

## Council MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Dunedin City Council held in the Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin on Tuesday 14 May 2024, commencing at 9.30 am

### PRESENT

**Mayor** Mayor Jules Radich  
**Deputy Mayor** Cr Cherry Lucas

**Members**

Cr Bill Acklin	Cr Sophie Barker
Cr David Benson-Pope	Cr Christine Garey
Cr Kevin Gilbert	Cr Carmen Houlahan
Cr Marie Laufiso	Cr Mandy Mayhem
Cr Jim O'Malley	Cr Lee Vandervis
Cr Steve Walker	Cr Brent Weatherall
Cr Andrew Whiley	

### IN ATTENDANCE

Sandy Graham (Chief Executive Officer), Leanne Mash (Deputy CEO/General Manager Business and Community Engagement), Robert West (General Manager Corporate Services), Jeanette Wikaira (General Manager Arts, Culture and Recreation), Claire Austin (General Manager Customer and Regulatory), Carolyn Allan (Chief Financial Officer), Scott MacLean (General Manager Climate and City Growth), David Ward (General Manager 3 Waters and Transition) and Nicola Morand (Manahautū - General Manager Policy and Partnerships), Clare Sullivan (Manager Governance)

**Governance Support Officer** Lynne Adamson and Lauren Riddle

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### 1 OPENING PRAYER

Jacqueline Medvecka opened the meeting with a prayer on behalf of the Baha'i community.

### 2 APOLOGIES

There were apologies received from Mayor Jules Radich for lateness and Cr Andrew Whiley for early departure.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Council:

**Accepts** the apologies from Mayor Jules Radich for lateness and from Cr Andrew Whiley for early departure.

**Motion carried (CNL/2024/068)**

### **3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Andrew Whiley):

That the Council:

**Confirms** the agenda without addition or alteration.

**Motion carried (CNL/2024/069)**

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the Elected Members' Interest Register and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.
- c) **Notes** the proposed management plan for the Executive Leadership Team's Interests.

**Motion carried (CNL/2024/070)**

## **REPORTS**

### **4 HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE PROPOSAL ON AURORA ENERGY AND ANNUAL PLAN**

A report from Civic provided a schedule of submitters wishing to present at the Annual Energy Proposal hearings.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Lee Vandervis):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the speaking schedule.

**Motion carried (CNL/2024/071)**

### **5 SUBMISSIONS**

1045705 Mike Waddell

Mr Waddell spoke to his submission in support of retaining Aurora Energy and outlined his reasons for this preference.

Mr Waddell responded to questions.

1044534 Tony Williams

Mr Williams spoke in support of his submission to retain Aurora Energy.

Mr Williams responded to questions.

1045667 Jerry Lynch

Mr Lynch spoke in support of Option 2 – to retain Aurora Energy and responded to questions.

1045395 John Lewis

Mr Lewis spoke to his submission in support of Option 2 – to retain Aurora Energy.

Mr Lewis responded to questions.

1045421 Andrew Simms

Mr Simms spoke to his PowerPoint presentation in support of his personal submission on the retention of Aurora Energy.

Mr Simms responded to questions.

1045664 Aaron Hawkins

Mr Hawkins spoke to his submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy.

Mr Hawkins responded to questions.

Cr Christine Garey left the meeting at 10.43 am and returned at 10.45 am

1045150 Keith Moffat

Mr Moffat spoke to his PowerPoint presentation in support of retaining Aurora Energy.

Mr Moffat responded to questions.

1044798 Ted Daniels, Exchange Renaissance Ltd

Mr Daniels provided and spoke to a handout in support of his submission to retain Aurora Energy.

Mr Daniels responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council

**Adjourns** the meeting for 10 minutes.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 am and reconvened at 11.13 am.

1045726 Colin Brown

Mr Brown advised that he has changed his view, he was originally in support of the sale of Aurora Energy and he now supported the retention of Aurora Energy.

Mr Brown responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 11.22 am and reconvened at 11.27 am.  
Cr Lee Vandervis left the meeting at 11.27 am.

Mr Brown continued to answer questions from Councillors.

Cr Lee Vandervis returned to the meeting at 11.32 am.

1045808 David More  
Mr More spoke in support of retaining Aurora Energy and responded to questions.

Cr Andrew Whiley left the meeting at 11.42 am.

1041460 Carolyn Leese  
Carolyn Leese spoke to her submission in support of the sale of Aurora Energy.

Ms Leese responded to questions.

1045794 Robyn Vintiner and Liz Nevill, Reduce Rates Group  
Ms Vintiner and Liz Nevill spoke in support of the submission from Reduce Rates Group to sell Aurora Energy.

Ms Vintiner responded to questions.

1040583 Jonathan Daley, Technicality Ltd  
Mr Daley spoke to his submission in support of retaining Aurora Energy.

Mr Daley responded to questions.

1045742 Pamela Munro  
Ms Munro spoke to her submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council

**Adjourns** the meeting.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 12.18 and reconvened at 1.20 pm.  
The Mayor entered the meeting at 1.20 pm and resumed the chair.  
Cr Andrew Whiley entered the meeting at 1.20 pm.

- 1039733 Mirren MacLeod  
Ms MacLeod spoke to her submission in support the retention of Aurora Energy.  
  
Ms MacLeod responded to questions.
- 1044756 Nigel Bamford, Escea Ltd  
Mr Bamford spoke to his submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy.  
  
Mr Bamford responded to questions.
- 1045746 Robyn West  
Ms West spoke in support of Option 2 – to retain Aurora Energy and responded to questions.
- 1045723 Eugenie Round-Turner  
Ms Round-Turner spoke to her submission in support the retention of Aurora Energy and responded to questions.
- 1045648 Jane-Maree Howard  
Ms Howard spoke in support of her submission for the retention of Aurora Energy and responded to questions.
- 1045088 Sue Novell Seniors Climate Action Network  
Ms Novell spoke to the submission from the Seniors Climate Action Network in support of the retention of Aurora Energy.  
  
Ms Novell responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Marie Laufiso)

That the Council

**Adjourns** the meeting

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 2.30 pm and reconvened at 11.00 am on Wednesday 15 May 2024.

Absent: Cr Lee Vandervis, Cr Carmen Houlahan, Cr Jim O’Malley

The Mayor noted the apology from Cr David Benson-Pope for absence.

- 1044520 Nigel Harwood  
Mr Harwood spoke to an addendum to his submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy. A print copy of the addendum was tabled at the meeting.  
  
Mr Harwood responded to questions.

Cr O’Malley entered the meeting at 11:05am.

- 1041779 Mark Brown, Blueskin Nurseries  
Mr Brown spoke in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and sought improved budgeting by Council rather than the sale of an strategic asset.

Mr Brown responded to questions.

1045427 Robert "Bob" Barlin  
Mr Barlin spoke in support of the retention of Aurora Energy. He provided a summary of his submission which was circulated to elected members.

There were no questions of the submitter.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting for 10 minutes.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am and reconvened at 11:41 am.  
Cr Houlahan entered the meeting at 11:41am.

1043506 Jen Olsen  
Ms Olsen spoke to her submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and she considered Aurora Energy an asset of the city which should not be sold for the purposes of debt management by Council. Ms Olsen responded to questions.

1041430 Andrew Henderson  
Mr Henderson spoke in support of his submission for the retention of Aurora Energy. He was opposed to the sale of core strategic assets to privately owned companies.

Mr Henderson responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Andrew Whiley):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting for a lunch break.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm.

1045154 Raleigh Wells  
Mr Wells spoke to his submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy. There were no questions of the submitter.

Cr Houlahan entered the meeting at 1:05pm.

1042266 Patrick Shannon  
Mr Shannon spoke to his submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and responded to questions.

1038163 Michelle McCann  
Ms McCann spoke in support of her submission for the retention of Aurora Energy and responded to questions.

1044982 Richard Healey  
Mr Healey spoke to his submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and provided a presentation on the profitability of Aurora Energy and its increasing asset value. Mr Healey responded to questions.

A electronic copy of the presentation was provided to elected members.

1045544 Sandra Cameron  
Mrs Cameron spoke to her submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy as a ratepayer of both Dunedin City and Central Otago. Mrs Cameron responded to questions.

1045509 Nick Loughnan  
Mr Loughnan spoke to his submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy. He spoke on the impact of electricity line charge increases on Central Otago residents line charges, since ownership by Aurora and the likelihood Dunedin city residents could expect the same of Aurora Energy was sold.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting until 5:00pm

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm and reconvened at 5:00 pm

Cr Vandervis entered the meeting at 5:00pm.

An apology was noted from Cr Bill Acklin.

1045796 Teresa Nel  
Ms Nel spoke to her submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy. She provided background to the establishment of the Waipori Fund as an example of sale of a Council strategic asset.

Ms Nel responded to questions.

1041340 Susan Kubala  
Ms Kubala spoke to her submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and responded to questions.

The Mayor left the meeting at 5.22 pm and Deputy Mayor Cherry Lucas assumed the Chair.

1045060 Grant McKenzie  
Mr McKenzie spoke to his submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and considered Aurora Energy as a strategic asset. Mr McKenzie responded to questions.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 5.32 pm and resumed the Chair.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting for 5 minutes.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm and reconvened at 5:48pm.

Mr McKenzie continued to respond to questions.

1045722 Barbara Anderson  
Dr Anderson spoke to her submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy as an inter-generational asset for the city. Dr Anderson responded to questions.

1045801 Lyndon Weggery (Chairperson) Dunedin Area Citizens Association  
Mr Weggery spoke to the Dunedin Area Citizens Association's submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and expressed concern of the impact private ownership would have on ratepayers.

Mr Weggery responded to questions.

**Draft Annual Plan Submissions**

1040502 Kimberley Fridd (John McGlashan College and Drama NZ).  
Ms Fridd spoke to her Annual Plan submission in support of Council providing operational funding for the Dunedin Fringe Arts Trust (DFAT) and for the continued support to operate Te Whare o Rukutia.

Two students from Columba College and one student from John McGlashan spoke in support of small live theatre performance venues for youth in city and the value of Te Whare o Rukutia as a diverse and creative hub.

Ms Fridd and the students responded to questions.

1041767 Marea Colombo (Late Bloomers)  
Ms Colombo spoke to her annual plan submission to advocate for operating funding for Te Whare o Rukutia and outlined the benefits of arts programmes to the public. She supported the building of a professional theatre space in Dunedin.

Ms Colombo responded to questions.

Cr Andrew Whiley left the meeting at 6:48 pm.

**Aurora Energy Submissions**

1047856 Dan Jolly  
Mr Jolly spoke to his submission in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and his concern the impact of privatisation of Aurora Energy on critical infrastructure, line charges and services to rural areas.

Mr Jolly responded to questions.



Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Lee Vandervis):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting until 1:00 pm on Thursday 16 May 2024.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm and reconvened at 1:00pm on Thursday 16 May 2024.

An apology was noted from Cr Marie Laufiso for early departure and Cr David Benson-Pope for absence.

### **Draft Annual Plan Submission**

1044217 Alasdair Morrison, Chairperson, Waikouaiti Coast Community Board  
Alasdair Morrison spoke in support of the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board's submission to the draft Annual Plan 2024-25 which included the upgrade of the Waikouaiti water treatment plant, the continuation of rural skip days and Truby King reserve.

Mr Morrison responded to questions.

1047472 Elliot Weir  
Elliot Weir spoke to his submission to the draft Annual Plan 2024-25 and emphasised the importance of the Council investment into community housing and an integrated transport system. Mr Weir requested that Council give consideration the installation of a covered bike hub.

Mr Weir responded to questions.

1047930 John Moyle, Sunnyvale Community Centre  
John Moyle spoke in support of the Sunnyvale Community Centre's submission to the draft Annual Plan 2024-25. He provided a background to history of the centre and its importance to the community.

In response to questions, Mr Moyle advised that he would like the continuation of the service grant for the Sunnyvale Community Centre be included in the 2024-2025 financial year.

### **Aurora Energy Submissions**

1042782 Hilary Calvert  
Hilary Calvert spoke to her submission in support of the sale of Aurora Energy and responded to questions.

1045621 Thomas Mumm  
Mr Mumm spoke in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and responded to questions.

Cr Marie Laufiso left the meeting at 2.17 pm.

1045403 Tim Hyland

Mr Hyland spoke in support of the retention of Aurora Energy and responded to questions.

Cr Gilbert left the meeting at 2.26 pm and returned at 2.32 pm.

### **Draft Annual Plan Submissions**

1046306 Edward Ellison and Hoani Langsbury for Te Rūnanga o Ōtakou Inc  
Edward Ellison and Hoani Langsbury spoke in support of the Te Rūnanga o Ōtakou Inc's submission to the draft Annual Plan 2024-25 and emphasised the importance of completing the Peninsula Connection.

Mr Ellison and Mr Langsbury responded to questions.

Cr Houlahan left the meeting at 2.51 pm and returned at 2.55 pm.

1042076 Hoani Langsbury  
Mr Langsbury spoke to his PowerPoint presentation in support of his and the Royal Albatross Centre's draft Annual Plan 2024 submission which included the completion of the Peninsula Connection.

Mr Langsbury responded to questions.

1043948 Bridget Irving, Southern Edge Hub Farms Ltd  
Bridget Irving spoke in support of the Southern Edge Hub Farms Ltd submission to the 2024-2025 Annual Plan on the need for a heavy traffic by-pass for Mosgiel and an inland freight hub.

Ms Irving responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 3.39 pm and reconvened at 3.52 pm.

Cr Carmen Houlahan returned to the meeting at 4.01 pm.

1045674 Karen Anderson  
Karen Anderson spoke to her submission to the draft Annual Plan 2024-25 via audio visual link.

### **Aurora Energy Submissions**

1045674 Karen Anderson (via audio visual link)  
Karen Anderson spoke to her submission to the Aurora Energy Proposal via audio visual link and responded to questions.

### **Draft Annual Plan Submissions**

1046948 Andrew Rutherford, Exploring New Zealand  
Mr Rutherford spoke to the submission to the draft Annual Plan 2024-25 and requested that the trees surrounding the Signal Hill Lookout be removed and replaced with low lying native plants.

Mr Rutherford responded to questions.

Cr Mandy Mayhem left the meeting at 4.17 pm.

1045490 Kimberley Collins, Predator Free Dunedin  
Cr Walker withdraw from this item.

Kimberley Collins spoke to her PowerPoint presentation in support of the Predator Free Dunedin submission to the 2024-2025 Annual Plan. Ms Collins requested that Council give consideration to funding the two permanent positions in the City Sanctuary team which Predator Free Dunedin were currently funding.

Ms Collins responded to questions.

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm

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MAYOR