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## Council

### OPEN MINUTES

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held via an Audio Visual Link on Thursday 2 April 2020 at 10.02am.**

#### **PRESENT**

Chairperson	Mayor P Southgate
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor G Taylor
Members	Cr M Bunting
	Cr M Forsyth
	Cr M Gallagher
	Cr R Hamilton
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf
	Cr A O’Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr S Thomson
	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr E Wilson

In Attendance:	Richard Briggs - Chief Executive
	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community
	Chris Allen – General Manager Development
	Jen Baird – General Manager City Growth
	Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communications
	Sean Murray – General Manager Venues, Tourism and Major Events
	Tracey Musty – Financial Controller
	Andy Mannering – Social Development Manager
	Liam Blackwell – Online Specialist
	Jeanette Tyrell – Public Relations Advisor to the Mayor
	James Clarke – Director of the Mayor’s Office

Governance Staff:	Becca Brooke – Governance Manager
	Amy Viggers - Governance Team Leader
	Carmen Fortin – Governance Advisor

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#### **1. Apologies**

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Cr Wilson)

That the apologies for partial attendance from Cr Bunting, for early departure from Cr Naidoo-Rauf, and for lateness from Cr Macpherson are accepted

#### **2. Confirmation of Agenda**

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Cr O’Leary)

That the agenda is confirmed noting late item 9 (Delegations to Positions Policy: amendments in

light of Covid-19 response and state of emergency) has been added to the agenda. The report was late due to the changing environment in relation to the Covid-19 response.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

**4. Public Forum**

**Jo Wrigley** (representing Go Eco) provided a written submission to the item 7 (Covid-19 Community Funding Response general criteria and guidelines) that was circulated to Members prior to the meeting and is attached to the minutes as **appendix 1**.

**Holly Snape** (representing Community Waikato) spoke to item 7 (Covid-19 Community Funding Response general criteria and guidelines). She thanked Council for the work undertaken to date in response to Covid-19. She outlined some services that are being organised by community organisations.

*Cr Macpherson joined the meeting (10.05am) during the public forum.*

**5. Confirmation of the Extraordinary Council Open Minutes 27 March 2020**

**Resolved:** (Cr O'Leary/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 March 2020 as a true and correct record.

**6. Chair's Report**

The report was taken as read. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning deferred reports.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to notify interested members of the public concerning the deferral of the Residential House options - 18A Ruakiwi Road report.*

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes Maangai Maaori Bella Takiari-Brame's resignation and subsequent reappointment process;
- c) approves that Cr Wilson will replace Cr O'Leary as Deputy Chair of the Hearings and Engagement Committee; and
- d) approves to defer the following reports:
  - i) **Alcohol Control Bylaw Policy 2015** to the 19 May 2020 Community Committee meeting;
  - ii) **Hamilton Gardens Management Plan** to the 28 May Council Meeting;
  - iii) **Residential House options - 18A Ruakiwi Road** to be incorporated as part of the review of all Council owned dwellings and their use options report coming to Community Committee 19 May 2020;
  - iv) **Ruakura Road West Expressway Connection** to the 14 May 2020 Strategic Growth Committee meeting;
  - v) **Waipa District Council / HCC Growth Discussions Update** the 14 May 2020 Strategic Growth Committee meeting; and

vi) **Road Naming Issues and Policy Review** to the 2 July Community Committee Meeting.

**7. Covid-19 Community Funding Response general criteria and guidelines**

The report was taken as read. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning:

- funding criteria and application process;
- risks of funding duplications; and
- other funding opportunities available to community organisations.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to provide Elected Members with more information concerning the Waikato District Health Boards available community funding and how this funding may be accessed by community organisations.*

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Cr O’Leary)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the Covid-19 Community Response Funding general criteria and guidelines as outlined in **attachment 1** of the staff report;
- c) appoints Councillors Bunting (Chair Community Committee) and Naidoo-Rauf (Deputy Chair Community Committee) and Andy Mannering (Community and Social Development Manager) as the Council’s allocation committee for the Covid-19 Community Response Fund; and
- d) notes there will be a regular report to the Council on the distribution of this fund.

*Cr Naidoo-Rauf retired from the meeting (10.46am) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

*Mayor Southgate left the meeting (10.59am) during the discuss of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on. Deputy Mayor Taylor resumed as Chair of the meeting.*

**9. Delegations to Positions Policy: amendments in light of Covid-19 response and state of emergency**

The General Manager Development spoke to the report, noting that the proposed change to the Chief Executive’s financial delegation was only recommended for projects that were already funded and approved by the Council in the Long Term Plan.

Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning:

- the proposed changes to the delegations in relation to contracts;
- the operational structure of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group; and
- the benefits/risks to Councils of approving extended CE delegations.

**Motion:** (Cr Pascoe/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the revised Delegations to Positions Policy (Attachment 1 of the staff report) which has been updated to reflect recommended changes in response to Covid-19 to temporarily replace the current Delegations to Positions Policy until 30 June 2021 or until an earlier resolution of the Council, provided that a further amendment is made requiring that the increased delegation for contracts with a value greater than \$250,000 that have not gone to tender is only to be exercised jointly by the Chief Executive, Mayor (or Deputy Mayor), Chair

of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Infrastructure Operations Committee by majority, and where not all members of the above listed group are able to meet the decision may be made jointly by a minimum of two Elected Members and the Chief Executive.

**Amendment:** (Cr Macpherson/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the revised Delegations to Positions Policy (Attachment 1 of the staff report), which has been updated to reflect recommended changes in response to Covid-19, to temporarily replace the current Delegations to Positions Policy until 30 June 2021 or until an earlier resolution of the Council.

**The Amendment was put.**

**Those for the Amendment:** Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors O’Leary and Macpherson.

**Those against the Amendment:** Mayor Southgate Councillors Gallagher, Pascoe, Bunting, Forsyth, Hamilton van Oosten, Thomson and Wilson.

**The Amendment was declared LOST.**

**The Motion was then put and declared carried unanimously.**

**Resolved:** (Cr Pascoe/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the revised Delegations to Positions Policy (Attachment 1 of the staff report) which has been updated to reflect recommended changes in response to Covid-19 to temporarily replace the current Delegations to Positions Policy until 30 June 2021 or until an earlier resolution of the Council, provided that a further amendment is made requiring that the increased delegation for contracts with a value greater than \$250,000 that have not gone to tender is only to be exercised jointly by the Chief Executive, Mayor (or Deputy Mayor), Chair of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Infrastructure Operations Committee by majority, and where not all members of the above listed group are able to meet the decision may be made jointly by a minimum of two Elected Members and the Chief Executive.

*Mayor Southgate re-joined the meeting (11.27am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

*Mayor Southgate resumed the role of Chair at the conclusion of the above item.*

**8. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)

**Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

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
C1. Public Excluded Minutes - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 27 March 2020	) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Public Excluded Chair's Report		

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:

Item C1.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C2.	to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where disclosure would likely damage the public interest to avoid prejudice to measures preventing or mitigating loss to the public to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (c) (ii) Section 7 (2) (e) Section 7 (2) (j)

**The meeting went into a public excluded session at 12.03pm.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 12.08pm.**

## Appendix 1



April 2, 2020

To the Major, Councillors and Maangai Maaori,

Go Eco is speaking to the Covid-19 response measures as outlined in the Public Agenda.

We commend your caring responses and swift support for the thousands of people who work in our city hospitals and social services, and collect our rubbish, who are working to get us through this as smoothly as possible.

We believe that we should be building a more resilient economy. If we make ourselves more resilient then we will be able to better cope with our ongoing city challenges while we undoubtedly face a decade of great change, and with that opportunity.

We applaud Council in joining the Waikato Community Funders Group, and in acting swiftly and urgently to investment in a coordinated response to Covid 19. We support the proposed actions outlined in the 'Covid-19 Community Funding Response general criteria and guidelines' report.

We understand that Council staff are working hard to develop the remainder of your 12 point Covid Response Plan. We ask that you make your conversations, deliberations and briefings with staff as transparent as possible. And we ask that you ensure that there is opportunity for the community to be involved in phase 2 of your response.

Central government's proposed investments in 'shovel ready' infrastructure projects represent a huge opportunity to invest in a sustainable future. We understand from Jamie Strange that Hamilton City Council is close to finalising their list of projects. We believe Hamilton City Council can be a leader in this space, by putting forward 'shovel ready' infrastructure investment opportunities that create resilience.

Go Eco is encouraging all Councils to act for a sustainable future. We have released the following press statement this morning.

Jo Wrigley

Go Eco.

## **Go Eco - Statement on 'shovel-ready' projects.**

**April 2 2020**

Yesterday the Government announced they are seeking 'shovel ready' infrastructure projects which could be included in a Government stimulatory package in response to COVID-19.

Go Eco is calling upon all regional decision-makers to submit projects which go beyond the minimum criteria of an immediate effect on the construction industry, its workforce and the economy, but to ensure all projects brought to the table prioritise the reduction of our carbon impact.

We support the Government's interest in projects which enable sustainable productivity, rather than replicating existing frameworks, as well as their use of the Sustainable Development Goals to consider the social and environmental impact, as well as the economic.

"Our actions to halt an epidemic and potentially save thousands of lives have also had a positive influence on our carbon emissions," said Go Eco deputy chairperson, Louise Hutt.

"We need to review the systems we have set up which contribute to climate change and prioritise solutions to this epidemic and its flow-on effects which support our path towards a carbon-zero future."

Go Eco strongly encourages urgent investment to fast track safe passage for multimodal transport, cycling and accessible connected public transport, as well as electric buses, light rail, onshore recycling facilities, renewable energy, and sustainable building practices.

Green infrastructure should also be prioritised, such as the restoration of the Waikato River and our gully systems. The Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan (Tai Tumu, Tai Pari, Tai Ao) recommends that the highest level of recognition is given to the restoration of the Waikato River. The health of the Waikato River is fundamental to a sustainable future and deserves our investment as a core infrastructure.

Our region deserves infrastructure which is good for our climate and our wider wellbeing, as well as supporting the construction industry and workforce.

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