

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NELSON CITY COUNCIL TO HEAR AND CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS OF THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/2011 HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR SQUARE ON FRIDAY 21 MAY 2010 COMMENCING AT 9.03AM

- PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Kerry Marshall, Councillors R Reese (Deputy Mayor), D Shaw, P Rainey, D Henigan, A Miccio, A Boswijk, M Holmes, G Thomas, G Collingwood and M Cotton.
- APOLOGIES: Councillors A McAlpine and I Barker
- IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (K Marshall), Manager Strategic Planning and Administration Mark Tregurtha, Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Chief Finance Adviser (C Fitchett), Divisional Manager Corporate Services (H Kettlewell), Senior Executive Technical Services (A Louverdis), Senior Executive Infrastructure (M Schruer), Divisional Manager Community Services (S Coleman) and Administration Advisor (L Laird)
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His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and outlined the procedure for hearing submissions.

1.0 LATE SUBMISSIONS

Resolved

***THAT** the Council receive submissions received after 4pm Wednesday 28 April 2010.*

Holmes/Boswijk

Carried

2.0 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

The Council proceeded to hear the submissions to the Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011.

2.1 Dan McGuire, Submission No. 2, Page 313

The submitter noted that the Performing Arts and Conference Centre and the Brook Sanctuary fence proposals are a burden on ratepayers and unsustainable. Without a proposal on the Performing Arts and Conference Centre being available to the public people cannot comment. The submitter also noted that Council needs to mitigate the effects of central city noise on public health.

2.2 Nigel Wilson, Submission No.131, Page 46

The submitter tabled additional information on his submission and that the stated rates rise was too high. Compounded with the unaffordability of houses, low wages, an unstable economic climate

and high living costs puts a burden on residents. The submitter proposed a rise of no more than 3% and that Council reduce their expenditure.

The submitter noted the storm water drain on his property was a safety hazard and Council had not actioned his requests to get this fixed.

2.3 Avner Nahmias, Submission No. 145, Page 324

Mr Nahmias tabled additional information relating to his submission. He stated that he was opposed to the general rates rise and the removal of the small holdings rating differential. Mr Nahmias stated the Council should sell big infrastructure, for example the Provincial Museum, to pay back our debt.

2.4 Andrew Dunlop, Submission No. 176, Page 328

Mr Dunlop tabled further information and addressed the issue of rates for commercial properties. He particularly noted that motels and hotels, with multiple units and a large earning potential, pay only one rates charge.

2.5 Nicola Robb (Nelson Tasman Connections), Submission No. 120, Page 291

The submitter spoke to the written submission and thanked the Council for their continued support for Connections.

2.6 Daniel Levy, Submission No. 73, Page 376

The submitter stated that the proposed rates increase and removal of the small holdings rating differential and storm water exemption was not fair.

2.7 Paul Blackham, Submission No. 139, Page 30

Mr Blackham addressed Council about the Liability Management Policy and stated that the current hedging policy was not sustainable in the current economic climate.

2.8 Jan & Robert Fryer, Submission No. 140, Page 408

Mr and Mrs Fryer addressed Council about the removal of the 10% rates differential for small holdings and stated it was unfair to remove this as those properties do not receive the same level of service as other properties.

2.9 Stuart Edens, Submission No. 72, Page 375

The submitter stated he was unfairly penalised for his choice to live in a rural area given the removal of the 10% rating

differential. He stated that he did not receive as many Council services as does his closest residential neighbour.

2.10 Jock Sutherland, Submission No. 179, Page 434

With the removal of the small holdings rating differential and storm water exemption, the submitter pointed out that his rates would increase from \$3900 - \$10300.

2.11 Michael Lowe, Submission No. 69, Page 374

Mr Lowe tabled additional information regarding his submission and stated that the removal of the small holdings differential and storm water exemption was unfair.

2.12 Mr C Saxton (Saxton Island), Submission No. 163, Page 426

The submitter noted Saxton Island was the only island under 10 acres and should not be combined in the small holdings category as it did not require many Council services.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.30 to 10.45.

2.13 Chris Allison (Nelson Cycle Trails Trust), Submission No. 70, Page 272

Mr Allison spoke to the written submission which waged the continued support of Council for the Cycle Trail project.

2.14 Glenn Baker, Submission No. 118, Page 215

The submitter spoke to his written submission regarding the overuse of the free internet service in Tahunanui. Mr Baker recommended Council remove these free services to avoid abuse by tourists.

2.15 Glenn Baker, Submission No. 27, Page 216

Mr Baker proposed that only library card holders (temporary cards could be purchased) should be able to use the 10 Council funded computers at the Elma Turner Library.

2.16 David McLeod (Project Homes), Submission No. 66 & 68, Page 284 & 211

Mr McLeod tabled a map illustrating the proposed site for the Tasman Motor Sport Park. Mr McLeod outlined recent developments and asked Council for funding to assist this project. The Council noted that the regional funding forum is the avenue to bring this matter to Council.

Mr McLeod also spoke regarding the Performing Arts and Conference Centre and supported the Centre being placed in

Trafalgar Park as this may entice a large hotel chain to locate there.

2.17 Gordon Davidson (Saxton Field Pavilion), Submission No. 178, Page 285

The submitter endorsed the development of the cricket oval and an additional \$500,000 to finish it.

2.18 Hugh Neil (Theatre Alive Nelson), Submission No. 113, Page 207

Mr Neil spoke in support of the Nelson Historic Theatre Trust and its application for an additional \$300,000 loan to complete the fit out prior to the Theatre's opening. Mr Neil explained that performing arts in Nelson has suffered because the Theatre has been shut. Shows have been housed in substandard facilities forcing producers to bypass Nelson, he said there is already interest in out of town shows to perform at Theatre Royal, he said.

2.19 Penny Griffith (on behalf of 211 signatories), Submission No. 94, Page 187

Ms Griffith spoke to the submission on behalf of the 211 signatories supporting the Nelson Provincial Museum.

2.20 Penny Griffith, Submission No. 86, Page 185

The submitter tabled a document comparing Council funding levels for libraries and the Provincial Museum. Ms Griffith stated the Nelson Provincial Museum had been under-funded by previous Councils and this had led to reduced hours of public access. As a result, the public were losing interest, collections were not being left to the Museum and long-term staff were leaving.

The Museum was carrying out a survey of users to find their preferences for priority areas if they secure additional funding, however preference was likely to be longer opening hours.

2.21 Stephen Alder (Nelson Suburbs Football Club), Submission No. 286, Page 40

Mr Alder spoke to his submission supporting the further development of Saxton Field and seeking funding for drainage and irrigation pop-ups. Mr Alder tabled a map outlining the areas needing development. The need for this drainage and irrigation was not foreseeable when the Park was being developed, he added.

2.22 Dr John Moore, Submission No. 99, Page 215

Dr Moore spoke to his submission regarding what he described as the mis-application of the Resource Management Act.

2.23 David Butler, Submission No. 90, Page 133

Mr Butler spoke in support of retaining the current Brook Sanctuary funding levels allocated for the erection of a fence. He said that the organisation cannot eradicate pests or receive native birds from the Department of Conservation without a fence. Mr Butler added there should not be much maintenance once erected.

2.24 Lotti Schottelius-Winter, Submission No. 9, Page 7

The submitter spoke in support of 'beautifying Nelson' by restricting advertising on verandas or awnings and restricting the use of loud speakers outside cafes and restaurants during the day.

2.25 Peter Hay (Nelson Golf Club Inc), Submission No. 54, Page 109

Mr Hay spoke to his submission regarding the use of treated waste water to irrigate the golf course. Mr Hay stated that the feasibility study had revealed it was possible, but financially unattainable, with only two users. Mr Hay suggested that there may be more users in the future and Council should consider funding a half share of the project.

2.26 Anthony Uiterwijk (Seafield Tce Residents), Submission No. 59, Page 108

The submitter spoke on behalf of the 18 residents on Seafield Tce that share the same storm water ditch. The open drain attracts mosquitoes, weeds and odours and Mr Uiterwijk requested that Council pipe this ditch.

2.27 Trevor Wilson (Whakatū Marae), Submission No. 259, Page 201

The submitters were seeking a site for launching waka ama at the Yacht basin at the Port to give longevity to the sport and safety to the sportspeople. The current launch site was inadequate for a variety of reasons. The submitter stated the site at the Port is a narrower ramp therefore could only accommodate other small craft.

2.28 Julie Catchpole (The Suter), Submission no. 159, Page 184

The submitter spoke in support of her written submission for an additional \$100,000 for deferred maintenance at the Suter, e.g.

an exhibition lighting system, air conditioning and heating. For the Gallery to be able to borrow collections they must meet certain standards which they are not currently, she said.

The submitter also sought Council support in asking Tasman District Council for funding based on the Gallery's regional status.

The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.30 to 1.05pm

2.29 Gaire Thompson, Submission No. 535, Page 155

The submitter spoke on the issues raised in his submission.

2.30 Terry Wiffen (Nelson North Ratepayers), Submission No. 442, Page 188 and John Macbeth, Submission No. 454, Page 116

Mr Terry Wiffen and Mr John MacBeth presented their submissions together. The submitters opposed the proposed removal of the small holdings differential as they do not receive the same Council services as residential houses. This, they said, did not provide equity with their neighbours. They also opposed a general rates rise as their land values had not increased and inflation remained the same.

They said that it was not been clearly explained to them why the small holdings differential was to be removed. The letter that was sent advising of this change was full of ambiguity, they said.

2.31 Dr Gwen Struik (Friends of Nelson Haven & Tasman Bay Inc), Submission No. 536, Page 160

The submitter spoke to her submission and requested the four projects (listed in her submission) be added to the Annual Plan. The submitter also opposed the resource consent to allow oil exploration in Tasman Bay. The submitter supported the Nelson Provincial Museum and requested Council to continue to support this pivotal facility.

2.32 Douglas Nottage (Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club), Submission No. 152A, Page 32

In support of his written submission, the submitter spoke to Council about funding for lights outside of the Croquet Green club rooms. Organisations, including their own, are finding the facility unsafe to use after dark due to the lack of lighting.

2.33 Errol Millar (Grey Power), Submission No. 333, Page 198

Mr Millar spoke to his written submission and addressed issues including the rates rise, poverty and the use of Council resources.

2.34 Peter Robins (Nelson School of Music), Submission No. 5, Page 75

Mr Robins thanked Council for their continued support for the School.

2.35 Jocelyn Bieleski (Royal Forest & Bird), Submission No. 544, Page 162

The submitter spoke to her written submission and emphasised the need for Council to preserve and develop the Grampians as a reserve for native flora and fauna.

2.36 Jocelyn & Paul Bieleski, Submission No. 561, Page 190

The submitters do not support the introduction of a flat rate for storm water and waste water. They also supported providing the Croquet Club with lighting as they had to stop using it as the lighting was so bad.

2.37 Mike Ingram (Wakatu Incorporation) , Submission No. 479, Page 80

The submitter spoke to all the points raised in the submission from Wakatū Incorporation including the promotion of the sport of Waka Ama, the Maori Battalion memorial and participation by Maori in all positions at decision making level. The submitter acknowledged the Council's vision in appointing the Kaihautu role.

2.38 Mike Cunliffe, Submission No. 335, Page 200

The submitter spoke to his submission and asked Council to give consideration to owners of large properties and drew Council's attention to the challenges of those properties.

2.39 Paul Davis (Nelson Tasman Tourism), Submission No. 516, Page 124

The submitter supported the development of a Performing Arts and Conference Centre as currently the city is losing convention customers as we do not have a facility appropriate to hold big events.

2.40 Stuart Hughes, Submission No. 255, Page 52

The submitter spoke about expanding marina facilities as stated in his written submission.

2.41 Tony Quickfall, Submission No. 268, Page 134

The submitter sought a permanent solution to the annual maintenance of the modeller pond especially in summer whilst the campground was at its busiest.

2.42 Hugh Briggs, Ropata Taylor & Moetu Stevens (Tiakina te Taiao Ltd), Submission No.465, Page 35

The submitters addressed Council on the issues in the submission. Although they said that their organisation's relationship with Council is always strengthening, the organisation would like a more strategic viewpoint on some of Council's draft policies. The submitters proposed that Council prioritise \$15,000 to enable the organisation to spend more time developing policy to more accurately represent Iwi concerns.

2.43 Youth Council, Submission No. 505, Page 114

The Youth Council tabled the results from their survey. The Youth Council thanked the Council for being 'youth friendly' and then went through each item that was raised in their survey and discussed the findings. Of emphasis, in particular, were the issues around public transport and the need to improve this service for young people in Nelson.

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 3 to 3.15pm

2.44 Karen Howieson (ARK), Submission No. 2, Page 71

Ms Howieson brought a student and dog which have been through the ARK course to illustrate how the course ran and the benefits it offers the community.

2.45 Logan Clarke (aged 8), Submission No. 277, Page 189

The submitter and his supporters addressed Council on the current standard of the BMX track in Nelson and the need for it to be upgraded. They sought support and funding from Council to develop the track.

2.46 Tony Hunter (Nelson Historical Society), Late Submission

Mr Hunter tabled a document outlining his submission to Council regarding support for the Museum's facility at Isel Park. The submitter proposed that Council reinstate the original funding levels to enable longer hours of public access, increase resourcing for the facility (mainly staff), generally improve the facility to ensure collections cannot be lost or damaged (\$30 million of property is housed there) and catalogue collections.

2.47 Daphne Hunter, Late Submission

Like the previous submitter, the submitter supported the Provincial Museum and endorsed the application for additional funding.

2.48 Colm Dubieniec and Finley Mottram, Late Submission

The submitters proposed to develop a park for cycling and skate boarding at the Glen. The Glen residents have to travel into town to use the facilities. There are many children in Nelson North that use the current parking space for recreation which is a safety hazard.

2.49 Duane Whiting on behalf of David McNicholl, Submission No. 358, Page 20

The submitter opposed the removal of the small holdings rates differential saying that these properties should not be lumped into the same rate category as residential as they do not receive the same level of service from Council.

2.50 Joseph Thomas (Waimea West Water Augmentation), Submission No. 57, Page 29

The group of submitters gave a 20 minute presentation (the power point presentation was tabled) reporting back on the report they had commissioned into funding for the proposed Lee Dam.

His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting for the day and directed that the meeting would resume at 9am on Monday morning to hear the remainder of submissions.

The meeting adjourned at 4.45pm.

The meeting resumed at 9.03am on Monday 24 May 2010 in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor (Chair), Kerry Marshall, Councillors R Reese (Deputy Mayor), D Shaw, P Rainey, A Miccio, A Boswijk, M Holmes, G Thomas, G Collingwood and M Cotton.

APOLOGIES: Councillors A McAlpine, I Barker, D Henigan

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (K Marshall), Manager Strategic Planning and Administration Mark Tregurtha, Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Chief Finance Adviser (C Fitchett), Divisional Manager Corporate Services (H Kettlewell), Senior Executive Technical Services (A Louverdis), Senior Executive Infrastructure (M Schruer), Divisional Manager Community Services (S Coleman), Administration Advisor (L Laird)

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and outlined the procedure for hearing the remainder of the submissions.

3.0 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS (CONTINUED)

The Council continued to hear submissions to the Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011.

3.1 Mark Brown (Victory School), Submission No. 202, Page 130

Mark Brown, the Principal of Victory School, addressed Council about safety issues at the school. He said that the school housed many services with different organisations which created congestion outside the school. Mr Brown showed a video of the safety concerns including a narrow 1.5m footpath, large trucks on the road, and students having to run across the road to avoid traffic.

Mr Brown supported an upgrade of Franklyn Street and asked Council to also address similar safety issues on Vanguard Street.

3.2 Tim Tucker (Nelson College), Submission No. 54, Page 132A

Mr Tucker noted there were not adequate parking facilities to cater for the number of students driving to school and Franklyn and Hampden Streets and Waimea Roads were, as a result, heavily congested jeopardising the safety of students. Mr Tucker tabled maps showing the congestion and other traffic issues caused by the lack of parking facilities. Mr Tucker offered Council the use of Nelson College land to develop parking.

3.3 Bob & Barbara Walker, Submission No. 165, Page 429

The submitter owns a large unique piece of land. Owing to the gradient of the land it cannot earn an income. Mr Walker proposed that property owners with large blocks of land wishing to subdivide should have to pay a higher rates amount however those wishing to keep large blocks for the common good should not.

3.4 Lynn Cadenhead & Neil Deans (The Residents of Elliott Street), Submission No. 97, Page 497

Lynn Cadenhead presented this submission on behalf of Elliott Str residents. The submitter requested Council consider the undergrounding of their power lines to develop the aesthetics of this historic precinct and erect information boards and maps, rubbish bins and a bicycle stand. The submitter also requested calming measures to discourage through traffic using the street.

Attendance: Councillor Cotton entered the meeting at 9.30am

3.5 Bob Murray (Nelson Railway Society), Submission No. 96, Page 119

Mr Murray presented the submission on behalf of the Railway Society seeking support from Council to extend the railway to the end of Trafalgar Str. The Society, he said, required assistance regarding planning permission and the re-location of a water pipe. It was estimated the cost of shifting this pipe would be \$140,000.

3.6 Brian Nelson, Submission No. 100, Page 111

The submitter addressed Council about the need for traffic calming measures in Moana and Bisley Avenues due to speeding vehicles. Mr Nelson tabled a map of the roads at issue. Mr Nelson stated the footpath forces pedestrians to cross the road and he said that he would like to see traffic calming measures placed in middle of the two straights to avoid injury.

3.7 Brian Nelson & John Pattison (Moana/Bisley Residents Assn), Submission No. 101, Page 65

The submitters addressed Council on behalf of the Residents Association to request under-grounding on Moana and Bisley Avenues.

3.8 Evey McAuliffe (Nelson Multicultural Council), Submission No. 53, Page 287

Ms McAuliffe noted that the Annual Plan 'Social Development' section makes no mention of Migrant Support and requests that this be included. Ms McAuliffe also sought Council acknowledgement for the work of such organisations.

3.9 Susie Lees (GE Aware Nelson), Submission No. 58, Page 72

Ms Lees addressed Council on behalf of GE Aware Nelson about a current application to modify specific animal species. She said that GE Aware was taking the application to the Supreme Court. The submitter asked Council to write to government to seek the disclosure of all GE applications available to public and that no 'undisclosed' locations should be allowed. The submitter also tabled additional information regarding the current application in question.

3.10 Katy Steele (Nelson Environment Centre), Submission No. 115, Page 68

Ms Steele addressed Council on the issues raised in the Nelson Environment Centre's submission, particularly regarding the Tantragee Saddle. Trees on the Saddle have been taken down presenting Council with the opportunity to replant natives to secure the soil that is being blown away.

3.11 Verney Ryan (Beacon Pathway Ltd), Submission No. 24, Page 87

Mr Ryan spoke to his submission supporting the Building, Eco Adviser position and outlined the value it added to the community. Mr Ryan asked Council to assist in finding funding to enable the role to continue.

3.12 Bill Sayer, Submission No. 177, Page 146

Mr Sayer addressed Council on his submission seeking funding for planting fruit and nut trees on public lands to assist in 'feeding Nelson'. Mr Sayer tabled additional information.

3.13 Rowena Richards (Uniquely Nelson), Submission No. 204, Page 32

The submitters presented the submission on behalf of Uniquely Nelson and asked Council to consider an increase to their funding of \$30,000 to employ a part-time contractor to help as needed.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.50 to 11.05am

3.14 Ed Kiddle & John Potter (Transition Nelson), Submission No. 62, Page 474

Representing Transition Nelson, the submitters presented their submission to Council.

3.15 Mark Preston-Thomas (ACC), Submission No. 128, Page 528

Mr Preston-Thomas outlined the benefits of Safe Community accreditation and presented his submission on reducing injury. Mr Preston-Thomas tabled information on this accreditation process.

3.16 Gareth Cashin (Victory for Swimming), Submission No. 183, Page 550

The submitter said that Victory for Swimming would like to bring low cost swimming lessons to the Victory community by upgrading the Nelson Intermediate pool (developing solar heating and toilets/changing rooms). The submitter asked Council to fund the developments.

3.17 Gary Vesper, Submission No. 92, Page 322

Mr Vesper opposed the removal of the small holdings rates differential and storm water exemption as he does not use all Council services. He said that he had not been informed of the local meeting and would like another meeting arranged to discuss this issue.

3.18 Anne Rush & Alec Woods (NHAG) , Submission No. 209, Page 590

The submitters presented their submission on behalf of the Nelson Heritage Advisory Group.

3.19 Ross Wylie, Submission No. 209, Page 590

Mr Wylie presented his submission to Council and re-iterated his opposition to the current rating system.

3.20 Barbara Graves (Safe at the Top Working Party), Submission No. 180, Page 296

The submitter supported Safe Community accreditation and offered to assist the Council 'profile' the community for such accreditation.

3.21 Stephen Wynne-Jones (Nelson Biodiversity Forum), Submission No. 49, Page 85

Mr Wynne-Jones addressed Council regarding the Waimea Estuary Management Strategy and supported the provision of funding (about \$40,000) for the Strategy to be put together. The submitter also alerted the Council to other marine issues in Tasman Bay especially the impacts of scallop and other fishing industries.

3.22 Tim Maples, Submission No. 119, Page 511

Jackie McNae spoke on behalf of Mr Tim Maples and tabled additional information regarding Mr Maples' submission. The submitter discussed the current state of some rural roads and proposed Council reschedule the Todd Valley Road upgrade for the next financial year.

3.23 Jackie McNae (Staig & Smith Ltd) , Submission No. 122, Page 344

Ms McNae addressed Council to seek a change in the policy relating to when development contributions are to be paid, i.e. the contribution should be paid when the consent is exercised rather than when it has been granted due to the delay in timing that can occur between the two.

3.24 Jackie McNae (Stoke Valley Holdings) , Submission No. 121, Page 346

Ms McNae presented the submission on behalf of Stoke Valley Holdings. The submitter proposed a change in the time when a development contribution is to be paid. The submitter states that there should be bonding options for development contributions for

larger projects to better suit the timelines developers have to deal with.

3.25 John McLaughlin & Tony Quickfall (Marsden Park Ltd) , Submission No. 34, Page 340

The submitter presented the submission on behalf of Marsden Park Ltd and tabled a proposal to allow flexibility in the way development contributions are made. Also, the submitter contended that a developer is still liable for the same development contribution fee even if they can identify a cheaper and more sustainable option and proposed an amendment to this provision.

3.26 Paul Wopereis & Ruby Holguin, Submission No. 141, Page 128

The submitters spoke to their submission and asked Council for traffic calming measures to protect pedestrians.

3.27 Julie Thompson and Simone Pembrey (Melrose), Submission No. 126, Page 253

Julie Thompson presented a submission on behalf of Melrose House. The house, she said, is able to earn an income from hiring the house (the submitter tabled a list of from May 2009 – May 2010 detailing when the house has been hired) however this is suffering due to the inadequate heating system. The House can apply for community assistance if they secure 30% of the costs. The submitter asked Council for a loan to enable them to qualify for this funding. Also, the submitter requested additional funding to erect information boards outside the house.

His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting and directed that the meeting would resume to consider the submissions at 9am on Monday 31 May 2010.

Manager Strategic Planning and Administration Mark Tregurtha advised Councillors they would receive additional information for consideration prior to the continuation of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1.20pm.

The meeting resumed at 9.00am on Monday 31 May 2010 in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor K Marshall (Chairperson),
Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood,
M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio, P Rainey, R Reese
(Deputy Mayor), D Shaw and G Thomas.

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Council meeting minutes to hear and consider Draft Annual Plan 2010-11 submissions

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (K Marshall), Manager Strategy and Administration (M Tregurtha), Chief Financial Adviser (C Fitchett) and Administration Adviser (A Rose).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor M Cotton.

4.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SUBMISSIONS TO 2010 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

Report No. 923762

The Mayor explained that in accordance with section 47A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the reason why the item was not on the agenda, and the reason why discussion of this could not be delayed until a subsequent meeting, was because it came to hand after the agenda had closed, and it needed to be considered at this meeting because of urgency.

Accordingly, he said, a procedural resolution is required before any discussion on the item can take place.

Resolved

THAT the item regarding additional information on submissions to the 2010 Draft Annual Plan be considered at this meeting, pursuant to section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, because of the need for urgency.

Boswijk/Thomas

Carried

The Chief Finance Adviser tabled a memo entitled 'Possible Ways to Phase in Rating Changes to Smallholdings', dated 27 May 2010, and noted the various rate changes there would be using the various options set out in the paper.

The Chief Executive explained the impact on the Draft Annual Plan of the current situation regarding the Performing Arts and Conference Centre not going ahead.

Concern was expressed that because of recent events, several things Council would have been doing are now likely to be carried over, and yet rates would be charged for those activities.

His Worship the Mayor said that the meeting would go through the submissions page by page, and he asked for Councillors' comments on those submissions. He said that submissions would fall into four categories.

1. Category one will be those submissions that Council would note.

2. Category two would be those submissions that could be sent elsewhere for action.
3. Category three would be those submissions that had no financial impact.
4. Category four would be those submissions that needed further discussion later in the meeting.

5.0 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

The meeting then proceeded to consider the submissions page by page.

5.1 Submission No 75, page 2 – The Nelson Ark

It was agreed to advise the Nelson Ark to apply for community assistance funding.

5.2 Submission No 7, page 9 – Dr Lotti Scottelius-Winter

It was agreed to pass the submission to the Heart of Nelson team.

5.3 Submission No 166, page 11 – Maggi John

It was agreed to pass the submission to the Police, and to take account of the submission later in the meeting, when Council was making the decision regarding the request for more CCTV cameras.

5.4 Submission No 31, page 14 – SBS Bank, Nelson

The submission was noted and it was agreed that it would be passed for staff comments, and then be brought back for discussion by the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee.

5.5 Submission No 204, page 32 – Uniquely Nelson

It was agreed to leave the submission for further discussion later in the meeting.

5.6 Submission No 95, page 45 – Work and Income

The Council noted the submission and agreed to remind the Regional Commissioner for Social Development that it was essential that Rates Rebates should be ongoing.

5.7 Submission No 131, page 46 – Nigel Watson

It was agreed to ask the Senior Executive Infrastructure to investigate the stormwater issue raised in this submission.

5.8 Submission No 152, page 51 – Nelson Tasman Housing Trust

It was agreed to consider the request for the Trust's properties to be listed as non-rateable to be considered later in the meeting.

5.9 Submission No 109, page 54 – Nelson Golf Club Inc

It was agreed to consider the submission regarding provision for the extra cost of providing the pipeline so that waste water could be used to irrigate the golf course be considered later in the meeting.

5.10 Submission No 17, page 58 – Janet Devonport

It was agreed to contact the submitter and to explain the situation regarding the separate water bill charged.

5.11 Submission No 108, page 59 – Residents of Seafeld Terrace.

It was agreed to advise the submitters that there was a budget to pipe roadside ditches and staff would include the Seafeld Terrace ditch on the list for 2010/11 financial year.

5.12 Submission No 11, page 63 – Glen Cormier

It was agreed that Council would write and request that the Ministry for the Environment introduce product stewardship to make the suppliers of batteries take back the products when they are used up.

5.13 Submission No 129, page 64 – Paul and Judith Buck

It was agreed to pass this submission to Nelmac to investigate whether it is practical to offer a choice of rubbish bags so a smaller one could be made available to those who want them.

5.14 Submission No 114, page 68 – Nelson Environment Centre.

Attendance: Councillor Shaw declared an interest in this submission and sat back from the table during discussion of it.

It was noted that commercial waste was a real concern to Council.

5.15 Submission No 58, page 72 – GE Aware Nelson

It was agreed that Council would continue its watching brief on this issue, and correspond to the appropriate government departments where appropriate.

5.16 Submission No 49, page 85 – Nelson Biodiversity Forum

It was agreed that this submission would be discussed later in the meeting.

5.17 Submission No 39, page 86 – Claire Hobson

The Council noted Ms Hobson's comments regarding the Eco Building Design Adviser.

5.18 Submission No 24, page 87 – Beacon Pathway Limited

Attendance: Councillor Shaw declared an interest in this submission and took no part in the discussion.

As in the previous submission, Council noted the submitters' comments regarding the Eco Building Design Adviser.

5.19 Submission No 210, page 93 – Enviro-Challenge

The Manager Environmental Policy, Martin Workman, joined the meeting and said that the issue raised in this submission could be dealt with in the work currently being done by the Environmental Policy Business Unit.

5.20 Submission No 215, page 99

The Manager Environmental Policy said that the submitter had raised a resource management issue and it was not appropriate to respond to the issue raised via the Annual Plan process.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.00am until 10.15am for morning tea.

5.21 Submission No 33, page 103 – Rosemary Grace-Webb

It was agreed to advise the submitter that the issue of constructing more bus shelters was a 'work in progress'.

5.22 Submission No 147, page 104 – Anna Greene and Submission No 206, page 105

It was agreed to advise both submitters what the likely timetable was regarding the extension of public transport within Nelson City.

5.23 Submission No 61, page 110 – Boyd Sofield

The Senior Executive Technical Services, Alec Louverdis, joined the meeting and advised Council that speeding checks were currently being carried out in the Brook Valley, and if it was found that a large amount of drivers were travelling on the Brook Valley Roads at high speed, then a solution would be worked through.

5.24 Submission No 100, page 111

As in the previous submission, it was advised that investigation was being carried regarding traffic speeds in Bisley Avenue.

5.25 Submission No 96, page 119 – Nelson Railway Society Inc

It was noted that the Society needed to know if the Council supported the project. It was agreed that a report would be brought to Council.

5.26 Submission No 130, page 127 – Bob Askew

It was noted that the issue of “barns dance” crossing for pedestrians at Halifax / Trafalgar Street had been investigated by the Heart of Nelson, but considered not a good option because there were not the numbers of pedestrians using the crossing to make a ‘barns dance’ a viable option.

5.27 Submission No 141, page 128

The Manager Transport, Andrew James, joined the meeting and he said he was hopeful that the Model Communities initiative would generate funding to do the work requested by the submitter.

5.28 Submission No 146, page 129 – Dianne Donnelly

It was agreed that the issue of the public stairway from Montcalm Street to Wolf Street would be investigated, and the submitter advised of the likely timing of construction.

5.29 Submission No 202, page 130 – Victory Primary School

It was agreed that the staff would investigate this request.

5.30 Submission No 54, page 132a – Nelson College

As in the previous submission, it was agreed the staff would investigate this request, and at the same time ask the school to limit the number of pupils allowed to take cars to school. It was the feeling of Council that student cars should be parked on school property, and that Council were reluctant to provide this sort of parking for schools.

5.31 Submission No 30, page 135

The Council generally supported in principle the idea for a Returned Serviceman’s Plot – Memorial Dedication at the Marsden Valley Cemetery, as set out in this submission.

5.32 Submission No 25, page 145 – Sean Muntz

The Council did not consider that creating a large dog park, as requested by the submitter, was a very high priority.

5.33 Submission No 177, page 146 – Bill Sayer

It was agreed to discuss the points in this submission later in the meeting.

5.34 Submission No 32, page 152a

It was agreed to advise the submitter to make a further submission to the Reserves Management Policy regarding lighting the Croquet Club rooms. During discussion, it was agreed to draw the matter to the attention of Community Watch so they could patrol the area.

5.35 Submission No 103, page 158 – Steven Havell-Smith

With regard to the submitter's comments regarding Isel Park, the need was highlighted for discussion and consideration whether the facilities at the Museum were adequate or not.

The Divisional Manager Community Services, Susan Coleman joined the meeting and said her staff were looking at what is appropriate storage for the Museum.

During the discussion it was also questioned where the toilets on Church Hill were best located. In reply, the Manager Community Projects, Andrew Petheram, joined the meeting and confirmed that staff have already met with the Cathedral and were working with them on this matter.

There followed a number of submissions relating to the Suter and the Nelson Provincial Museum, and it was agreed to leave the items raised in these submissions to later in the meeting.

5.36 Submission No 27, page 215

It was agreed that the Library Manager would report on the issue of free internet service at the Library later in the meeting.

5.37 Submission No 47, page 252 – Susan Tonks

This submission, which requested the Council's public toilets be upgraded, generated discussion from the Council and it was agreed to leave this matter until later in the meeting.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 11.20am until 11.30am.

5.38 Submission No 126, page 253 – The Melrose Society Inc

It was agreed to grant The Melrose Society an interest free loan of \$25,000 to be repaid over a period of five years.

5.39 Submission No 52, page 255 – Stuart Hughes Associates Ltd

It was agreed to wait to consider the submission until after the results of the Arterial Study had been received.

The matter was duly noted and it was agreed it would be brought back in the future.

5.40 Submission No 201, page 259 – Whakatū Marae

The submission sought a separate site for Waka Ama at the Yacht Basin in Port Nelson, stating that the main boat ramp has so much traffic in and out that it is often a risk to launch waka. It was agreed that an alternative site be investigated.

5.41 Submission No 134, page 268 – Tahuna Business Association

Regarding the request to upgrade the Modellers' Pond at Tahunanui Reserve, it was agreed that it would be advised that an initial pond clean up of the pond has now been completed, and that should enable the pond to remain in reasonable condition over the 2010/11 summer, providing funding is provided for within the existing Tahunanui budget for the 2010/11 year, with more substantial funding possibly required for the 2011/12 year, subject to the outcome of planning work.

5.42 Submission No 70, page 278 – Nelson Trails Trust

It was pointed out that the regional tourism facility that the Nelson Cycles Trails Trust was working on in Tasman and Nelson would be a partnership between the Trust, Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council, and needed to be part of an MOU drawn up between the two Councils. It was agreed that \$30,000 would be given to the Trust so long as the Tasman District Council agreed to do the same.

5.43 Submission No 189, page 277

It was agreed to investigate the upgrading of the BMX track at Tahunanui, and report back to Council.

5.44 Submission No 66, page 284

It was agreed to note the proposal for the Tasman Motorsport Park and await a more specific proposal from the submitter.

5.45 Submission No 178, page 285

It was noted that the matter raised in the submission would be subject to a discussion on the Council agenda on Thursday 3 June.

5.46 Submission No 40, page 286

It was agreed that the matter of drainage at No 1 Football Ground at Saxton Field, together with irrigation of the training ground at No 2 and No 3 Saxton Field would be subject to discussion later in the meeting.

5.47 Submission No 180, page 296

Although there was considerable support for this submission, it was felt that the Social Wellbeing Policy needs to be set first. It was also pointed out that the Ministry of Justice Funding for the Safer City position has not been confirmed for the 2010/11 year, and if this funding was not forthcoming the current safety initiatives will need to be absorbed within other existing roles.

5.48 Submission No 83, page 302 - New Zealand Police Area Commander Nelson Bays

It was agreed that the request for a further \$55,000 for CCTV camera equipment would be discussed later in the meeting.

5.49 Submission No 132, page 309 – Hothouse Communications Ltd

It was advised that Council staff have talked with the owner of the building adjacent to Fiddle Land and have agreed to install brighter lights to increase visibility in the area at night.

5.50 Submission No 1, page 312 – Colin McBright

Mr McBright's submission was on the general level of rate rise, and this drew a discussion on rating in general. It was pointed out that the Rating Review Party has done its job and reported back to Council. What was needed was to find a smarter way of communicating with the public what exactly they are paying for. This prompted a general discussion on rates and how they are perceived and charged.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 12.30 to 1.15pm for lunch.

5.51 The Council discussed the category 12 submissions (rates and charges; including resource consent fees and charges) that started on page 313 to 349. Council identified the rates issue as one needing further discussion and resolved to discuss this in depth later in the meeting.

5.52 Submission No 2, page 313

Council noted that this submission referred to inner city noise as well as the Performing Arts and Conference Centre and Brook Sanctuary Fence.

5.53 Submission No 176, page 328 – Dan McGuire

Mr Dunlop's submission addressed the issue of the disparity between the residential and commercial rating schemes. Chief Financial Adviser, Chris Fitchett tabled additional information and stated that this issue cannot be changed at this stage as Council would be required to carry out a full consultation process.

5.54 Submission No 198, page 333 – Errol Millar, Grey Power

Council discussed the organisation's expenditure, debt and staff increases as detailed in Mr Millar's submission. The Chief Executive rationalised the salary and wage increases and stated that Council debt was about the national average. Councillor Miccio asked to see debt projections at the next meeting.

5.55 Submission No 200, page 336

Council noted the submission and staff stated that this property will get a 35% rebate due to its rural differential.

5.56 Submission No 34, page 340

The Council addressed the issues raised in this submission, particularly regarding the proposal to put bonds in place to pay development contributions at staged rates. Senior Executive Infrastructure, Michael Schruer recommended that Council make no changes to the current development contributions policy, particularly to when fees are paid as the onus will shift on to the Council to keep track of when a house sells.

5.57 Submission No 121 and 122, pages 344 - 349

Like the submission above, these submissions proposed changes to development contributions policy. Council staff recommended no changes to this policy. Staff referred the Council to the notes provided in the staff comments report.

5.58 Submission 12, page 350

Council discussed this submission and identified that the proposed removal of the rating differential and addition of the storm water charge need to be discussed in depth at the next Annual Plan considerations meeting. Council directed staff to find out if there are any regulations directing landowners that have to provide their own storm water infrastructure.

5.59 Submission No 110, page 402 – Judith Solly

Council noted this submission was to be discussed further, particularly the freedom camping issue.

5.60 Council then discussed rates capping and highlighted that it would be difficult moving the offset of higher value properties onto lower value properties and that one day a property's earning potential will be outweighed by its sale price or subdivision potential.

5.61 Submission No 5, page 462 – Pip Jamieson

It was agreed that the points in the submission were noted.

5.62 Submission No 8, page 463

It was agreed to note the submission.

5.63 Submission No 9, page 464

It was agreed to note the submission.

5.64 Submission No 35, page 465 – Tiakina te Taiao

The Council discussed the issues raised in the submission and agreed to note it.

5.65 Submission No 50, page 471

Council agreed to note the submission.

5.66 Submission No 59, page 473

The Council noted that where creeks and streams are used for stormwater purposes, the health of that creek or stream needs to be cared for.

5.67 Submission No 62, page 474 – Transition Nelson

The submission from Transition Nelson was discussed and the points noted.

5.68 Submission No 80, page 479 - Wakatū Incorporation

The Council noted that there were a suite of issues raised in the submission from Wakatū Incorporation. It was agreed that the Council would discuss these with the organisation and that a hui was the appropriate forum.

5.69 Submission No 85, page 485 – Residents Association

Councillor Barker declared an interest and removed himself from the conversation. The Council agreed that the submission should be acknowledged.

5.70 Submission No 97, page 497

This submission sought undergrounding on Elliott Street. Council heard that undergrounding is offered to residents when a trenching project was due to take place in that area. This was offered to residents a few years ago however they declined and the project is now complete.

Attendance: Councillor Miccio left the meeting at 2.45pm.

5.71 Council directed staff to find out if it was possible to re-visit this work, and look at the other proposals in the submission, as it would be good to get this issue sorted out whilst work on Trafalgar Street takes place.

5.72 Submission 102, page 501

Council agreed to note the submission.

6.0 STANDING ORDERS 5.6 MEETING EXTENDING BEYOND SIX HOURS

Resolved

***THAT** in accordance with Standing Order 5.6, the meeting continue beyond six hours.*

Boswijk/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

7.0 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS (CONTINUED)**7.1 Submission No 111, page 503**

It was agreed to note the submission.

7.2 Submission No 114, page 505

The Council discussed the submission, particularly public transport and stated that there is currently no budget for investing in this. It was agreed to note the submission.

7.3 Submission No 117, page 507

It was agreed to note the submission.

7.4 Submission No 119, page 511 – Tim Maples

Staff stated that they had planned on doing a study into the benefits of sealing this road (and other rural roads). Council agreed that this study should be brought forward and a report prepared.

7.5 Submission No 123, page 514

7.6 Council agreed to note the submission and heard from staff as to when this work is scheduled to occur.

7.7 Submission No 124, page 516 – Nelson Tasman Tourism

It was agreed to note the submission.

7.8 Submission No 125, page 520 – Joe Waller

Regarding the interest free loan, signage and historical boards for Melrose House, the Council noted that this decision had already been made and approved. The Council noted that submissions proposals for the Performing Arts and Conference Centre.

7.9 Submission No 127, page 523 – Nelson Heritage Advisory Group

The Council noted that this submission, asking for an increase in the Group's funding, needed to be discussed at the next meeting, particularly about earthquake prone heritage buildings. The Council discussed the state of the 1904 building. The Council noted that because the building is on Department of Conservation land, the Minister of Conservation should be alerted to the building's condition.

7.10 Submission No 128, page 528 – ACC

The submission was noted and the Council agreed to have a dialogue with ACC about where collaboration on injury prevention projects or initiatives can be undertaken, particularly regarding the changes to ACC's Roding and Footpath Policy.

7.11 Submission 135, page 532 – Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency

The Council noted the submission.

7.12 Submission No 143, page 534

It was agreed to note the submission.

7.13 Submission No 155, page 535

The Council agreed to note the submission however asked staff to follow up on the submitters concerns about the Aero Club's Statement of Intent regarding its commercial status and the reduction of private ground rental. The Council also noted that staff were to talk to the New Zealand Transport Agency about better signage on state roads from Christchurch.

7.14 Submission No 160, page 536

The Council noted the submission and that the classification of the Boulder Bank was currently in progress by the Heritage Commission.

7.15 Submission No 162, page 544 – Forest and Bird Protection Society, Nelson Tasman Branch

It was agreed to note the submission.

7.16 Submission No 171, page 547 – National Council of Women

The Council agreed to note the submission.

7.17 Submission No 183, page 550 – Victory for Swimming

Staff advised Council that the preference would be for the submitter to get funding for the feasibility study from Lotteries.

The Council could then provide \$5000 from the Physical Activity Plan implementation budget which would allow them to leverage funding from other sources.

7.18 Submission No 186, page 553

Council agreed to note the submission.

7.19 Submission 186, page 553

The Council agreed to note the submission.

7.20 Submission No 187, page 554

It was agreed this submission (improvements to Guppy Park/Neale Park) would be discussed in greater detailed at the next meeting.

7.21 Submission No 190, page 561

The Council noted the submission and requested that the response be thorough. The Council agreed that all the issues that were raised in the submission had been covered by the discussions and decisions made previously in the meeting.

7.22 Submission No 194, page 563

The Council noted that Albion Square is on Department of Conservation land however they stated that this issue was on the radar for action and this should be included in the response.

7.23 Submission No 197, page 565 - Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce

The Council noted the Chambers encouragement for developing a conference centre and that they wished to be consulted on changes to the Fringe Commercial rating category.

7.24 Submission No 208, page 568

It was agreed to note the submission.

7.25 Submission No 209, page 590 – Ross Wylie

The Council noted the issues that were raised in the submission.

7.26 Submission No 213, page 594 – Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

The Council noted that the submitter asked if these submissions were helpful and directed staff to respond to this in the reply letter.

7.27 Submission No 214, page 596

The Council agreed to note the submission.

7.28 Late submission – Chris Winders

Council discussed the rating and stormwater issues raised in the submission and stated that these would be discussed later in the meeting.

7.29 Late submission - Daphne Hunter

The Council agreed to note the submission.

7.30 Late submission – Nelson Historical Society

It was agreed to note the submission.

7.31 Late submission – Philip and Gabrielle Coote**7.32** It was agreed that the upgrade of the Suter Gallery raised in this submission would be discussed later at the meeting.

7.33 Late submission – Sally Mottram-Dubieniec

It was agreed that this submission would be listed in the items for discussion at the next meeting.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned at 3.40pm

The meeting resumed at 9.00am on Wednesday 2 June 2010 in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

PRESENT:	His Worship the Mayor K Marshall (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio, P Rainey, R Reese (Deputy Mayor), D Shaw and G Thomas.
IN ATTENDANCE:	Chief Executive (K Marshall), Manager Strategy and Administration (M Tregurtha), Chief Financial Officer (C Fitchett) and Administration Adviser (A Rose).
APOLOGIES:	Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors M Cotton and D Henigan

His Worship the Mayor welcomed Councillors to the resumed meeting and explained the process that would be followed.

8.0 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS (CONTINUED)

The Manager Strategy and Administration tabled a document Items for Discussion at Council Meeting 2 June 2010 which summarised all the items from submissions which had been held over for further discussion.

Councillor Collingwood drew Council's attention to the wider issue of staff who have been reassigned for work in connection with the Rugby World Cup and questioned, as a result, were there activities in the Draft Annual Plan that would not now be done and should these be pulled out of the final document.

The Chief Executive said that all that had been done at this stage was to note who would be required and what staff time commitment it would take. The consequences had not been looked at but it will be addressed in the next Chief Executive's Report.

Councillor Collingwood said the issue that concerned her was what activities and items would end up being pushed out into the next financial year as a result of Rugby World Cup work and whether Council should collect rates for these items. She said that she was very concerned Council was going to set rates knowing this and knowing that it was going to collect rates unnecessarily.

The Chief Executive said that every six weeks in the Chief Executive's Report the Council gets a picture of the projects and their prioritisation. He said the next Chief Executive's Report would cover the issue Councillor Collingwood was concerned about.

Councillor Collingwood said she still felt uncomfortable about setting the rates as, in particular at the Council Meeting the following day, there is a report signalling a 9,000 hour impact as a result of Rugby World Cup 2011 and she said that Council needed to know what things cannot be delivered and it had to acknowledge this in some way in the Final Plan.

The Chief Financial Officer tabled a paper entitled Future Years Rates which set out the rates and charges increases as per the Community Plan 2009/19, the estimated increases after the 2010/11 and the possible changes that would occur in future years. His Worship the Mayor reminded the meeting that there would be a rate increase and today was the time for Council to make its decision following consideration of the submissions to the Draft Annual Plan on how much is added on to the proposed rating increase and how much would be taken off.

The meeting then turned its attention to the list entitled Items for Discussion at Council Meeting 2 June 2010.

8.1 Nigel Wilson

The Manager Infrastructural Assets, Michael Schruer, joined the meeting and explained the Council Policy for the piping of open drains where the landowner pays 50% and the Council pays the other 50%. He said that Council has the resources to do this work this year.

Resolved

THAT staff be authorised to negotiate with Mr Wilson regarding drainage through his property,

AND THAT the work be carried out this financial year.

McAlpine/Miccio

Carried

8.2 Nelson Tasman Housing Trust

The Nelson Tasman Housing Trust request that Housing Trust properties be exempt from rates was considered by Council to be part of the wider affordable housing issue which formed part of the Social Wellbeing Policy which Council would not be considering in this term of Council.

8.3 Nelson Golf Club

The Nelson Golf club request that the Council fund the water pipe for the recycled water to Tahuna at the same time as it is installing the new sewer pipe. Although this request found some support from Council it was suggested that it should be explored as an integral part of the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit structure.

8.4 Waimea Water Augmentation Committee

The Council discussed providing funding towards the proposed Lee Valley Dam as requested and it was generally accepted that Council should support the project in principle and keep its options open for the future and that the whole issue should be part of a wider Memorandum of Understanding between Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council.

Resolved

THAT in principle only at this stage, Council support this request for budgetary purposes conditional on the Chief Executive reporting back after further discussions with Tasman District Council.

Holmes/Miccio

Carried

In answer to a question the Chief Executive confirmed that the Council was not deciding to proceed at this stage. It was making provision only so it was able to make a decision to be involved, if it wanted to, in the future.

8.5 Glenn Baker

Council discussed Mr Bakers request that Council review its policy on internet access through the three libraries. There was a discussion regarding the impact of the free library service on local businesses that provide internet services for tourists, and access for library members.

Council asked staff to investigate and report back on the options and costings for an electronic booking system to allow library card holders only to access the council provided computers.

8.6 John Pattison and Brian Nelson and the Elliott Street Residents

Council discussed the submissions which requested funding for undergrounding power cables. After discussion it was agreed that the matter of undergrounding cables should be deferred for consideration at the time of the Policy review.

8.7 Biodiversity Forum

The Council discussed the request for a review on whether the current funding for biodiversity achieves the objectives of the Council. After discussion it was agreed that some staff time would be allocated within existing budgets but there would be no extra funding for this project at this time.

8.8 Bruce McLeod

Mr McLeod's request for Council to increase public transport in the City was discussed and it was agreed that Council would have to wait until the Arterial Study was complete and its findings known. It was agreed to outline to the submitter Council's application for Model Community Funding and that this was a priority for Council and to also advise the submitter to approach SBL Buses with his concerns.

8.9 Boyd Sofield

It was agreed to wait to discuss this issue until after lunch when the Transport Engineer would be able to come to Council with information on the Minor Safety Works Programme.

8.10 Bill Sayer

With regard to Mr Sayers suggestion that Council plant more fruiting trees, the Manager Parks and Facilities, Paul McArthur, joined the meeting and in reply to a question said that at the moment there was a very low percentage of fruit trees planted by the Council. He said that when the Neighbourhood Reserve Management Plans were being reviewed, staff would look at the types of fruit and nut trees that could be planted on Neighbourhood Reserves. It was agreed to pass this information on to the submitter and also to note that Council valued the quality of the submission.

8.11 Tahuna Business Association

With regard to the request that Council concrete-line the Tahuna Modellers Pond, the Manager Parks and Facilities said that it was too early to know yet if the work carried out on the pond recently had been successful. It was agreed to wait and review this issue after the summer.

8.12 Ms Susan Tonks

Ms Tonks request that Council reviews its levels of service for public toilets was discussed and the Manager Parks and Facilities, Paul McArthur said that levels of service at public toilets were reviewed every two years.

8.13 Nelson Cycle Trails

The request that Council provide an extra \$30,000 in the 2010/11 financial year towards the cost of the Nelson Cycle Trust was discussed and although it was felt that Council needed to show some support in this three way partnership with the Trust and the Tasman District Council there was little support for what was seen as "capacity building" for the Trust. It was felt that the Trust should explain why they should get Council economic development funding so the Councillors can more clearly understand what its purpose was. The Divisional Manager Community Services said that there was a Draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Trust that Council needed to consider and the funding presentation could be done at that time.

8.14 Nelson Suburbs Football Club

The Manager Community Projects, Andrew Petheram, joined the meeting and explained the background behind the Nelson Suburbs Football Club request that Council install drainage systems for the number one football ground and pop-up irrigation for the numbers two and three grounds. He said that drainage needs to go in and the costs would be \$130,000. The second issue regarding irrigation, he said, was not urgent. He also reminded Council that there was still the issue of the fence that the Club had requested. He said that the staff recommendation on the fence was that Council do not proceed but that it did undertake the drainage work. The Council agreed to this recommendation.

8.15 Judith Solly

Ms Solly's request that Council review its processes for freedom camping was discussed and the Manager Parks and Facilities, Paul McArthur, said a report would be coming to Council on this matter.

8.16 Nelson City AFC/United AFC

The request for improvements to Guppy Park/Neale Park including increased maintenance schedule, new convenience blocks and a request for a regular consultative forum with staff was discussed. The Manager Parks and Facilities, Paul McArthur, and the Manager Community Projects, Andrew Petheram, joined the meeting and explained what the plans were for the area. It was agreed that changing rooms were difficult to justify at this time however the planned toilets would go ahead and when they did that was the time to consider for additional storage space.

The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.40pm to 1.16pm.

8.17 Boyd Sofield

The Transport Manager, Andrew James, joined the meeting and there was a general discussion on Councils Road Safety Policies including the speed of cars. Mr James explained that speed humps are not normally installed in what is described as feeder roads. He confirmed that the Tasman/Manuka Street roundabout would be upgraded but that the issue with the Boys College on Franklyn Street and Hampden Street was not a minor improvement issues.

8.18 Tim Maples

Mr Maples' request for Council to undertake a study to change Council policy on sealing rural roads was discussed. It was advised that at the time of the review of the Asset Management Plan the rural roads upgrading programme would also be reviewed. Currently they would only be sealed if there was a growth scenario that could be proved.

8.19 Havell and Helen Stephen-Smith

The submitters request that the Museum Trust increase level of service for researchers was discussed and it was advised out that a study was underway regarding the ongoing storage problem at the museum.

8.20 Suter Art Gallery

The Suter Art Gallery request that Council provide \$100,000 towards capital/deferred maintenance until the proposed redevelopment is undertaken was discussed. The Divisional Manager Community Services pointing out that there was already \$100,000 in the Draft Annual Plan for the year 2010/2011. She also confirmed that a proposal is being developed for capital improvements at the museum which will be presented in the first term of the new Council.

8.21 Uniquely Nelson

Resolved

THAT Council grant an additional \$10,000 to Uniquely Nelson with the money coming from the Inner City differential.

Thomas/Collingwood

Carried

8.22 Nelson Police

The request from the Nelson Police that Council provide an additional \$55,000 in 2010/11 towards cameras in the Inner City brought some confusion over what the money would be used for

and whether this was the right approach and what Council would be getting for the extra money. It was felt that the issue should be properly considered as part of the forthcoming review of the Social Wellbeing Policy and there was no support to provide the additional funding at this stage.

8.23 Nelson Heritage Advisory Group

It was agreed to increase the Heritage fund by \$11,000 to \$50,000 as requested by the Nelson Heritage Advisory Group.

8.24 Rating Policy for Smallholdings

Resolved

***THAT** until the next rates review Council keep the negative 10% in the meantime but change the rating policies so that all smallholdings West of Gentle Annie pay half the stormwater rate in 2010/11 and the full stormwater rate in 2011/12.*

Miccio/Shaw

Carried

8.25 Rating for Urban Farmland

As no submissions had been received to this change it was decided to confirm this change in the Annual Plan 2010/11.

8.26 Rating on QEII Trust Property

Resolved

***THAT** in order to move financial disadvantage and to recognise a community benefit of land covenanted to the QEII Trust and, although no rates are charged on land covenanted to the QEII Trust, that the total area of rateable land plus non-rateable covenanted land be used to determine whether a property is classified as residential, smallholding or rural.*

Holmes/Shaw

Carried

8.27 Whether Increases in Rates Can Be Capped

It was agreed that rates should not be capped.

8.28 Impact of Changes on Rate Increase

The Chief Finance Adviser advised that the effect of all the changes was that the average increases in rates and charges excluding GST would be approximately 5.67%

8.29 Debt Levels

The Chief Executive said that Council needed to have a discussion at some stage on its debt levels and decide what a sustainable debt level for the City looked like.

8.30 Uniform Annual General Charge

It was agreed to leave the Uniform Annual General Charge at its current level.

8.31 Bonds

It was agreed that this matter would be addressed in the next Chief Executives Report.

8.32 Saxton Island

It was agreed that the properties on Saxton Island will not have to pay stormwater charges.

8.33 Depreciation**8.33.1. Mr Donnell**

The meeting acknowledged Mr Donnell who had sat through and listened to all the deliberations as well as making a submission and it was resolved that Council acknowledge the inequities in the rating issue as raised by Mr Donnell and Council will work to address these inequities.

Barker/Reese

Carried

At that point the Mayor adjourned the meeting and said it would reconvene following the Council Meeting the next day.

The meeting adjourned at 3.00pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.45pm on Thursday 3 June 2010 in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

PRESENT:	His Worship the Mayor K Marshall (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Holmes, D Henigan, A McAlpine, A Miccio, R Reese (Deputy Mayor), D Shaw and G Thomas
IN ATTENDANCE:	Chief Executive (K Marshall), Manager Strategy and Administration (M Tregurtha), Chief Financial Officer (C Fitchett) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)
APOLOGIES:	Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor M Cotton and P Rainey

The Chief Financial Officer presented a spreadsheet which was displayed on the projector screen and showed the main changes to the budget as a result of the foregoing discussions over the previous two days of meetings. Although the rate level of 5.7% was deemed by the majority of Councillors as acceptable there was concern that the effects of the increase to GST would mean that the rates rise would be in the region of 7.5%. It was emphasised that Council needed to clearly communicate, with the ratepayers, that the increase in GST was not the Council's fault but arose because of a change in Government Policy.

In answer to a question from Councillor Thomas, the Chief Executive said that he was still awaiting a proposal from the Maitai Club which would come in due course to Council.

There was also some discussion regarding the Arms Length projects but it was felt that any money needed to proceed with these could be found from the contingency.

Resolved

THAT having heard and considered the submissions to the 2010/11 draft Annual Plan the final plan and estimates incorporate changes and amendments made at this meeting and subject to any minor amendments;

AND THAT the amended plan be approved in accordance with section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002.

AND THAT the 2010/11 schedule of fees for Resource Consents business unit approved

AND THAT the Development Contributions Policy be approved including setting the maximum residential contribution for second dwellings on a lot to be \$12,525 per HUD plus any annual adjustment.

Thomas/Boswijk

Carried

Councillor Barker requested his vote against the resolution be recorded. His Worship the Mayor thanked Councillors and staff for all the work they had done during this period of the Annual Plan.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4.16pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

_____ CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE