Emergency motion on Gaza – Motion as adjusted, approved.

7 Councillor Aitken, seconded by Councillor Ghani, moved

"Council unequivocally condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas, calls for the unconditional release of all hostages and recognises the right of Israel, in common with all nations, to protect itself from terror. Council shares the sorrow and outrage of Glasgow's Jewish community and offers our deepest condolences in particular to the family of Glaswegian Bernard Cowan, who was murdered in the attacks.

Council recognises that a humanitarian catastrophe is unfolding in Gaza. Council agrees with the comments on Saturday 21st October 2023 by the Secretary General of the United Nations calling for a "humanitarian ceasefire" and demanding "action to end this godawful nightmare".

Council further recognises that civilians can only evacuate if there is an open border crossing to allow them to leave and they can travel safely without the risk of being caught up in military attacks; further recognises that many people, including the very young, very old and the infirm, cannot leave. Council supports calls for a humanitarian corridor, protected by a ceasefire, to be agreed to allow people to leave and civilian supplies, including food, fuel, water and medical supplies, to reach those who cannot leave.

Council further believes international law must be respected, rejects collective punishment, believes that innocent people must not pay the price for the actions of Hamas and is appalled by the escalating civilian death toll in Gaza.

Council recognises that many families and communities in Glasgow are affected by violence in the region; offers condolence to all those who have suffered as a result of this horrific conflict; and resolves to be alert to, and to stand up against, discrimination and hate crime; and resolves that there is no place for antisemitism, Islamophobia or hatred of any kind in Glasgow.

Council calls on the UK Government to support a ceasefire and humanitarian corridor, to commit supplies and aid to mitigate the human tragedy unfolding in Gaza and to be prepared to offer sanctuary and support to Palestinian refugees."

Bailie Raja, seconded by Councillor Siddique, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) at the first paragraph after "offers our deepest condolences in particular to the family of Glaswegian Bernard Cowan, who was murdered in the attacks" insert the following sentence:

"Glasgow sends its condolences and sympathy to all the innocent families both in Israel and Palestine who have been caught up in this horrifying crisis.";

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(2) at the third paragraph delete "to be agreed to allow people to leave**"** and insert the following after "medical supplies":

"to reach those currently inside Palestine, including aid workers";

(3) after the third paragraph insert the following:

"Council condemns the actions of the Israeli Government in their disproportionate response by withholding basic necessities from innocent civilians in Gaza and agrees that Israel must respect international law".; and

(4) at the fourth paragraph after "Council further believes international law must be respected, rejects collective punishment, believes that innocent people must not pay the price for the actions of Hamas and is appalled by the escalating civilian death toll in Gaza" insert the following final paragraph:

"Council further calls for the international community to revisit UN resolution 242, supporting a long term, peaceful, two-state solution for both Israel and Palestine."

Bailie Massie, seconded by Councillor Hutchison, moved as an amendment that:

(a) at the first paragraph

(i) after "Council unequivocally condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas" add "and the previous and subsequent war crimes by the Israeli Defence Forces";

(ii) after "calls for the unconditional release of all hostages" add "held by Hamas and for the release of the 5200 Palestinians held in Israeli jails.";

(iii) after "recognises the right of Israel" add "and Palestine"; and

(iv) after "in common with all nations, to protect itself from terror" add "but urges both sides to heed calls for a ceasefire and to work towards peace."; and

(b) at the end of the fourth paragraph insert the following:

"Council further believes that the ethno-nationalist administrations of both Benjamin Netanyahu and Ismail Haniyeh are not conducive to the ultimate goal of peace and believes that both the persistent political crisis over the last 5 years in Israel and the fact that Palestine haven't held elections in 17 years has been a significant factor in this most recent conflict."

Councillor Aitken, with the approval of her seconder, and subject to the placement of the wording in the motion, accepted the amendments by Bailie Raja and Bailie Massie, resulting in the following adjusted motion:

"Council unequivocally condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas, calls for the unconditional release of all hostages and recognises the right of Israel, in common with all nations, to protect itself from terror. Council shares the sorrow and outrage

of Glasgow's Jewish community and offers our deepest condolences in particular to the family of Glaswegian Bernard Cowan, who was murdered in the attacks.

Glasgow sends its condolences and sympathy to all the innocent families both in Israel and Palestine who have been caught up in this horrifying crisis.

Council recognises that a humanitarian catastrophe is unfolding in Gaza. Council agrees with the comments on Saturday 21st October 2023 by the Secretary General of the United Nations calling for a "humanitarian ceasefire" and demanding "action to end this godawful nightmare".

Council further recognises that civilians can only evacuate if there is an open border crossing to allow them to leave and they can travel safely without the risk of being caught up in military attacks; further recognises that many people, including the very young, very old and the infirm, cannot leave. Council supports calls for a humanitarian corridor, protected by a ceasefire, to be agreed to allow people to leave and civilian supplies, including food, fuel, water and medical supplies, to reach those currently inside Palestine, including aid workers.

Council further believes international law must be respected, rejects collective punishment, believes that innocent people must not pay the price for the actions of Hamas and is appalled by the escalating civilian death toll in Gaza.

Council condemns the actions of the Israeli Government and the previous and subsequent war crimes by the Israeli Defence Forces, in their disproportionate response by withholding basic necessities from innocent civilians in Gaza and agrees that Israel must respect international law. Council calls for the release of the 5200 Palestinians held in Israeli jails.

Council recognises that many families and communities in Glasgow are affected by violence in the region; offers condolence to all those who have suffered as a result of this horrific conflict; and resolves to be alert to, and to stand up against, discrimination and hate crime; and resolves that there is no place for antisemitism, Islamophobia or hatred of any kind in Glasgow.

Council calls on the UK Government to support a ceasefire and humanitarian corridor, to commit supplies and aid to mitigate the human tragedy unfolding in Gaza and to be prepared to offer sanctuary and support to Palestinian refugees.

Council further calls for the international community to revisit UN resolution 242, supporting a long term, peaceful, two-state solution for both Israel and Palestine and urges both sides to heed calls for a ceasefire and to work towards peace.

Council further believes that the ethno-nationalist administrations of both Benjamin Netanyahu and Ismail Haniyeh are not conducive to the ultimate goal of peace and believes that both the persistent political crisis over the last 5 years in Israel and the fact that Palestine haven't held elections in 17 years has been a significant factor in this most recent conflict."

The motion as adjusted was approved unanimously.

Adjournment.

8 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1240 hours until 1345 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

9 The meeting resumed at 1345 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: The Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren (Chair).

SAQIB AHMED
SUSAN AITKEN
IMRAN ALAM
BLAIR ANDERSON
KEN ANDREW
ALEXANDER BELIC
RICHARD BELL
DECLAN BLENCH
EVA BOLANDER
ABDUL BOSTANI
PHILIP BRAAT
JILL BROWN
HOLLY BRUCE
MAUREEN BURKE
BILL BUTLER
GRAHAM CAMPBELL
CHRISTINA CANNON
PAUL CAREY
JOHN CARSON
ANTHONY CARROLL
ALLAN CASEY
ANNETTE CHRISTIE
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM
STEPHEN CURRAN
FEARGAL DALTON
JOHN DALY
AUDREY DEMPSEY
STEPHEN DOCHERTY
LAURA DOHERTY
STEPHEN DORNAN
PATRICIA FERGUSON
SEAN FERGUSON
ELAINE GALLAGHER
ZEN GHANI
ALLAN GOW
WILLIAM GRAHAM
SHARON GREER
GREG HEPBURN
FIONA HIGGINS
RASHID HUSSAIN
DAN HUTCHISON
FYEZA IKHLAQ
EUNIS JASSEMI
ANN JENKINS
RUAIRI KELLY
ALEX KERR
THOMAS KERR
KEVIN LALLEY
PAUL LEINSTER
FRANK McAVEETY
PAUL MCCABE
ELAINE McDOUGALL
KENNY McLEAN
NORMAN MACLEOD
ELAINE McSPORRAN
ANNE McTAGGART
HANZALA MALIK
LEÒDHAS MASSIE
ANGUS MILLAR
MALCOLM MITCHELL
JON MOLYNEUX
ROBERT MOONEY
MARGARET MORGAN
EVA MURRAY
CECILIA O'LONE
KEIRAN O'NEILL
JILL PIDGEON
LINDA PIKE
HANIF RAJA
THOMAS RANNACHAN
GEORGE REDMOND
LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ROZA SALIH
FRANNY SCALLY
JAMES SCANLON
SORYIA SIDDIQUE
KIERAN TURNER
CATHERINE VALLIS
MARTHA WARDROP
ALEX WILSON

LORD DEAN OF GUILD

Apologies: Lilith Johnstone, Jim Kavanagh, Paul McCabe and Christy Mearns and Deacon Convener.

Attending: M Millar, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; I Robertson, Director of City Development; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.