

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA  
ON TUESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2021 AT 1.30PM**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Hine Flood (Deputy Mayor), Cr Danika Goldsack (via zoom), Cr Jeremy Harker (via zoom), Cr Melissa Kaimoana, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae Taupua Interim Chief Executive), **Gary Borg** (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), **David Doole** (Kaiurungi Matua Take Senior Rates Officer), **Courtney Hayward** (Kaiurungi Matua Kaupapa Here me te Mana Arahi/Senior Policy and Governance Advisor),

**1 KARAKIA**

Karakia was given by Councillor Tumataroa-Clarke

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Nil

**3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed. As per Standing Order 14.14 requests to speak must be made to the meeting secretary at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson.

**5 GENERAL ITEM**

**5.1 RATING REVIEW 2020 - DELIBERATIONS ON SUBMISSIONS AND DECISION-MAKING II**

**RESOLUTION 2021/01**

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Hine Flood

That Council, in addition to matters confirmed on 22 December 2020:

1. Simplify to 5 general rate differentials as follows:

Sector	Variation
Commercial	1.6
Forestry	4.0
Residential	1.0
Rural	0.7
Residential properties over \$399,999	0.8

- Create a new General Rate (capital value)
  - Move 10% of the Water, Wastewater, Stormwater and Waste Management rates to the General Rate
  - Move 50% of the Uniform Annual General Charge to the General Rate
2. Instructs the Chief Executive to develop the necessary technical policies to enable implementation of the amended rating system to take effect on 1 July 2021.
  3. Instructs the Chief Executive to update the Revenue and Financing Policy for public consultation for inclusion in the Long-term Plan 2021-31. Including consideration of differentiating between indigenous and exotic forests for rating purposes and rates remissions.

**CARRIED**

His Worship the Mayor said that we have heard from our community that under the proposal, rural have been hit quite hard, Mahia has been hit quite hard and the lower end of the residential have gone down quite significantly.

Councillor Tumataroa-Clarke thanked the Senior Lead Team for all the work that has been done and said that elected members have heard from the community what they want, based on this feedback he asked what a 0.7 differential would look like for rural properties.

Gary Borg, Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support advised that Council could try a 0.7 differential and it can be looked at alongside the modelling included in the agenda.

Council discussed the figure of \$399,999 for residential properties, noting that this is a figure that may be adjusted in future as capital value changes.

Creating the rural differential value of 0.7 is indicative of Council understanding and appreciating the issues faced by the rural community. The threshold of \$399,999 was implemented to support feedback from high value residential properties.

Councillor Flood said that Council's proposal simulated a lot of engagement and the outcome reflects a principled approach and the consistent feedback from the community.

**CARRIED**

The Meeting closed at 2.49 with a karakia given by Councillor Tumataroa-Clarke.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 9 February 2021.

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**CHAIRPERSON**