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# Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex on Wednesday, 11 July 2018, at 8:30 am

## **Members present:**

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP (Chairman)

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon Claudia MO

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS

Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Hon Alvin YEUNG

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP

Hon HO Kai-ming

Hon LAM Cheuk-ting

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon Tanya CHAN

Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP

Hon HUI Chi-fung

Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP

Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

Hon KWONG Chun-yu

Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai

Hon AU Nok-hin

Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

### **Members absent:**

Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP (Deputy Chairman) Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

## **Public officers attending:**

Mr Raistlin LAU Chun, JP Deputy Secretary for Financial Services

and the Treasury (Treasury)3

Miss Joey LAM Kam-ping, JP Deputy Secretary for Development

(Works)1

Ms Bernadette LINN, JP Permanent Secretary for Development

(Planning and Lands)

Mr Donald TONG Chi-keung, JP Permanent Secretary for the

Environment

Ms Margaret HSIA Mai-chi Principal Assistant Secretary for

Financial Services and the Treasury

(Treasury) (Works)

Mr LAU Kong-wah, JP Secretary for Home Affairs

Miss Charmaine WONG

Hoi-wan, JP

Deputy Director of Home Affairs (1)

Mr Steve TSE Ling-chun, JP District Officer (Kwun Tong)

Home Affairs Department

Mr Rick CHAN Tin-chu, JP District Officer (Wan Chai)

Home Affairs Department

Mr Martin KWAN Wai-cheong Chief Engineer (Works)

Home Affairs Department

Mrs Alice CHING WOO Chief Project Manager 303

Wai-ling

Architectural Services Department

Mr Chris LIU Chi-ho Chief Project Manager 302

**Architectural Services Department** 

Ms LAI Mei-ling Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon)

Leisure and Cultural Services

Department

Mr LUK Chi-kwong Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong

East)

Leisure and Cultural Services

Department

**Attendance by invitation:** 

Dr Bunny CHAN Chung-bun,

GBS, JP

Chairman

Kwun Tong District Council

Mr Stephen NG Kam-chun,

BBS, MH, JP

Chairman

Wan Chai District Council

#### **Clerk in attendance:**

Ms Doris LO Chief Council Secretary (1)2

### **Staff in attendance:**

Mr Raymond CHOW Senior Council Secretary (1)6

Mr Keith WONG

Ms Christina SHIU

Ms Christy YAU

Ms Clara LO

Council Secretary (1)2

Legislative Assistant (1)2

Legislative Assistant (1)7

Legislative Assistant (1)8

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The Chairman advised that there was one funding proposal on the agenda for the meeting, which was an item carried over from the previous meeting. He reminded members that in accordance with Rule 83A of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") of the Legislative Council, they should disclose the nature of any direct or indirect pecuniary interests relating to the funding proposals under discussion at the meeting before they spoke on the proposals. He also drew members' attention to Rule 84 of RoP on voting in case of direct pecuniary interest.

## **Head 707 – New Towns and Urban Area Development**

PWSC(2018-19)28 458RO Signature Project Scheme (Kwun Tong

District) – Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade

68RE Signature Project Scheme (Wan Chai District) – Construction of Moreton

**Terrace Activities Centre** 

2. <u>The Chairman</u> advised that the proposal, i.e. PWSC(2018-19)28, sought to upgrade 458RO and 68RE to Category A, with the former at an estimated cost of \$49.7 million in money-of-the-day ("MOD") prices for the construction of music fountains at Kwun Tong ("KT") Promenade ("the Promenade Project") as one of the two projects under the Signature Project Scheme ("SPS") in KT District, and the latter at an estimated cost of \$133.1 million in MOD prices for the construction of the Moreton Terrace Activities Centre ("MTAC") as the SPS project in Wan Chai District. The Subcommittee had commenced the deliberation on the proposal at the meeting on 4 July 2018.

## Motion to adjourn the discussion on PWSC(2018-19)28

- 3. The Chairman said that at the meeting on 4 July 2018, Mr Gary FAN had moved a motion to adjourn the discussion on the item pursuant to paragraph 33 of the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") Procedure and some members had spoken on the motion. He said that the Subcommittee would continue to deal with Mr FAN's motion.
- 4. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u>, <u>Mr WU Chi-wai</u>, <u>Ms Claudia MO</u>, <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u>, <u>Dr CHENG Chung-tai</u> and <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u> spoke in support of the motion proposed by Mr Gary FAN.
- 5. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> and <u>Mr WU Chi-wai</u> opined that after the funding proposal for the two controversial SPS projects, i.e. the construction of music fountains at KT Promenade and the construction of MTAC, had been voted down by the Subcommittee, the relevant District Councils ("DCs") should re-examine how to spend the funding on other SPS projects that better served public interest and consult the public accordingly.
- 6. Mr KWONG Chun-yu, Ms Claudia MO, Mr HUI Chi-fung and Mr CHU Hoi-dick were dissatisfied that after the funding proposal for the two SPS projects had been voted down by the Subcommittee, the Administration only made minor revisions to their designs and submitted the new funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. Mr KWONG and Ms Tanya CHAN also criticized the Administration for submitting the revised funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration after revising the project designs without the relevant DCs discussing the revised designs beforehand.
- 7. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> and <u>Dr CHENG Chung-tai</u> said that by making just minor revisions to the design and operational arrangements of the Promenade Project, the Administration could not address the concerns and opposing views raised by members on the project. <u>Dr CHEUNG</u> urged the Administration and Kwun Tong DC ("KTDC") to consider further enlarging the wet play area of the music fountains, so as to provide the public with more space for activities.
- Dr KWOK Ka-ki opined that given the higher proportion of elderly 8. and poor people in KT District, KTDC should accord priority to using the funding to strengthen the support for those people instead of developing "white elephant" projects such as the Promenade Project. Dr KWOK suggested that KTDC should follow the practice of Kwai Tsing District by projects to strengthen community health services. initiating SPS Mr WU Chi-wai, Mr Claudia MO. Mr KWONG Chun-yu,

<u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> and <u>Dr CHENG Chung-tai</u> shared the view that KTDC should use the resources to strengthen community services.

- 9. Mr CHU Hoi-dick queried why the Administration had only cited the findings of the opinion survey conducted by some KTDC members on the music fountains at KT Promenade without mentioning the findings of the survey conducted by Kwun Tong District Office on the project in 2015. He considered that that the public opinion on the project was unclear.
- Mr CHU Hoi-dick raised a number of concerns about the MTAC Project, including its unduly high project cost, the overly small size of MTAC, the suitability of the selected location, and whether the design of the stage and the backstage of MTAC met the practical needs of users. Ms CHAN, Mr HUI and Mr KWONG shared the concern that while the existing volleyball courts at the Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground would be demolished to make way for the construction of MTAC, the new volleyball court was proposed to be provided at a remote location (i.e. Ka Ning Path Garden), and the Administration had not consulted Wan Chai DC ("WCDC") on the new location.
- 11. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u> was dissatisfied that the Chairman had declared the end of the "question and answer session" at the meeting on 4 July 2018 without allowing sufficient time for members to discuss the revised funding proposal for the two SPS projects.
- 12. When speaking on the motion, Mr Gary FAN said that he considered both the Promenade Project and the MTAC Project controversial "white elephant" projects. As such, he urged KTDC and WCDC to initiate uncontroversial SPS projects as other DCs did, so that the projects could commence early. Mr FAN also said that by making minor revisions to the designs of the two SPS projects after the Subcommittee had voted down their funding proposal, and submitting the revised proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration, the Administration was disrespectful to the decision of the Subcommittee. For that reason, he proposed the motion to adjourn the discussion on PWSC(2018-19)28.
- 13. The Chairman pointed out that the Subcommittee had spent a total of three hours and 50 minutes on discussing the original funding proposal for the two SPS projects at the meetings on 28 May, 30 May and 11 June 2018 and during the discussion, 27 members had spoken for a total of 55 times. After the funding proposal had been voted down, the Administration made amendments to the projects and submitted the new discussion paper, i.e. PWSC(2018-19)28, to the Subcommittee. The submission of the new

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> discussion paper by the Administration complied with the requirement under paragraph 25 of the PWSC Procedure, which stipulated that if the Subcommittee did not approve a proposal, it would then be for the Financial Secretary to consider whether to make a fresh proposal amended in such a way as might make it acceptable to the Subcommittee. At the meeting on 4 July 2018, the Subcommittee spent more than two hours on discussing the revised funding proposal and during the discussion, 17 members had spoken for a total of 29 times. Moreover, several members had spoken on the motion to adjourn the discussion on PWSC(2018-19)28. To sum up, the Subcommittee had spent quite a long time on discussing the two SPS projects.

> 14. The Chairman put to vote the question that the discussion on PWSC(2018-19)28 be adjourned. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division. Fourteen members voted for, 22 members voted against The votes of individual members were as the motion and no one abstained. follows:

For:

Ms Claudia MO Mr CHAN Chi-chuen Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr CHU Hoi-dick Mr HUI Chi-fung Mr KWONG Chun-yu

Mr Gary FAN (14 members) Mr WU Chi-wai Dr KWOK Ka-ki Mr Alvin YEUNG Ms Tanya CHAN Dr CHENG Chung-tai

Mr Jeremy TAM Mr AU Nok-hin

Against:

Mr Tommy CHEUNG Mr CHAN Hak-kan Mr Paul TSE Mr Frankie YICK Mr MA Fung-kwok Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Mr Christopher CHEUNG

Mr HO Kai-ming Mr Wilson OR

Mr LUK Chung-hung Mr Vincent CHENG

(22 members)

Ms Starry LEE Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mr Michael TIEN Mr YIU Si-wing Mr CHAN Han-pan Ms Alice MAK Dr Junius HO Mr Holden CHOW Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan

Mr LAU Kwok-fan

Mr Tony TSE

Abstained:

(0 member)

15. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that the motion was negatived. The Subcommittee resumed discussion on PWSC(2018-19)28.

# Motions proposed under paragraph 32A of the Public Works Subcommittee Procedure

- 16. The Chairman advised that he had declared the end of the "question and answer session" at the last meeting on 4 July 2018. The Subcommittee would hence proceed forthwith to deal with the motions proposed by members under paragraph 32A of the PWSC Procedure ("Rule 32A motions").
- 17. At 9:10 am, the Chairman said that he had received a total of eight Rule 32A motions proposed by members. Among them, motion numbered 1 was proposed by Mr AU Nok-hin, motion numbered 2 by Dr KWOK Ka-ki, motion numbered 3 by Mr CHU Hoi-dick, motion numbered 4 by Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, motion numbered 5 by Mr Gary FAN, motion numbered 6 by Ms Tanya CHAN, motion numbered 7 by Mr Jeremy TAM, and motion numbered 8 by Dr Fernando CHEUNG. The Chairman considered that all of the eight proposed motions were directly related to the agenda item.

## Proposed motion numbered 1

- 18. The Chairman put to vote the question that the proposed motion numbered 1 (Chinese version only) be proceeded forthwith. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. With the concurrence of the Chairman, Mr AU Nok-hin who proposed the motion numbered 1, read out his motion during the ringing of the division bell. The question was negatived.
- 19. When reading out his proposed motion, Mr AU Nok-hin enquired why the written questions raised by him on 6 July 2018 in respect of PWSC(2018-19)28 and the Administration's written reply dated 9 July 2018 had not been circulated to members. The Chairman directed the Clerk to follow up Mr AU's enquiry after the meeting.

(*Post-meeting note:* The written questions raised by Mr AU Nok-hin on PWSC(2018-19)28 (<u>LC Paper No. PWSC291/17-18(01)</u>) (Chinese version only) and the Administration's written reply (<u>LC Paper No. PWSC291/17-18(02)</u>) were circulated to members after the meeting on the same day (i.e. 11 July 2018).)

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Motion proposed under paragraph 40A of the Public Works Subcommittee Procedure

20. Mr CHAN Hak-kan moved a motion that in the event of further divisions being claimed in respect of any motions or questions under this agenda item, the Subcommittee should proceed to each of such divisions immediately after the division bell had been rung for one minute. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. Twenty-one members voted for, 15 members voted against the motion and no one abstained. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr Tommy CHEUNG Ms Starry LEE Mr CHAN Hak-kan Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mr Paul TSE Mr Michael TIEN Mr Frankie YICK Mr YIU Si-wing Mr MA Fung-kwok Mr CHAN Han-pan Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Ms Alice MAK Dr Junius HO Mr HO Kai-ming Mr Holden CHOW Mr Wilson OR Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan

Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan
Mr LUK Chung-hung
Mr LAU Kwok-fan
Mr Vincent CHENG

Mr Tony TSE (21 members)

Against:

Ms Claudia MO
Mr WU Chi-wai
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr KWOK Ka-ki
Mr Christopher CHEUNG
Dr Fernando CHEUNG
Mr Alvin YEUNG
Mr CHU Hoi-dick
Ms Tanya CHAN
Mr HUI Chi-fung
Dr CHENG Chung-tai
Mr KWONG Chun-yu
Mr Loromy TAM

Mr Jeremy TAM Mr Gary FAN
Mr All Nok hin

Mr AU Nok-hin (15 members)

Abstained:

(0 member)

21. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that the motion proposed by Mr CHAN Hak-kan was carried.

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## Proposed motions numbered 2 to 8

- 22. The Chairman put to vote, one by one, the questions that the proposed motions numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (Chinese version only) be proceeded At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for one minute before members voted on individual questions. With the concurrence of the Chairman, members who proposed the motions read out their respective motions during the ringing of the division bell. All the aforesaid seven questions were negatived.
- 23. When reading out his proposed motion (i.e. the motion numbered 5), Mr Gary FAN added some wordings that were not found in his motion. The Chairman directed that members should consider whether the motion proposed by Mr FAN should be proceeded forthwith based only on the wording of the motion proposed.

## Voting on PWSC(2018-19)28

The Chairman then put PWSC(2018-19)28 to vote. At the request of 24. members, the Chairman ordered a division. Twenty-two members voted for, 16 members voted against the proposal and no one abstained. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr Tommy CHEUNG Ms Starry LEE Mr CHAN Hak-kan Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mr Paul TSE Mr Michael TIEN Mr Frankie YICK Mr YIU Si-wing Mr MA Fung-kwok Mr CHAN Han-pan Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Ms Alice MAK Mr Christopher CHEUNG Dr Junius HO Mr HO Kai-ming Mr Holden CHOW Mr Wilson OR Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan

Mr LUK Chung-hung Mr LAU Kwok-fan

Mr Vincent CHENG Mr Tony TSE

(22 members)

Against:

Ms Claudia MO Mr WU Chi-wai Mr CHAN Chi-chuen Dr KWOK Ka-ki Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr Alvin YEUNG Mr Andrew WAN Mr CHU Hoi-dick Mr LAM Cheuk-ting Ms Tanya CHAN Mr HUI Chi-fung Dr CHENG Chung-tai <u>Action</u> - 11 -

Mr KWONG Chun-yu Mr Gary FAN (16 members) Mr Jeremy TAM Mr AU Nok-hin

Abstained:

(0 member)

25. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that the item was endorsed by the Subcommittee. <u>Mr Gary FAN</u> requested that the item, i.e. PWSC(2018-19)28, be voted on separately at the relevant meeting of the Finance Committee.

26. The meeting ended at 9:37 am.

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