



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

RODNEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES: of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Rodney District Council which commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Centreway Road, Orewa on Tuesday, 23 June 2009.

PRESENT: Penny Webster, Mayor (Chairperson)
Crs Ross Craig
Pat Delich
Michael Goudie
Gaye Harding
John Kirikiri
Dave Parker QSM
Grahame Powell
Zane Taylor
June Turner
Greville Walker
Wayne Walker
Suzanne Weld

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (Rodger Kerr-Newell)
Assistant Chief Executive (Warren MacLennan)
Director: Customer Service (Lloyd Barton)
Director: Corporate Services (Kevin Ramsay)
General Manager: Strategy (Rory Palmer)
Strategic Partnering Manager (Beverley Fletcher)
Group Manager: Financial Services (Warren Stevens)
Communications Advisor (Allanah Jarman)
Democracy Services Officer (Elaine Stephenson)

371/06/09 APOLOGIES

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Powell/Parker

That the apologies from Crs Goudie and Taylor for absence be received and sustained.

Carried

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**372/06/09 SUBMISSION TO THE AUCKLAND GOVERNANCE LEGISLATION
SELECT COMMITTEE****FILE REF** AH/1/17/2; AE/16/1**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 2

A hard copy of the draft submission (copy on file AH/1/17/2; AE/16/1) was distributed at the meeting.

10.15 a.m. Chief Legal Officer (Rob Goldsbury) in attendance.

General Manager, Strategy (Rory Palmer) pointed out that the submission referred to the findings of a recent Colmar Brunton survey of 1,200 Rodney residents which found that only 22% of residents wanted to be included in an Auckland super city. A hard copy of the analysis of the survey was provided and is on file (AH/1/17/2; AE/16/1).

Mr Palmer highlighted and clarified the points raised in the submission and councillors discussed the content and suggested amendments and improvements.

10.45 a.m. Director Customer Service (Lloyd Barton) retired from the meeting.

It was pointed out that the Local Government Commission would decide the District's boundaries but that the Select Committee would set the parameters on this decision.

11.05 a.m. Communications Advisor (Mike Isle) in attendance.

In discussion it was noted that there was a third Government bill to follow, in which the lines for local boards would be drawn, and that if Rodney was not declared a unitary authority, then the next step would be to lobby for local boards to ensure that local representation is not diluted.

11.27 a.m. Chief Legal Officer (Rob Goldsbury) retired from the meeting.

There was further discussion regarding the details of the submission content.

11.50 a.m. Strategic Partnering Manager (Beverley Fletcher) retired from the meeting.

The Council officers were congratulated on the work they had done towards compiling the Council's submission.

Webster/Turner

- (a) That the submission, including any amendments as agreed at the meeting, to be forwarded to the Auckland Governance Legislation Select Committee by the due date of 26 June, be approved.**
- (b) That the working party and the Chief Executive be delegated authority to present the Council's submission to the Auckland Governance Legislation Select Committee Hearings.**

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Division**For the motion**

**Craig
Harding
Kirikiri
Parker
Weld
Turner
Powell
Webster**

Against the motion

**Delich
W Walker
G Walker**

Carried

Crs G Walker and Delich requested that it be recorded that they were opposed to the decision because most ratepayers in the west; including Riverhead, Kumeu, Huapai and Muriwai, expressed a preference to align with Auckland City.

A final, amended copy of the Council's submission to the Auckland Governance Legislation Select Committee is attached as **Appendix 1** to the meeting minutes.

The meeting closed at 12.00 midday.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2009

MAYOR

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APPENDIX 1