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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 25 July 2000 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shaw, Shields, Thomas and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Kennedy, Leonard, Morrison, Nugent and Roberts

Councillor McQueen welcomed Peter Nugent, the new Laboratory Manager, to his first meeting.

Public Business

Procedural Items

US136 **Apologies**

Councillor McQueen said Councillor Hutchings was chairing the Transport and Infrastructure Committee at Wellington City Council and was unable to attend today's meeting. Councillor McQueen said he had also apologised for non-attendance at Councillor Hutchings' meeting.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the apology from Councillor Hutchings (WCC), be confirmed.

US137 Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

US138 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That the Public and Public Excluded minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2000, Report 00.567, and Report PE 00.568, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

US139 Wholesale Water Supply: Review of Fees and Charges for Private Supplies: Period July 2000 to June 2001

Report 00.555

File: B/5/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Laidlaw)

- (1) That a variable water rate of 42.6 cents per cubic metre for private supplies for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, be approved.*
- (2) That fixed fees and charges the same as were set for the 1997/98 financial year, be approved.*
- (3) That the need to progressively reduce the number of connections, over the next few years, be noted.*

Matters for Information

US140 Divisional Report

Report 00.538

File: O/2/1/10

Councillor Shields left at 9.50am on other Council business.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Other Matters

US141 Questions

There were no questions.

US142 General

Pakuratahi Forest

Councillor McQueen said that yesterday he had visited Pakuratahi Forest with a group of officers and had discussed a range of land issues

US143 Exclusion of the Public

Report 00.570

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Water Services Agreement with Wellington City Council

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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Water Services Agreement with Wellington City Council

Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act of section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Wellington Regional Council

The open part of the meeting concluded at 10.30am.

CR EUAN McQUEEN
Chairman

Date: