
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 1 August 2024 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

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

External Presenters Peter Winder - Consultant

Kaumata Tame Pokaia opened the meeting with a Karakia .

- 1. Apologies – Tono aroha**
Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Donovan)
That the apologies for partial attendance from Cr Macindoe 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 4 July 2024

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 July 2024 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

Mayor Southgate provided an update on the Waikato Mayoral Forum, recent meeting with the Fire & Emergency Services New Zealand (FENZ) Board and the Emissions Reduction Plan submission. She responded to questions from Members concerning cost and logistics of sending members to the LGNZ Annual General Meeting and Conference, the FENZ Board meeting and speed humps on the city and possibility of water meters.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate /Deputy Mayor O’Leary)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) delegates authority to the Climate Strategy Advisory Group, to work with key staff to develop the submission to the Ministry for the Environment;
- c) delegates authority to approve the submission to the Ministry for the Environment on the second emissions reduction plan to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor;
- d) notes that **Draft 1** of the Council’s submission to the second Emissions Reduction Plan will be circulated to all Elected Members and Maangai Maaori for feedback; and
- e) notes that recommendation c) is being sought as there are no suitable Committee or Council meeting dates available to be able to consider and approve, the draft Council submissions on this discussion document before the submission closing date.

Councillor Bydder Dissenting.

Motion: (Mayor Southgate /Deputy Mayor O’Leary)

That the Council approves the costs for Mayor Paula Southgate, Cr Tim Macindoe, and Cr Moko Tauariki, to attend the LGNZ Annual General Meeting and Conference, to be covered by the 2025 ‘Conference by resolution budget’, covering registration costs, flights, and accommodation.

Amendment: (Cr Wilson/Cr Taylor)

That the Council approves the costs for Cr Tim Macindoe to attend the LGNZ Annual General Meeting and Conference, to be covered by the 2025 ‘Conference by resolution budget’, covering registration costs, flights, and accommodation.

Those for the Amendment:

Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf, Wilson and Macindoe

Those against the Amendment:

Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillors Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Donovan and Tauariki

The Amendment was declared LOST.

The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate /Deputy Mayor O’Leary)

That the Council approves the costs for Mayor Paula Southgate, Cr Tim Macindoe, and Cr Moko Tauariki, to attend the LGNZ Annual General Meeting and Conference, to be covered by the 2025 ‘Conference by resolution budget’, covering registration costs, flights, and accommodation.

Crs Bydder, Taylor and Wilson dissenting.

7. Local Water Done Well Update

The General Manager Infrastructure and Assets took report as read.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes the scope of work required to address the separation of waters related charges from general rates as part of Council’s response to Local Water Done Well and expected economic regulation and reporting requirements;
- c) notes the overlap between the Rates Review that Council resolved to undertake in November 2023 and February 2024, and the work required to separate waters related charges from general rates; and

approves the Waters Working Group be updated to be the Waters and Rates Working Group with Cr Casey-Cox and Cr Taylor be added to the membership and the expanded Terms of Reference (**attachment 1** of the staff report).

8. Citizens Initiated Referenda Policy Review

The Governance and Assurance Manager took the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning why other councils don’t have this policy, large metros that have the policy, process of a referenda, cost of a referenda, legislation relating to the policy regarding timeframes.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Taylor)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
 - b) approves the Citizens Initiated Referenda Policy (Attachment 2) with minor amendments; and
- notes that at the next review of the Standing Orders the Council will consider including information on referenda, at which stage, the Citizens Initiated Referenda Policy could be revoked.

The meeting was adjourned 10.56am to 11.24am.

9. 2024 LGNZ Remits for Consideration

The Governance and Assurance Manager took report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the voting at the Annual General Conference (AGM), the remit process, and the role of LGNZ.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and

- b) notes that the Council has indicated to support the following remits, to be voted on by the presiding HCC Delegate at the 2024 Local Government NZ AGM:
 - i. Representation reviews;
 - ii. Community Services Card;
 - Appropriate funding models for central government initiatives; and
 - iv. Goods and services tax (GST).

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate /Cr Tauariki)

That the Council indicates support for Local government constituencies & wards should not be subject to referendum remit to be voted on by the presiding HCC Delegate at the 2024 Local Government NZ AGM.

Those for the Motion:	Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillors Hutt, Pike, Casey-Cox, Naidoo-Rauf, van Oosten, Thomson and Tauariki
Those against the Motion:	Councillors Bydder, Taylor, Donovan, Wilson and Macindoe

The Motion was declared CARRIED.

Motion: (Cr Tauariki/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Council indicates support for Entrenchment of Maaori ward seats for local government remit to be voted on by the presiding HCC Delegate at the 2024 Local Government NZ AGM.

Those for the Motion:	Councillors Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Donovan and Tauariki.
Those against the Motion:	Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf, Thomson, Wilson and Macindoe

The Motion was declared LOST.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Thomson)

That the Council indicates support for Proactive lever to mitigate the deterioration of unoccupied buildings remit to be voted on by the presiding HCC Delegate at the 2024 Local Government NZ AGM.

Those for the Motion:	Mayor Southgate, Deputy O’Leary, Councillors Hutt, Pike, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson and Tauariki.
Those against the Motion:	Councillors Bydder, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf, Donovan, Wilson and Macindoe

The Amendment was declared carried.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)

That the Council notes that it will not support the following remits to be voted on by the presiding HCC Delegate at the 2024 Local Government NZ AGM:

- i. Graduated driver licensing system remit
- Entrenchment of Maaori ward seats for local government remit

10. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Mayor Southgate)

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. Confirmation of the Council Public Excluded Minutes 30 May 2024) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

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)
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The meeting moved in the Public Excluded session at 12.22pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.24pm.