

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on:

Date: Thursday 4 May 2017
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

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Elected Member Briefing Notes – 30 March 2017

Time and date:	30 March 2017
Venue:	Council Chamber, Hamilton City Council
In Attendance:	Mayor King, Deputy Mayor Gallagher, Crs Yeung, Southgate, Henry, Taylor, Macpherson, Tooman, Casson, O'Leary, Bunting, Mallett,
Apology for Full Session:	Cr Pascoe
Apology for Part Session	Crs Macpherson, Southgate, Tooman, Taylor, Bunting, O'Leary, Deputy Mayor Gallagher

Discussion

The briefing session covered the following topics in the open session:

- River Plan Update
- Financial Updates
- Overview of regulatory functions, policies and bylaws (including nuisance behaviour)
- Peter Winder Update
- Parking

There were a number of key points arising from the discussions:

1. RIVER PLAN UPDATE

(Video and presentation provided)

The River Plan Manager provided an overview of current short-term River Plan projects, noting that unfunded projects would be considered through the 10 Year Plan process. A number of the short term projects able to be done through 'business as usual' were underway. Staff were seeking direction regarding priority projects for the \$1.25m proposed to be allocated in the 2017/18 annual plan. The River Plan Manager responded to questions from Elected Members relating to:

- High level aspects of the River Plan
- Progress on amenity, access and safety improvements on the river walkways from Memorial Park to the Hamilton Gardens previously identified as potentially able to be delivered through business as usual
- Previous Council resolutions that had not been acted upon
- Vegetation management and stormwater and riverbank stability risks
- Maaori sites of significance including Waikato Tainui's involvement
- Major projects such as the Ferrybank development, Wellington Street Beach and Pukete Bridge designs
- Perceived need for a River Plan Governance Group
- The Donny Trust's donation for a transformative project.

2. FINANCIAL UPDATE

(presentation provided)

The Chief Executive gave a presentation relating to Council's finances. Key points included:

- The Council's finances are well managed
- The current financial strategy is taking the Council towards long-term financial sustainability
- There are significant financial challenges ahead
- The Council has options to address those challenges and these will be considered through the 10-Year Plan process.

The CE responded to questions from Elected Members relating to:

- rates certainty approach as an approach and potential rates increases
- treatment of depreciation
- measures of financial performance and the differences between the Council's and Government's balancing the books measure
- Costs to run the city including the work PwC has been commissioned to do
- Council's financial planning process
- Challenges to funding growth
- How Elected Members will be involved in discussions about the financial strategy and prioritisation
- the need for a communications strategy.

3. OVERVIEW OF REGULATORY FUNCTIONS, POLICIES AND BYLAWS (INCLUDING NUISANCE BEHAVIOUR)

(Presentation provided)

The Planning Guidance Manager, City Transportation Manager, Building Control Unit Manager, City Safe Unit Manager provided Elected Members with an overview of a range of regulatory functions undertaken by City Growth. Staff responded to questions regarding:

- The difference between bylaws and legislations
- Inspections under the Food Act
- Eco-building and sustainable building design
- The Building Act, building ownership and private property law.

4. PETER WINDER UPDATE

(presentation provided)

The General Manager Strategy and Communication and the Programme Manager Strategy presented a brief outline and suggested course of action for the topics resulting from the Elected Member workshop with Peter Winder in November 2016. Staff responded to questions relating to the following:

- Neighbourhood plans for the North East/Rototuna
- Community grant schemes for community groups
- Community gardens
- Open space planting, noting that the Councillor who suggested this topic was happy it not be progressed
- Use of herbicides
- Calculating the cost of annual vouchers for residents for the zoo and transfer station for consideration through the 10-Year Plan process
- Ways to increase funding for small road safety works and improvements
- Hexafluorosilicic acid.

5. PARKING

(Presentation provided)

The General Manager City Infrastructure, the City Transportation Manager, and the Parking Team Leader provided Elected Members with an overview of the parking taskforce terms of reference, work undertaken and the recommendations arrived at. Staff and Elected Members on the taskforce responded to questions regarding the following points:

- Public perceptions and confusion about central city parking regimes
- How the proposed technology would work
- The risks of removing technology for paid parking
- Proposed costings
- The proposal to introduce targeted rates – who would pay and how
- Evidence that the proposal would increase retail spending
- Capacity of car park buildings to cope with off-road parking demand
- Compliance checking for WOF and registrations.