
Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber and via Audio Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 3 August 2023 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Mayor Paula Southgate
Heamana

Members: Cr Moko Tauariki
Cr Ewan Wilson (via Audio Visual Link)
Cr Mark Donovan
Cr Louise Hutt
Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Sarah Thomson
Cr Emma Pike (via Audio Visual Link)
Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf

In Attendance: Sean Murray – General Manager, Venues, Tourism & Events
Andrew Parsons – General Manager, Infrastructure and Assets
Helen Paki – General Manager, Customer and Community
Blair Bowcott – General Manager, Growth and Planning
Julie Clausen – Acting General Manager, Partnerships, Communication and Maaori
Michelle Hawthorne - Governance & Assurance Manager
James Clarke - Unit Manager - Strategy and Planning
Greg Morton - Policy and Bylaw Lead

Governance Staff: Amy Viggers – Governance Lead
Nicholas Hawtin and Arnold Andrews – Governance Advisors

Tame Pokaia opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. Apologies – Tono aroha

Resolved: (Cr Bydder/Cr Donovan)

That the apologies for absences from Cr Huaki, Cr van Oosten, and Deputy Mayor O’Leary, and for lateness from Cr Naidoo-Rauf and Cr Tauariki are accepted.

Cr Hamilton’s Extended Leave of Absence was approved 6 July 2023.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

Mayor Southgate declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 11 (Chief Executive Report). She noted she would not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

During the public excluded session of the meeting, Cr Wilson declared an conflict in relation to Item C4 (District Licensing Committee Appointments). He did not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

Peter Wilson spoke to Item 8 (Confirmation of Community Outcomes for the 2023-34 Long-Term Plan), and highlighted his views in relation to the Long Term Plan and suggested a need for greater community engagement.

Cr Tauariki joined the meeting (9:37am) during the discussion of the above item.

5. Confirmation of the Council Open Minutes - 29 June 2023

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 June 2023 as a true and correct record.

6. Confirmation of the Council Open Minutes - 6 July 2023

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate /Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 July 2023 as a true and correct record.

7. Chair's Report 3 August 2023

The Mayor introduced the report and noted the world class event management abilities of staff demonstrated during the FIFA event and learnings from the LGNZ conference in Christchurch.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate /Cr Pike)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the appointment of Deputy Mayor Angela O'Leary to Waikato-Tainui Hamilton City Council Co-Governance Forum as an alternative co-chair.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf joined the meeting (9:49am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present the when matter was voted on.

8. Confirmation of Community Outcomes for the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan

The Unit Manager Strategy and Planning outlined the Long-Term Plan process. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the history of the development of the five proposed priorities.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate /Cr Thomson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and

- b) approves the five priorities to be adopted as the community outcomes for use in developing the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan:
- i. A city that's easy to live in | He taaone e ngaawari noa iho te noho
 - ii. A city where our people thrive | He taaone e tipu matomato ai te tangata
 - iii. A central city where people love to be | He pokapuu taaone e ngaakautia ana e te marea
 - iv. A fun city with lots to do | He taaone kua kikii ki ngaa tini kaupapa
 - v. A green city | He taaone tiaki taiao.

9. Freedom camping legislation and amendments to associated bylaws

The Governance & Assurance Manager and Policy and Bylaw Lead took the staff report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the legislative changes in particular the homelessness exemption, role of Council, the consultation exception and the definition of self-contained vehicle.

***Staff Action:** Staff undertook to organise a session for Members concerning freedom camping.*

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/ Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the amendments to the Traffic Bylaw 2021 as outlined in **Attachment 2** of the staff report, and amendments to the Parks, Domains and Reserves Bylaw 2019 as outlined in **Attachment 4** of the staff report, to ensure alignment with the amended Freedom Camping Act 2011 and the amended Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 2006; and
- c) notes that consultation is not required as the amendments are minor in nature.

The meeting was adjourned from 10:45am to 11:00am.

Cr Wilson left the meeting during the above adjournment.

Cr Wilson returned re-joined the meeting (11:15am) during the discussion of the above item. He was present the when matter was voted on.

10. Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy

The Building Control Manager took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr Donovan/Cr Tauariki)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the adoption of the amended Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy (**Attachment 1**).

Mayor Southgate left as Chair prior to the below item and did not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter. Cr Donovan assumed the role of Chair.

11. Chief Executive Report

The General Manager, Venues, Tourism & Events introduced the report and highlighted the trip to leper and the importance of building relationships.

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the visit to leper by the Mayor scheduled for April 2024; and
- c) approves the proposed visit to leper to be funded by Council, at a cost of \$5500.00.

12. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Donovan)

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. Confirmation of the Council Public Excluded Minutes 6 July 2023) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Building Consent Matters - Update) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987	
C3. Contract Approval – H3 Event Security and Customer Services		
C4. District Licensing Committee Appointments		

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 protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
Item C2.	to maintain legal professional privilege	Section 7 (2) (g)
Item C3.	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)
Item C4.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)

The meeting was moved into public excluded session at 11:19am.

The meeting was declared closed at 12:17pm.

Minute Note 3/08/2023:

On 3/08/2023 the following resolutions were determined to be released to the public via these minutes and the quarterly update.

C4: That the Council:

- (a) receives the report;
- (b) approves the appointment of Truc Tran as Commissioner of the Hamilton District Licensing Committee for a five-year term pursuant to the provisions of s193 (1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol act 2012;
- (c) notes that the decision and information in relation to this matter be released at the appropriate time, to be determined by the Chief Executive.