
Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 4 April 2024 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

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| Chairperson | Mayor Paula Southgate |
| <i>Heamana</i> | |
| Deputy Chairperson | Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary |
| <i>Heamana Tuarua</i> | |
| Members | Cr Maxine van Oosten Cr Moko Tauariki Cr Ewan Wilson Cr Mark Donovan (via audio visual) Cr Louise Hutt Cr Andrew Bydder (via audio visual) Cr Geoff Taylor Cr Sarah Thomson Cr Melaina Huaki Cr Anna Casey-Cox Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf Cr Tim Macindoe |

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| In Attendance | Lance Vervoort – Chief Executive Sean Murray – General Manager Venues, Tourism & Events Andrew Parsons - General Manager Infrastructure & Assets Janet Carson – General Manager Partnerships, Communication & Maaori Blair Bowcott- General Manager Strategy, Growth & Planning David Bryant – General Manager Business Services Peter Winder – Three Waters Consultant |
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| Governance Staff | Amy Viggers – Governance Lead Keryn Phillips, James Winston II and Arnold Andrews – Governance Advisors |
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The meeting was opened with a Karakia from Council Kaumatua Tame Pokaia.

- 1. Apologies – *Tono aroha***
Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Wilson)
That the apologies for absence from Cr Pike are accepted.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take***
Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)
That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

No members of the public wished to speak in the Public Forum.

5. Confirmation of the Council Open Minutes - 14 March 2024

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 March 2024 as a true and correct record.

6. Confirmation of the Elected Member Open Briefing Notes – 13 March 2024

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council confirm the Closed Briefing Notes of the Elected Member Briefing held on 13 March 2024 as a true and correct record.

7. Confirmation of the Elected Member Open Briefing Notes – 20 March 2024

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council confirm the Closed Briefing Notes of the Elected Member Briefing held on 20 March 2024 as a true and correct record.

8. Chair's Report

Mayor Southgate spoke to her report and thanked staff and businesses involved in the planning the visit to Hamilton's friendship city Ieper and encouraged community groups to participate in planned community events concerning the proposed 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Macindoe)

That the Council receives the report.

9. Three Waters Reform Update

The General Manager Infrastructure & Assets took the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the role of the working group, the process to representation at the Mayoral Forum and the impact on the forum's draft position statement by unsigned Councils.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Thomson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that Government's Local Water Done Well programme;
- c) notes the initiative taken by the Waikato Mayoral Forum to explore options through the Waikato Water Done Well project.
- d) notes the Hamilton City Council (HCC) project team established to assist the Council in considering options in response to the Local Water Done Well programme and the use of remaining government funding for waters transformation for this purpose.
- e) appoints Mayor Southgate and Cr Thomson (as alternate) to represent Hamilton's interests in the Mayors and Chair Forum Waikato Water Done Well project.
- f) notes that the HCC representative on the Mayors and Chair Forum Waikato Water Done Well project has no authority to commit HCC other than through formal resolution of Council;
- g) establishes a Council Waters Working Group to act as a sounding board for waters reform issues and options as set out in the Terms of Reference set out in this report;

- h) appoints Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Cr Thomson, Cr van Oosten, Cr Macindoe and Maangai Kana to the Waters Working Group; and
- i) notes that decisions of Council's Waters direction will be sought via future reports to the Council or an appropriate Committee.

10. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason 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 follows.

| General subject of each matter to be considered | Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution |
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| C1. Confirmation of the Council Public Excluded Minutes 14 March 2024 |) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government | Section 48(1)(a) |
| C2. Peacocke Waikato River Bridge Contract Settlement |) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987 | |

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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

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| Item C1. | to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage | Section 7 (2) (j) |
| Item C2. | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage | Section 7 (2) (h) |
| | to enable Council to carry out negotiations | Section 7 (2) (i) |

The meeting moved into Public Excluded session at 10.00am.

The meeting returned to an open session at 10.59am.

During the public excluded session the following was resolved to take part in the open.

C2. Peacocke Programme Update

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Wilson)

That the Council requests staff install two transit lanes (T2 or T3) on the Peacocke Waikato River Bridge, the scope of which is to be confirmed by the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel, noting that the long term intention is for the lanes to be Bus Lanes and that this will be communicated to future Peacocke residents through the appropriate channels.

Cr Taylor dissenting.

The meeting was adjourned from 11.02am to 11.07am during discussion of the above item.

The meeting was closed with a karakia from Mayor Southgate

The meeting was declared closed at 11.26am.