e) A Targeted Rate (Jackson Street Programme Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of 0.10066 cents in the dollar on the capital value of every rating unit in a Business differential category which is situated within that area of the former Petone Borough with a frontage on Jackson Street between the Hutt Road and Cuba Street.

The above rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2017 are all inclusive of GST at the prevailing rate and are payable by six instalments by the following due dates:

<i>Instalment No.</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
<i>One</i>	<i>20 August 2016</i>
<i>Two</i>	<i>20 October 2016</i>
<i>Three</i>	<i>20 December 2016</i>
<i>Four</i>	<i>20 February 2017</i>
<i>Five</i>	<i>20 April 2017</i>
<i>Six</i>	<i>20 June 2017</i>

Where a due date falls on a weekend or public holiday the next business day rule applies.

2. AUTHORISING PENALTY CHARGES

AND pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the Council further resolves for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 to:

(a) Authorise a penalty charge of 10% to be added to the amount of rates remaining unpaid for each instalment after the due date. The dates upon which the 10% penalty charge will be added to any rates remaining unpaid for each instalment will be the day after the date each instalment is due;

(b) Authorise a further penalty charge of 10% to be added to rates levied prior to 1 July 2016 and which remain unpaid after the 20 August 2016 instalment has been processed. This penalty will be added to the amount of unpaid rates the day after the 20 August 2016 instalment has been processed;

(c) Authorise a further penalty charge of 10% to be added to rates levied prior to 1 July

2016 and which remain unpaid after the 20 February 2017 instalment has been processed. This penalty will be added to the amount of unpaid rates the day after the 20 February 2017 instalment has been processed."

5. **POLICY ON ELECTED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES AND RECOVERY OF EXPENSES** (16/748)

Memorandum dated 17 June 2016 by the Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services

The Chief Financial Officer elaborated on the memorandum.

In response to a question from a member, the Chief Executive advised that parking for Councillors was available in the reserved Council carparks in either the Pavilion or Fountain carparks. He further advised that he would review this in the future to see if a dedicated carpark was required for Councillors.

In response to questions from a member, the Chief Financial Officer advised that Council provided the IT equipment to Councillors as Council was committed to paperless meeting agendas. He highlighted that officers negotiated excellent rates when purchasing the equipment.

Cr Cousins expressed concern that a dedicated carpark was not provided for Councillors. She highlighted that she visited Council regularly on Council business and it was difficult to find a free park. She advised that she was happy with her three year old laptop.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 16303(4)

"That Council:

- (i) notes that the Remuneration Authority has reviewed the elected members' expenses and allowances and will be making adjustments to both the mileage and travel allowance as attached as Appendix 1; and*
- (ii) accepts the draft Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses as attached as Appendix 2 to the memorandum."*

6. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.40pm.

WR Wallace
MAYOR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 2nd day of August 2016