
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Wednesday 24 February 2016 at 9:30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Her Worship the Mayor J Hardaker
Deputy Chairperson	Cr G Chesterman
Members	Cr M Forsyth Cr M Gallagher Cr K Green Cr A King Cr D Macpherson Cr G Mallett Cr A O’Leary Cr R Pascoe Cr L Tooman Cr P Yeung
In Attendance	Richard Briggs – Chief Executive Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communications David Bryant – General Manager Corporate Kelvyn Eglinton – General Manager City Growth Sean Murray – Executive Director H3 and Events Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects Stephen Halliwell – Accounting Manager Brett Brinkworth – Corporate Projects Accountant, Finance Deanne McManus-Emery – Community Development & Leisure Manager Matthew Bayliss – Manager Swimming & Recreation Andrew Parsons – Waters Manager Helen Paki – Group Business Manager, Community Lee Cowan, Communications Manager
Democracy Advisors	Mrs Jude Pani and Mr Ian Loiterton

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Tooman)

That apologies from Councillor Wilson for lateness be received and accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

The Council confirmed the agenda

3. Declarations of Interest

Cr Forsyth (Netball) and Councillor Macpherson (Volleyball) declared an interest relating to the proposal for the Indoor Recreation Facilities (Attachment).

4. Public Forum

The following spoke in the Public Forum in support of the Indoor Recreation Facility:

Mark McCabe – Sport Waikato. A handout “Indoor Courts for Hamilton City” was tabled.

Mark Christie – Waikato Football.

Monica Leggart – Hamilton City Netball.

Megan Campbell – Rototuna High School.

5. 2016-17 Budget Review

The Chief Executive introduced this Report and referred the Meeting to the Budget Changes summary schedule contained in paragraph 29 of the Report. He advised that included within the Budget Changes summary were Council decisions made in 2015/16; and the following for Council consideration: Updated Assumptions; Chief Executive ‘imperatives’; and proposals for Council consideration.

The Chief Executive advised that no further consultation was required on this Annual Plan with the recommended changes being timing adjustments within the context of the 10-Year Plan. The legislation takes into account the consultation that has already been undertaken on the 10-Year Plan, unless an adjustment was significant. He considered that no adjustments being presented to the Council met the significant criteria.

The Council then considered each of the following areas noted by the Chief Executive:

- Decisions Made by Council (Attachment 1)
- Updated Assumptions (Attachment 2)
- Chief Executive ‘Imperatives’ (Attachment 3)
- Proposal – Responding to City Growth (Attachment 4)
- Proposal – Indoor Recreation Facilities (Attachment 5)
- Proposal – Event Sponsorship (Attachment 6)
- Voluntary Targeted Rate Report (Attachment 7)
- Art Gallery Feasibility & Pool Space (Attachment 8)
- Overall Recommendations

Decisions Made by Council (Attachment 1)

Central City Transformation Plan – Central City Parking changes

Motion (Crs King/Mallett)

That the parking changes in the CCTP not be implemented.

The Motion was Put

Those for the Motion: Councillors Gallagher, King, Macpherson, Green, and Mallett

Those against the Motion: Mayor Hardaker, Councillors Chesterman, Yeung, Forsyth, Pascoe, and O'Leary and Tooman

The Motion was declared Lost.

Updated Assumptions (Attachment 2)

Action: Swaps/Interest Rates – Report to be presented to the next Finance Committee meeting to provide clarity around interest rates, the range of periods/rates, expiry dates on the swaps and what Council is doing to address the current drop in interest rates

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

That Council approves the 2016/17 budget changes (as noted in Attachment 2 of the staff Report) to reflect the updated assumptions.

Chief Executive 'Imperatives' (Attachment 3)

Efficiency Savings

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

That Council approves the 2016/17 budget changes (as noted in Attachment 3 of the staff Report) that are consequential to the Chief Executive led organisation restructure.

Waterworld

Action: Waterworld – A report on revenue/Club Aqua is to be provided to the June Annual Plan meeting. A report on this matter prepared by Price Waterhouse Coopers was expected in a few months' time.

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Forsyth)

That:

- a) Council amends the 2016/17 Waterworld budget to add capital expenditure of \$2.9m and consequential operating impact of \$408,000; and
- b) Council approves the closure of the Waterworld facility for a period of up to eight weeks between July and December 2016.

Councillor Mallett dissenting

Hamilton Zoo

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

That Council budgets \$300,000 in 2016/17 for any additional Zoo animal enclosure related capital works.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Hardaker, Councillors Chesterman, Yeung, Gallagher, Forsyth, Pascoe, O'Leary, Green, Mallett and Tooman

Those against the Motion: Councillors King and Macpherson

The Meeting adjourned (10.48am to 11.05am).

Councillor Macpherson left the Meeting at 10.48am.

Proposal – Responding to City Growth (Attachment 4)

The General Manager, City Infrastructure, introduced this proposal bringing forward the following three programmes of work in the 10-Year Plan capital budget with additional funding: Ruakura growth cell; Rotokauri Stage 1; and Integrated Catchment Management Plans.

Action: Ruakura – Staff to report back to the next meeting of the Finance Committee (21 April 2016) providing information on the number of sections to which Council services had been provided that are yet to come on to the market for sale.

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Pascoe)

That:

- a) That Council approves additional funding of \$4.292m within the 2015-25 10-Year Plan commencing in 2016/17 to leverage a partnership opportunity with Tainui Group Holdings and Chedworth Property Ltd that will result in the broader Ruakura area being strategically serviced.
- b) That Council approves acceleration of current capital funding of \$5.776m within the 2015-25 10-Year Plan for strategic infrastructure in Rotokauri to facilitate current residential and business development growth pressure (resulting in funding increases of \$2.4m in 2016/17, \$3.366m in year 2017/18 and \$10,000 in year 2018/19).
- c) That Council approves additional funding of \$862,000 (\$441,000 in 2016/17 and \$421,000 in 2017/18) to accelerate the development of Integrated Catchment Management Plans for the priority Rototuna, Rotokauri and Peacockes greenfield growth areas.

The Meeting adjourned (12.05pm to 1.00pm).

Councillor Macpherson rejoined the Meeting at 1.00pm.

Proposal – Indoor Recreation Facilities (Attachment 5)

This proposal for the Council to enter into a partnership arrangement to enable the construction of an indoor recreation centre was introduced by the General Manager, Community, supported by the Michelle Hollands, Regional Facilities Advisor Sport Waikato, and Megan Campbell, Chair of the Rototuna High School Establishment Board of Trustees. A site map of Rototuna Schools showing the position of the four courts was tabled.

The General Manager referred to a recent site visit by Elected Members that provided a useful view of the site; there was now a window of opportunity for the Council to enter into this partnership with Council sign off required by 31 March 2016. This would enable use of the contractor rates that had been locked in by the Rototuna High School for the construction.

In response to questions Council was advised:

- The details discussed by the Council would form part of the operating agreement; with a mutually acceptable governance and operations agreement to be developed;
- The indoor recreation centre is not purely a community facility, it is a national and regional facility;
- There may be a priority of users with the possibility of a national or regional tournament getting priority;
- Ministry of Education standard provides for a ¾ size court;
- Sport Waikato have been working closely with Sport NZ to ensure this facility provides full size courts, inclusive of appropriate 'run-off' space surrounding each court;
- The different sporting codes would be able to undertake their activities alongside each other, with the design to be worked through with the sporting codes to determine whether there would be a feature court arrangement provided;
- It would take three months to move through the design and operational agreement with the build phase approximately August 2016; and
- From the School's perspective, it was now or never.

During the Indoor Recreation Facilities discussion, the Meeting adjourned (1.50pm to 2.00pm).

Resolved: (Crs Forsyth/Chesterman)

That:

- a) That Council approves entering into a partnership agreement, that secures the principles of community use, with the Rototuna High School Establishment Board of Trustees and Ministry of Education to construct a four-court indoor recreation facility on the school site.
- b) That Council authorises the Chief Executive to enter into a mutually acceptable governance and operations agreement with the Rototuna High School Establishment Board of Trustees and Ministry of Education for the operation of the indoor recreation centre by 31 March 2016.
- c) That Council approves funding of \$4m to be brought forward from 2021/22 to the 2015/16 financial year and increased by \$500,000 as a grant towards the construction of two of the four courts to be built at the new Rototuna High Schools.
- d) That Council approves bringing forward an operational grant of \$120,000 per annum from 2022/23 to 2017/18.

The Meeting adjourned (2.25pm to 2.40pm).

Councillors Gallagher, Green and Macpherson left the Meeting at 2.25pm.

Proposal – Event Sponsorship (Attachment 6)

The Director H3 & Events introduced this proposal. It was requested that further information be provided to the Council on benefits/evidence of events. It was noted that all Elected Members would shortly be able to access the agenda for the 9 March Events Sponsorship Subcommittee Meeting.

Resolved: (Crs Chesterman/Yeung)

That Council increase the Event Sponsorship Fund budget by \$150,000, from 2016/17 to a total of \$373,000.

Councillor Mallett dissenting.

Councillor Gallagher rejoined the Meeting (2.50pm) and was present at the voting of the above matter.

Voluntary Targeted Rate for Sustainable Initiatives (Attachment 7)

It was noted that no motion was required for this attachment.

Pool Space (Attachment 8)

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/King)

Staff report to the Council by 31 July 2016 with options on the availability of solutions relating to swimming capacity.

Arts Post – Commission Structure

Resolved: (Crs King/Gallagher)

That staff present a report at the Finance Committee in May 2016 on the process and commission structure for the sale of art at Arts Post.

Overall Recommendations

In presenting the overall recommendation, the Chief Executive confirmed that from his perspective there had been an appropriate level of public feedback which staff had noted and incorporated into the information presented to Council. There would be further community engagement opportunities through public forum, promotions and in particular Council's City News publication.

Resolved: (Crs Pascoe/Chesterman)

That:

- a) the report be received;
- b) community engagement is not required as the adjustments to the budget do not significantly nor materially change the 2016/17 budget from the proposed budget in the 2015-25 10-Year Plan; and
- c) the Chief Executive prepare the 2016/17 Annual Plan, based on the 2015-25 10-Year Plan and as amended by the changes resolved by Council, for adoption at the meeting of Council on 30 June 2016.

Councillor Mallett dissenting.

The Meeting was declared closed at 4.20pm