
Council 10 Year Plan Hearings OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of meetings of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Friday 11 May 2018 at 9.40am and Monday 14 May 2018 (which reconvened Tuesday - Thursday 15-17 May 2018). The reports for both these meetings were contained within the agenda of the Extraordinary Council meeting of 11 May 2018.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mayor A King
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
Members	Cr M Bunting
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr S Henry
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr A O'Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr P Southgate
	Cr G Taylor
	Cr L Tooman
	Cr R Hamilton

In Attendance:	Richard Briggs – Chief Executive
	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community
	Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communication
	David Bryant – General Manager Corporate
	Chris Allen - General Manager Infrastructure
	Jen Baird - General Manager City Growth
	Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects
	Julie Clausen – Programme Manager
	Chelsey Stewart – Project Manager 10 Year Plan
	Nigel Ward - Acting Communications Team Leader
	Andy Mannering – Manager Social Development
	Andrew Parsons - City Development Manager
	Greg Carstens – Acting Unit Manager Economic Growth & Planning
	Nathan Dalgety – Team Leader Growth Funding & Analytics
	Stafford Hodgson – Senior Strategic Policy Analyst
	Muna Wharawhara – Amorangi Maaori

Governance Staff:	Lee-Ann Jordan - Governance Manager
	Becca Brooke – Governance Team Leader
	Amy Viggers, Claire Guthrie and Rebecca Watson – Committee Advisor

Muna Wharawhara carried out a blessing and Rev Phil Wilson a reading to open the Council Meeting.

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs Casson/Taylor)

That the apologies for partial attendance from Deputy Mayor Gallagher, Cr Mallett, and Cr Macpherson for Friday 11 May 2018 are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Henry)

That the agenda be confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

The following members of the public spoke to their submissions on the Draft 10 Year Plan, Draft Rating Review Statement of Proposal and Draft Development Contributions Policy.

Darryn Mills (Waikato River Explorer) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Mills spoke in support of the Draft 10 Year plan noting that he was in support of projects such as the Hamilton Gardens entrance fee and the Waikato Regional Theatre. He felt there were several projects not necessary such as Garden Place redevelopment and components of the River Plan.

Glen Wallace (Hot Gossip Bra Shop and Solve Consultants Ltd) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Wallace spoke against the immediate move to Capital Value rating as businesses had planned for the change over the next 7 years as was approved during the previous 10 Year Plan. He spoke in support of the Waikato Regional Theatre.

Stuart Gordon (WIP and NZ Food Innovation Waikato Limited) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Gordon spoke against the Draft 10 Year Plan, noting that he objected to the proposal to move to Capital Value rating as costs would have to be passed onto customers. He suggested that there was need for funding to be brought forward to resolve congestion issues that were caused by growth in areas such as Ruakura.

The meeting adjourned 10.07 to 10.25am.

Cr Mallett joined the meeting during the above adjournment.

Deputy Mayor Gallagher left the meeting during the above adjournment.

Matt Stark (Stark Properties) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Stark spoke in support of the Draft 10 Year Plan. He noted Stark Properties had proposed an upgrade to Ward Street to occur in conjunction with the development of the Kmart building.

The meeting adjourned 10.30 to 10.35am.

Jeff Hunter (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Hunter spoke to his submission on the Draft 10 Year Plan. He felt that the proposed rates increase placed too much burden on households for the sake of growth.

Jonathan Tuhua (First Trust) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Tuhua spoke to the Draft 10 Year Plan. He suggested that there was greater need for Community Infrastructure and increased public transport options.

The meeting adjourned 10.53am to 11.19am

AJA Pratapsingh (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Pratapsingh raised concerns with the proposed rates increase. He felt that the Draft 10 Year Plan was missing information on revenue stream and cost saving methods.

Aaron Wong (Generation Zero) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Wong spoke to the Draft 10 Year Plan and each of the challenges that Council faced. He noted that Generation Zero was in support infill targets, growth and some of the transport proposals.

Graeme Mead (YMCA) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Mead spoke in support of the Draft 10 Year plan. He suggested charities should be paying their own way rather than requesting funding from Council. He noted that the YMCA wanted to be a part of Council future through the investment of funds for Community Infrastructure in Hamilton.

Katy King (North East Community Hub) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms King spoke to the Draft 10 Year Plan noting that development of Community Infrastructure in the North East was critical for the Community. She advised that, based on feedback she had received from the North-East Community, the priorities were a swimming pool, a community hub with meeting rooms, and then a library.

Alan Sciascia (Hospitality New Zealand) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Sciascia spoke against an entrance fee to Hamilton Garden as in his opinion this would cause a drop in visitors to Hamilton. He suggested the introduction of a policy to recognise short term accommodation (AirBnB and BookaBach) as businesses and rate them accordingly rather than as residential properties.

Mark Goodman (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Goodman spoke to his submission on the Draft 10 Year Plan noting his concerns with the Council finances. He advised that he was not in support of a fee to enter Hamilton Gardens, nor the development of the Waikato Regional Theatre.

David Hill (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Hill spoke against the Draft 10 Year Plan as he felt that none on the proposed rating options were fair. He explained his concerns were that similar properties within the same area had different rates based on the calculator on the Council's website.

Doreen Wood (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Wood spoke to her submission on the Draft 10 Year Plan. She felt that the Waikato Regional Theatre project should be replaced by a project to develop the Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park.

Christine Norris (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Norris suggested that the Council should clarify its financial situation before continuing with the 10 Year Plan process. She felt that there should be no increase to rates, instead spending should be lessened.

Brian Main (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Main spoke to his submission on the Draft 10 Year Plan. He suggested Council consider alternate options to generate funds.

Benson Wu (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Wu spoke to his concerns regarding congestion around the city. He felt that Council was not considering outside the box methods to resolve issues.

Kelvyn Eglinton (Momentum) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Eglinton spoke to the Draft 10 Year Plan and the challenges that Council had to address each proposal. He noted that Momentum was in support of the development of a Community Hub in the North East as well as other areas of the city.

Sarah Nathan (Creative Waikato) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Nathan spoke to her organisation's concern that there was not enough community funding available for community groups. She suggested the implementation of a Waikato Arts Navigator which was needed to support fund proposals and would work in conjunction with the Hamilton City Council Arts Agenda.

Cr Macpherson left the meeting (12.57pm) during the above submission.

The meeting adjourned 1.04pm to 1.49pm.

Bryce Arnold (Hamilton Rowing Club) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Arnold spoke to his organisation's submission and requested that Council consider a 100 year lease with the club who wanted to develop the area with a River Centre. He noted that the club had some concerns regarding the jetty that was a part of the River Plan.

Megan Campbell, Fraser Hill, Joohui Lee, Luka Rigter, Mia Wilson, Diakan Govender, and Jimmy Crawford (Rototuna High School) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Campbell spoke to the need for community facilities in Rototuna due to growth in the area. She noted that Rototuna High School was willing to collaborate with Council to deliver community facilities.

Deputy Mayor Gallagher re-joined the meeting at 2.08pm during the above submission.

Dave Simpson and Kelly Bunyan (Spark NZ) - Draft Rating Review Statement of Proposal and Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Simpson and Ms Bunyan spoke against the Draft Rating Review Statement of Proposal and the proposed increase to rates. They noted that their organisation felt the commercial rates increase placed an unfair burden on business.

Susan Trodden (Orchestra Central and Rail Project) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Trodden noted that Orchestra Central was in support of the presentation and submission made by Creative Waikato. She then spoke to the submission made by Rail Project and advised that the development of a passenger rail service would lessen congestion issues within the city.

Cr O'Leary left the meeting at 2.30pm.

The Programme Manager read the submission received from Louis Marco who was unable to attend the Hearing to make his verbal submission.

Kim Campbell (Employers & Manufacturers Association) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Campbell spoke in support of the Draft 10 Year Plan noting that the capital program, in his opinion, was irresponsible. He suggested Council consider other revenue options to fund the capital program.

Cr Mallett retired from the meeting at 2.57pm.

The meeting adjourned 3.04pm to 3.34pm.

Cr O'Leary re-joined the meeting at during the above adjournment.

Shannon J Osborn (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Osborn spoke to his submission on the 10 Year Plan. He suggested the development of a footbridge between Frankton station and Frankton shopping centre to allow better access to the area.

Bruce Cresswell (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Cresswell spoke to his submission regarding developing the Founders Theatre site into a Children's Museum. He noted that he was in support of the Waikato Regional Theatre proposal.

Alec Forbes (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Forbes spoke in support of the Draft 10 Year Plan and noted that he was in full support of the Waikato Region Theatre Proposal.

Graham Polard (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Polard spoke in support of a rates increase but noted that the suggested increase was too high and a better option would be to spread the increase over a number of years. He advised that he supported the Zoo Master Plan Proposal and felt that funding should be brought forward to years 1 through 3 of the Draft 10 Year Plan.

Ron Pengelly (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Pengelly spoke against an increase in rates as it was not affordable for the public and he felt that it would be a better to focus user payer options rather than a general rates increase.

Christopher Manson (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Manson spoke to his submission on the Draft 10 Year Plan. He suggested Council consider other options such as fruit trees when planting. He felt that the development of Peacockes would increase congestion issues in the city and place too much pressure on infrastructure.

Greg Blewett (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Blewett spoke to his submission on the Draft 10 Year Plan. He noted that he was against the proposal to move immediately to capital value and in the introduction of the Uniform Annual General Charge.

Jill Masters and Tim Cox (RESTORE) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Masters and Mr Cox spoke to their organisation's requests that Council consider including a project to restore the water quality in Lake Rotoroa in the Draft 10 Year Plan. They noted that members of the public had indicated that they would prefer to restore the water in Lake Rotoroa instead of the redevelopment of Garden Place proposal.

Cliff Thomas (Waikato Historical Society) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Thomas spoke to his organisation's submission. He advised that the organisation was against the Central City Park proposal. They felt that the saving from not removing the buildings on Victoria Street could be better used to assist building owners to complete appropriate restoration.

Artur Grochala (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Grochala spoke against an increase in rates. He suggested the introduction of a policy to rate properties that were renting out their properties for short term accommodation as businesses would be a way be increase revenue for the city.

Sally and Roberta McDougall (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms S McDougall spoke to their concerns that those on fixed incomes or living alone would not be able to afford the rates increase.

Bruce Murdoch (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Murdoch spoke to his submission on the Draft 10 Year plan. He challenged Council to develop other rating options that did not include the Uniform Annual General Charge.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.22pm Friday 11 May 2018, with the hearings to continue at the Council Meeting on Monday 14 May 2018 at 9.30am.

The meeting of Monday 14 May 2018 at ware declared open at 9.30am, noting that the agenda for the meeting was the same as for the Extraordinary Council meeting of Friday 11 May 2018.

4. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs Casson/Bunting)

That the apologies from Cr Mallett (early departure) and Cr Tooman (early departure) are accepted.

Note: During the course of the Council meeting which commenced on 14 May 2018 and continued through to 17 May 2018, a number of Elected Members also tendered apologies for absence, early departure or late arrival. These arrivals and departures are noted throughout the minutes.

5. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Mayor King/Cr Hamilton)

That the agenda be confirmed.

6. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

The following members of the public spoke to their submissions on the Draft 10 Year Plan, Draft Rating Review Statement of Proposal and Draft Development Contributions Policy.

Roger Hennebry (Grey Power Submission) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Hennebry spoke to Grey Power's submission which represented the views of 40-60 members. Grey Power was opposed to the proposed rates increases as this would cause financial distress for many members and wanted to remain with the existing 3.8% rates rise and gradual move to capital value rating. The organisation recommended that the Council look to reducing costs and staff and live within its budget.

Roger Hennebry (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Hennebry spoke against rates increases, the proposed new projects and changing to capital value rates.

Lindsay Cumberpatch and Vik Arcus (Bryant Trust) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Cumberpatch and Mr Arcus spoke to the Trust's submission and asked the Council prioritise social infrastructure to enhance human welfare by having a cross-sector housing plan and increasing the community assistance grants to match population growth and inflation.

Cr Tooman left the meeting (9.58am) during the above submission.

James Bevan (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Bevan spoke to his submission that rates parity with neighbouring councils was positive as he would rather live in a nice city than a cheap one. He strongly supported the Gully Restoration Plan as many residents are working on gully restoration already and would benefit from Council's vision and plan.

Edgar Wilson and Rachel Karalus (K'aute Pasifika Trust) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Karalus and Mr Wilson spoke to their submissions and outlined that the Trust wanted to invest in a community hub, with a medical practice and early childhood centre, that was centrally located, close to public transport, and Wintec to encourage existing educational links and was asking the Council for support for a community facility. Ms Karalus said the Pasifika community noted that there was no mention of their community in the 10 Year Plan even though there was 15,000 Pasifika living in the Waikato region.

Deborah Fisher (Individual Submission) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Fisher spoke to her submission which was against the proposed rates increase and associated projects. Ms Fisher stated that the Council could downsize or defer proposals and that growth should not be prioritised at all costs.

Cr Tooman re-joined the meeting (10.27am) during the above submission.

Chris Rollitt (Hamilton East Community Trust and Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Rollitt spoke to the Community Trust's submission that it did not support a pontoon at Wellington Beach. The Trust wanted a holistic design to development, preserving the area's heritage. Mr Rollitt stated there was a need for more river pathways to connect Hamilton East to the city, for youth activity areas and for the Council to maintain facilities in Hamilton East such as the toilet block at Steele Park.

Steve Leppien (Waikato Softball Draft) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Leppien spoke to his organisation's concerns with the substandard drainage in the playing fields, inadequate equipment storage and the poor condition of the toilets at the Resthills Sports Club. He said Waikato Softball needed all year access to playing fields with artificial turf and lighting.

John Walker (Individual) Sub- Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Walker said Council should keep rates within the rate of inflation. He said he supported development in Rotokauri (closer to existing infrastructure), library development, the Regional Theatre, the zoo and Waiwhakareke. However, he did not support the River Plan, development in Garden Place or building more indoor facilities.

Geoff Kreegher (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Rating Review

Mr Kreegher spoke to both his submissions. He was against more debt and said that rates should cover the running of the city. He said there should be a fairer user pays system, by person not by property value. Mr Kreegher noted that council staff wages and consultants' fees were substantial and he did not support any increases. He did not support the rail proposal and believed that Claudelands, FMG Stadium, Seddon Park and the Zoo should be sold.

The meeting adjourned from 11.08am to 11.20am.

Dr Alison Campbell (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Dr Campbell stated her major concern was that the city lived within its means and that the proposed rate increases were punitive for lower socio-economic groups. She said the 10 Year Plan needed to be forward focused with a focus on community infrastructure and not on luxuries such as Garden Place development, the Central City Park and the Waikato Regional Theatre.

Kelli Pike (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Pike spoke to her presentation and said her priority was development in Waiwhakareke to go ahead, to improve Lake Rotoroa and the river's water quality. She supported the River Plan.

Robert and Judy Bragger (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Rating Review

Mr and Mrs Bragger spoke together on their submissions stating that the consultation document was very confusing and they had to choose between non-choices. They said the level of city debt was unacceptable and that the 10 Year Plan will not reduce debt. They did not support rates increases.

Laura Jones (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Jones said she supported development in Rotokauri and that the city should upgrade and maintain their current assets and infrastructure. She said she did not support the Garden Place

upgrade nor charging for entrance at Hamilton Gardens except for international visitors. She also supported with the Regional Theatre.

Jamie Strange (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Strange said he wanted central and local government to work together and saw affordable housing, the Regional Theatre and the rail link as important areas of development.

Samantha Rose (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Rose said that she wanted the Council to engage more actively with communities and that she could not see what ethics and principles were driving decision making. She said the Council could charge for water and for land that was fallow as this should be used for the community. She supported a permanently affordable housing plan, more public transport and food gardens.

Matthew Cooper and Michelle Holland (Sports Waikato) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Cooper supported the employment of a community advisor focused on sport to work alongside the Council's community advisors. Sport Waikato also supported changing the multi-year grants so they were adjusted for population and inflation; bringing forward the indoor sports centre at the University of Waikato; providing artificial playing surface and improving sport parks drainage. It did not support development of Garden Place.

Fiona Bradley (Hamilton Operatic) Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Bradley said Hamilton Operatic strongly supported the Regional Theatre proposal and agreed that parking was an issue for the CBD site. She suggested shuttles to local carparks be provided to ensure people's safety.

Anju (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Anju spoke in support of more family facilities in Hamilton such as an amusement park.

Roger Stratford (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Stratford stated he supported development at Rotokauri as this area would suit cycling better.

James Alexander Hope (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Hope spoke in Te Reo and was against development in Peacockes because of the high cost of infrastructure. He said he supported Rotokauri as it was close to existing facilities. Mr Hope supported provision of bi-lingual signage in Hamilton to support the historical names of Hamilton and suggested this initiative would encourage tourism.

Mark Schroder (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Schroder said the Council needed to live on the income it received and pay off debt but had no preference for the type of rates increase. He said he did not support growth into productive farmland and he supported the Council and Tainui talking more often about this. Mr Schroder did support public transport development.

The meeting adjourned from 12.42pm to 1.45pm.

Sophie Ward (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Ward said she supported the provision of more public transport and that more direct routes needed to be provided for buses and more bike lanes. She suggested Council provide re-usable public bikes such as those found in overseas cities. Ms Ward said Council should get rid of all single-use plastic bags at supermarkets and that she supported a new theatre.

Cr O'Leary joined the meeting (1.50pm) during the above submission.

Richard Cocks (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Cocks said he supported the transition to a capital value rating system and noted that Council was not honouring its past decisions. He said there was a differential impact of the rates increase and that a \$1000 yearly increase would use up any wage or superannuation increase that people received. He did not support continuing with the Hamilton Gardens targeted rate.

Megan Lyon (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Lyon supported the Council to re-develop and re-open the Municipal Pools and explained the benefits of an outdoor, centrally located swimming pool for Hamilton residents. She said this development would align with the River Plan.

David Braithwaite (Property Makers and Stirling) Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Braithwaite spoke to both organisations' submissions on the 10 Year Plan which they found hard to understand and noted that the debt ratio was out of date. He said revaluation of HCC assets did not require rating increases and that proper maintenance meant no depreciation. Borrowing money to run the city was not supported. Development of Peacockes was supported, along with water and roading and building the new theatre on the existing site. Other projects were not supported.

Jo de Lisle and Ellie Wilkinson (Ethnic Community Strategic Plan/Settlement Centre Zoning) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms de Lisle and Wilkinson supported the Ethnic Community Strategic Plan as this would give direction to planning ethnic diversity support. The re-zoning of the Settlement Centre was necessary for future expansion and security of tenure was needed for funding applications.

Paul Bennett (Braemar Hospital) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Bennett spoke against rates increases and noted that the status quo was not included as an option so the choices were misleading. He outlined the impact the proposed rates increase would have on Braemar Hospital, preventing any future expansion. He said the 676% increase over five years could not be recouped and that any increases should be capped to be fair to all. Mr Bennett said HCC should live within its means.

Ian Bridges (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Rating Review

Mr Bridges spoke to both his submissions stating HCC should only spend what ratepayers can afford as the proposed changes would have a huge impact on ratepayers. He said that rates have increased 62% over ten years but incomes have only increased by 19% and that rates should remain at 3.8% increase per year. He did not agree with the increases in staff salaries, operating costs and professional fees.

Margaret Evans and Mavora Hamilton (TOTI) Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Evans spoke to HCC supporting eco sustainability as an opportunity to manage risks caused by climate change/severe weather events as this was not a focus in consultation documents and HCC was not a signatory to the UN climate change declaration. Engineering thinking needed to be innovative such as onsite treatment stations in Peacockes and looking at underground power lines. Ms Evans also spoke to re-imagining local government.

Josh Moore (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Moore supported charging for entry to Hamilton Gardens as research showed that tourists would spend money on good attractions. This was evidenced by the entry fees charged by Waitomo Caves, Hobbiton and Rotorua's attractions. He noted that people on Hamilton's boundaries would be disadvantaged by an entry fee.

Anna Sloan, Ryan West and Gemma Major (SEED Waikato) Draft 10 Year Plan

SEED represented 23% of Hamilton's population, the 18-30 year olds, and spoke to three issues, housing affordability, sustainability and community infrastructure. Mr West explained the group supported community hubs in vulnerable areas and said they were disappointed by the lack of reference to Tangata Whenua in the consultation documents.

Judy McDonald (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms McDonald said that Hamilton had a history of poor decision-making and residents wanted more open and transparent governance and less 'no other option'. She said rates increases would seriously affect the quality of life for many residents and Hamilton needs to be liveable. She did support important traffic infrastructure developments and increasing road safety along with the Zoo and Waiwhakareke proposals.

The meeting adjourned from 3.15pm to 3.30pm.

Julie Shaw (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Shaw spoke in support of the Citizens' Advice Bureau and against the sale of St Peter's Hall which was the CAB's current office. She asked that CAB be given a long lease.

Dr Rebekah Graham (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Dr Graham spoke in support of the following – increased funding for public transport, safe walking and biking options, managing safety issues around schools, funding for junior sports fields and family facilities such as Waterworld and playgrounds.

Renaldo Pantoja (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Pantoja spoke against the rates increases and the immediate move to capital value and said the city should work within its means. He did not support Garden Place development.

Kathryn Parsons (Friends of the Library) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Parsons spoke in support of library development at Rototuna, the Hillcrest library extension and IT developments as libraries created a positive flow on effect for the city.

Jason Dawson (Hamilton Waikato Tourism) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Dawson spoke against the proposed \$10 entry fee to Hamilton Gardens as this could impact on the significant domestic tourist market. He supported \$11.50 targeted rate for the Hamilton Gardens.

Jason Wade (Clarence Street Theatre and Individual) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Mr Wade suggested councillors should make innovative decisions to help the city flourish. He supported the Regional Theatre and requested funding for improvements to Clarence Street Theatre.

Neil Curgenvin (NZ History Foundation) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Curgenvin suggested Council establish a trust to manage historic sites and to continue the work set out the Heritage Plan. He said heritage status should be applied to sites identified in the Heritage Trail. The Foundation opposed the sale of St Peter's Hall and wanted the reintroduction of the Heritage Fund.

Martin Toop (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Toop said he would not be able to afford the proposed rates increases over 5% and asked if Hamilton was living beyond its means. He did not support the Regional Theatre or more development at the Hamilton Gardens.

Nancy Caiger (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Caiger said she understood the need for a general rate increase but wanted to keep to the 3.8% increase and transition to capital value. She said she found the submission document was skewed towards certain outcomes and it was hard to understand the true state of the finances. Ms Caiger was concerned about the impact of the HIF loan. She supported an entry fee to Hamilton Gardens not the targeted rate. She also supported the Regional Theatre.

Karen Walters (Waikato BOP Football) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Ms Walters said her organisation supported an increased commitment to playing field maintenance and the development of an indoor recreational facility and lighting. She said the lack of facilities was inhibiting growth of sport, particularly the lack of lighting.

Mano Haran (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Haran was concerned about the Council's financial state and did not support the proposed rates increase and immediate move to capital value. He said he did not support a new theatre as one already existed and Garden Place should not have more money spent on it.

Stan Jones (Individual) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Mr Jones submitted that the consultation document and process was confusing and simpler information should have been disseminated, particularly the rates increase measures.

Margaret Southgate (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Southgate spoke about concerns in Hamilton East with the potential for high density housing to become slums, the carparking issues, the lack of area for retail to grow, and the lack of community input into Steele Park to create a real community area.

The meeting adjourned from 5.00pm to 5.15pm.

Askel Bech (Tamahere Community Committee) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Bech spoke about the number of initiatives in Tamahere to enhance services for cyclists and walkers. There were also gully restoration projects underway to restore and allow access rights.

Matthew Small (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Small did not support development in Garden Place but the provision of more events to encourage use of the area. He suggested moving i-SITE to the Transport Centre, and making destination playgrounds more accessible to those who were disabled. He was concerned that rate increases would increase rents to an unaffordable level.

Justin Den Otter (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Den Otter stated the Council's financial situation was not sustainable and that current investments, such as Waterworld, should be maintained but that further large luxury projects should be avoided until the money is available.

Suzanne and Harry O'Rourke (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms O'Rourke and Master O'Rourke were keen to see a skate park built in Hamilton East, and suggested there could be an entry fee to use the park and that it could be situated by the cycling track in Hamilton East.

Ian Lewis (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Lewis asked that the Bike Plan be brought forward to accelerate options for children to get to school by bicycle or walking. He said the transport network needed work to make transport easier and reduce congestion.

Rangimahora Reddy (CEO Rauawaawaa) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Reddy explained that her organisation supported people in poverty and was concerned about the proposed rates increases particularly for the elderly and those renting. She also noted that transport was difficult for elderly as many pathways and footpaths needed fixing or were not age friendly.

Rita Ahlers (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Ahlers spoke about her concerns with the proposed rates increases, particularly the speed of the changes and noted that wage increases were not keeping up. She said that projects could be postponed or cancelled to save money. Ms Ahlers did not support Garden Place development or the proposed Regional Theatre and thought the Founders site could be used in the future when affordable.

Rohan West (Netball Waikato/BOP) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr West said his organisation supported an indoor sports facility but would like this in year 2 and 3 not in year 4 and 5. He said that high performance teams did not have a dedicated base for training.

The meeting adjourned from 3.15pm to 3.30pm.

Rowena Edge (Waikato Lacrosse Association) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Edge explained that lacrosse was the fastest growing women's sport in Hamilton and that there was a lack of suitable playing fields. She said lacrosse and other sports groups envisioned a multi-sport development, with Council providing the land and infrastructure, such as turf and lights.

Palamen Gerasimov (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Gerasimov did not support the proposed rates increase as they were too expensive for people to afford as wages did not increase at the same rate. He said it was hard to find information and there were not enough options in the consultation document.

Russell Wilson (Hamilton Cricket Association) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Wilson supported the development in Peacockes and supported investment in sports parks and open spaces. He said sports fields needed investment in drainage and he would like to see investment in artificial turf at Rototuna and hybrid turf at Galloway Park for football and cricket.

Eion Fields (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Fields spoke of his concern with city expansion into surrounding agricultural land and opposed development into Peacockes. He said Hamilton should make best use of the space in the city boundaries.

Ralph Connor (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Connor opposed the rate increases as too dear for some to manage. He also did not support the regional theatre site in Victoria Street preferring the Founders site and said the development of Garden Place was totally unnecessary.

The meeting adjourned from 6.45pm to 7.30pm.

Keith Hogan (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Hogan spoke against the proposed rate increases, particularly for those on fixed incomes. He also opposed development in Garden Place and said Council should provide events to bring people into the city centre.

Alison Gibb (Friends of the Waikato Museum) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Gibb said her organisation was concerned that there was a lack of additional funding for the Museum in the Draft plan. She said they supported the River Plan and would provide more planting and gift a sculpture. The organisation asked that "Art" be put back into the Museum's title.

Xiangjun Zhu (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Zhu spoke against individual entry fees for Hamilton Gardens and supported charging for international visitors and tourist buses.

Steve Tritt (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Tritt spoke in favour of passenger rail and said an autonomous electric rail line with Otorohanga, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti could be developed with HCC to provide \$12,000 to evaluate the suitability/feasibility of infrastructure.

John and Dorothy Wakeling (Waiwhakareke Sculpture Park) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr and Mrs Wakeling presented a proposal for a partnership with HCC to provide a 'free to enter' sculpture park. The Park would provide the land and two kilometres of trail and asked the Council to maintain the park.

Laura Kellaway (Waikato Heritage Taonga Group) -Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Kellaway spoke to her organisation's submission. It asked that the Heritage Panel be reinstated, noted that the Heritage Fund was small, and asked that heritage buildings be retained in Hamilton. It requested the Frankton Stationmaster's House be returned to Frankton, that St Peter's Hall and Beale Cottage remain in community ownership and that heritage buildings in the south end of Victoria Street are retained.

Niall Baker (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Baker supported Option 6 (Challenge 1) and supported Peacockes as the next major housing area. He agreed with funding for walking and cycling infrastructure and supported 9 projects in Challenge 4. He did not support heritage protection, moving i-SITE and said to keep a paper version of City News.

Steve West (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr West spoke to his submission and asked Council to stop spending money as the rates are too expensive and that it needed to stick to core infrastructure. He said Hamilton needed to be affordable for people to live here.

Lloyd Seeney (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Seeney spoke to his submission supporting the installation of waste water pipes to support the Rotokauri housing area.

**The meeting adjourned at 8.00pm Monday 14 May 2018 , to be reconvened on
Tuesday 15 May 2018 9.30am.**

The meeting reconvened on Tuesday 15 May 2018 at 9.30am.

The following members of the public spoke to their submissions on the Draft 10 Year Plan, Draft Rating Review Statement of Proposal and Draft Development Contributions Policy.

Virginia Graham (Friends of the Gardens) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Ms Graham spoke to her organisation's submission which supported investment in the Gardens and opposed an entry fee. She said donations should be encouraged, that wi-fi be installed and that parking congestion must be addressed.

Leanne Bills (Hamilton East Village Business Association) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Ms Bills spoke of the problems vagrants were causing in Hamilton East with a range of anti-social behaviours. She would like to see increased safety funding to reduce these problems.

Malcolm Barrett (GVG Management Trust) - Draft Rating Review

Mr Barrett spoke to his group's submission opposing the proposed rate increases and explained the effect of differential ratings on carpark buildings as the increases were substantial.

Susan Harwood (Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Ms Harwood spoke to CAB's submission which opposed the sale of the CAB building. They explained that this building had been used by CAB for 26 years and provided substantial benefits for the community as it was centrally located, with a pleasant environment, a reception area, rooms for confidential interviews, it was close to other services, and the Cathedral provided free carparks for the volunteers.

Steven Drysdale (Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Mr Drysdale spoke as a CAB volunteer and Board member and said that funding is diminishing and asked Council not to sell St Peter's Hall and end CAB's lease.

Cr Taylor and Hamilton Joined the meeting (10.11am) during the above submission.

Jeanette Holborrow (Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Holborrow spoke to CAB's submission and said that the venue they used was very suitable for the work that CAB undertook as their clients often had complex cases and needed face to face support and advice. She asked that Council not sell the premises as the revenue from selling the hall was a minor component of the value that CAB contributed to Hamilton. She also explained that other such premises were not available in the CBD.

Harvey Brooks and Dallas Fisher (Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Brooks and Mr Fisher explained the role the Agency was looking to provide in the region with a hub based at Innovation Park for increased regional collaboration. They said they would continue with 'Waikato Means Business' and asked Council to support their request for funding.

Susan Woodhouse and Katherine Luketina (Sink or Swim) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Woodhouse and Ms Luketina asked Council to revitalise the inner-city environment by re-developing the Municipal Pools as this was the best option for increasing swimming pool accessibility for the public. It would connect the area to the River Plan and was a cost-effective solution. They explained that the cost of \$4 million was affordable with a targeted rate of \$1 a week and the funding allocated to Garden Place developments.

Tim and Finlay Babbage (Northern United Sports Club) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Babbage and Fin spoke in support of the Rototuna Sports Park as there was a shortage of sport and recreation facilities in their area as well as the Rototuna Community Hub proposal. They

explained to Council that as the largest Sports Club in Hamilton their club had no club rooms, which they were interested in developing and partnering with others to build and share, and that there was a need for sports field maintenance and drainage across Hamilton.

Margaret Allen (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Allen spoke against the proposed rates increase as this increase was financially difficult for low income earners. She said Council was spending ratepayers' money and that nothing in the list of projects was essential because Hamilton did not need more development. Ms Allen said that Council should maintain and repair their current facilities, such as the broken equipment at the Hamilton Lake playground, before looking to build more. She asked Council to lobby central government to increase the rates rebate.

Anita Goodman (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Goodman did not support unnecessary projects such as the Central City Park but she could support rates rises for more worthy projects such as cycle ways. She said she did not support an entry fee for Hamilton Gardens.

Alan Julian (Individual) - Draft Rating Review

Mr Julian spoke to his concerns with the proposed substantial rates increase particularly as he lived in an area which did not receive many of the services funded through rates.

The meeting adjourned from 11.05am to 11.35am.

Cr Macpherson left the meeting during the above adjournment.

Maria Eaton (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Eaton strongly supported Council advancing alternative forms of transport to cars. She said cars were dangerous and that lower speed limits and making some roads in the CBD one way only would allow safe cycle and pedestrian usage.

Cr Macpherson re-joined the meeting (11.43) during the above submission.

Samantha Samuel (Individual) - Draft Rating Review

Ms Samuel was opposed to the rates increase and explained how she would be affected with a possible 110% rates rise. She wanted the separately used inhabited clause in the rates proposal to be removed as this affected the viability of her property.

Alex (Tung Seng) Cheung (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan and Rating Review

Mr Cheung spoke against rates increases as his businesses, based at Chartwell, The Base and Centreplace would be negatively affected by the proposals in the Rating Review.

Mark Servian and Antanas Procuta (Riff Raff Public Art Trust) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Servian and Mr Procuta spoke to their submission which was on three subjects. Firstly, the Regional Theatre needed to be a great building and they encouraged Council to allocate more funding. Secondly, they did not support Central City Park and preferred that funding to go to the theatre. Thirdly, they saw Garden Place as a significant public place and if it was opened to community input, as their Trust had with Embassy Park, this would solve the issues.

Nicolette Brodnax (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Brodnax said the consultation document did not allow for residents to choose no increase in rates so she supported Option 6. As an artist, she asked Council to reduce ArtsPost commissions. She submitted that Council should stop borrowing to pay bills as their job was to do what they could pay for.

Kathryn Billings (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Billings said she faced daily challenges as someone who used a wheelchair and asked Council to provide shelters at bus stops and enough room to get on and off the bus safely. She said it was difficult for her to negotiate some intersections and footpaths and asked for maintenance to be done. There were also issues with footpaths being blocked during construction creating a safety issue as no alternative routes were provided.

Tania Simpson (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Simpson supported the proposed Rototuna Hub and as the organiser for Gourmet in the Gardens she supported more events in Garden Place, including using the food trucks.

Rawiri Bidois (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Bidois noted a lack of acknowledgement for Maaori in the Draft Plan which did not reflect their proportion of the population. He said there should be support in the Plan to encourage Maaori to be involved in planning stages for Council operations. He said he supported the riverside management plan.

Margaret de Man (James Pascoe Group) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms de Man spoke on behalf of her organisation and said it would have a 130% increase under the proposed rates increase. This would increase rents in their businesses which would have a negative effect on business viability. She said they were aware of the move to capital value and asked Council to continue with the agreed 10-year transition.

Sarah Gibbs (Community Waikato) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Gibbs worked as a community grants advisor and asked Council to increase funding by 10% to cover inflation as funding had decreased from \$10 to \$7 per resident over the last ten years because of inflation.

Simlar Price, Michael Dove, (Claudelands Rovers Football Club) - Draft 10 Year Plan

These speakers spoke in support funding being spent on Galloway Park as this Club and Hamilton Cricket need improved drainage and field conditions. Also, the No 1 pitch is under regulation size and needed upgrading.

Michelle Hooper, Karen Watkins, John Gallagher (Hamilton Christmas Tree Trust) - Draft 10 Year Plan

The Trust spoke against Garden Place development as it would mean no space for the Christmas Concert. The Trust funded the Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree with no cost to HCC but would appreciate receiving some financial support.

The meeting adjourned from 1.05pm to 2.00pm.

Alan Pearson, Anne Ferrier-Watson (Riverlea Environment Society) - Draft 10 Year Plan

The presenters spoke against proposed Te Awa cycleway using the Hammond Park boardwalk for cycling and asked that cyclists dismount and walk through the short section of the boardwalk. The changes required to allow cycling would be costly and cause some damage to the forest it was designed to protect.

Michael West (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr West spoke against the rates rises to balance the books and the immediate move to capital value. He asked Council to review their costs.

Phil Basel and Declan (Hamilton Boys High School (HBHS) and Waikato Hockey) - Draft 10 Year Plan
The speakers spoke in support of funding for hockey as there was a lack of hockey turf space in the city. HBHS was now managing a partnership between community/school/Waikato Hockey for hockey playing fields and was seeking resource consent.

Warren Stace (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Stace spoke in support of the river pathway system in the Hammond Park Plan and wanted this included in the Draft 10 Year Plan.

Philip Morris (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Morris spoke to his concerns with a pathway in his area being closed for over one year and questioned why maintenance could not be undertaken. He asked Council to retain and maintain current pathways and standardize barricades on paths. He said that he did not support Garden Place development when there were more urgent matters for attention.

Roderick Aldridge (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Aldridge spoke in support of alternative transport options focused on more sustainable options such as cycling. He asked Council to stop borrowing.

Neil Tolan (Western Community Centre) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Tolan said the Centre appreciated Council's ongoing support as this provided resources to strengthen neighbourhoods. He asked for grants to be increased and connected to population growth.

Paul Knox (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Knox spoke to his submission noting that he was against the immediate move to Capital Value.

Phil Evans (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Evans spoke to his concerns that the consultation process was flawed. He asked that Council keep any rates increase to 3.8% as per the previous 10 Year Plan.

Michael O'Brien (Waikato Society of Art) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr O'Brien spoke to his organisation's submission. He supported an increase to Community Funding and suggested that be made more easily available to groups.

Robert Bell (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Bell spoke in support of the Regional Theatre noting that he had concerns about carparks in the area. He advised that he did not support the redevelopment of Garden Place nor the entrance fee for Hamilton Gardens.

Kerry Davis (Drury Lane Dance School) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Davis spoke to her organisation's concerns that Council had proposed the sale of St Peters Hall.

Cynthia Armstrong (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Armstrong spoke to her submission on the Draft 10 Year Plan noting that she was against a charge to enter the Hamilton Gardens. She suggested instead that a charge was instituted for use of the bathrooms.

Michael Macrides (Mitre 10 Ruakura and Te Rapa) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Macrides spoke in support of the proposal to lessen congestions issues through the increased funding for transportation infrastructure. He explained that he was not in support of proposal to move to Capital Value rating due to the likely effect it would have on the business, instead he suggested a staged transition.

Pippa Mahood and Judith Cartwright (Awatere Club) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Mahood and Ms Cartwright spoke to the development of Hamilton Gardens. They suggested a governance board be formed to oversee all development. They noted that they were opposed to an entry charge for non-resident visitors.

Jane Landman (Waimarie Hamilton East Community House) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Landman raised concerns at the number of people that she was seeing from the community requesting funds. She suggested that instead of the proposal to redevelop Garden Place the funds moved to a community focus proposal.

Stephanie Hammond (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Hammond suggested that funding should be allocated to the Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park to develop public access and facilities for volunteers.

Mischele Rhodes (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Rhodes spoke against the Draft 10 Year Plan. She felt that the proposed rates increases were too high and were unaffordable for residents.

Joe Citizen (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Citizen asked Council to continue to work in consultation with youth to develop high quality public art. He felt that continued funding would ensure youth had a voice via public art and that they would use this as a platform to represent themselves.

Tony Dixon (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Dixon spoke to his submission, noting that in his opinion the Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Rating Review statement of Intent were deceptive. He felt that there was too much focus on cycling and not enough focus on fixing infrastructure such as footpaths.

Warren Hastie (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Hastie requested Council consider developing a footpath that linked Templeview and Dinsdale areas. He felt that the implementation of these paths would link communities as well as increase walking and biking opportunities.

Warren Williams (Ngaa Uri O Maahanga Trust) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Williams highlighted that the Trust supported Maaori representation in Council affairs and collaboration with Iwi. He noted that the Council should stop borrowing for growth and adopt a more staged approach, having tighter controls on budget spend. The Trust supported Rotokauri as the next housing area, as it was closer to family friendly areas.

Raymond Rudford (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Rudford noted that rates increases will differ across properties and that some properties will see rate reductions instead. He stated that a revaluation could be the catalyst for a change in rating structure. He felt that there should be a more moderate and steady approach.

Terry Podmore (Individual) - Draft Rating Review

Mr Podmore introduced himself as a retired ratepayer, with no way of increasing income to deal with increased payments required under the proposed rates review. He requested a slower change to the move to capital valuation. He felt that the projects planned were too grandiose.

Jen Richardson (NZ Red Cross) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Richardson stated the Red Cross wanted to see a migrant strategic plan. They were seeing changes in settlement populations and would like to advocate for Hamilton becoming a pilot city for migrant activity.

Greg Orchard (Accessible Properties) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Orchard strongly opposed the proposed Option 6, in the proposed Uniform Annual General Charge. He felt that this increase was unaffordable for those people on fixed incomes. He urged Option 4 to be used as he felt that capital rating is fairer.

Michael Buyn (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Buyn highlighted that he would see an 84% increase in his rates over the next 3 years if the proposed rates change went ahead. He also stated that the increase would be passed on the renters which would make rents unaffordable for some, particularly those on lower incomes.

Mark Brown, John Macintosh, Maryanne Gill (Life Unlimited/Aspire Trust/Community Living Trust) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Brown, Mr Macintosh and Ms Gill noted that the social services sector accounts for 27.4% of the gross domestic product. Housing, infrastructure, transport and infrastructure were their main areas of concerns. They noted that they would like to see the Council employ more people with disabilities and highlighted some of the positive outcomes they had seen with employment.

Jenny Bothwell (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Bothwell spoke against the draft 10-Year Plan, explaining that she would face a 57.5% rates increase, which was unaffordable on a fixed income. She also asked the Council to consider separated cycle lanes on the roads.

Joe Dennehy (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Dennehy noted that he felt the 10-Year Plan survey had been designed for certain answers. He felt that costs should be cut to meet income and that as a monopoly provider the Council had a special duty of care to manage funds and expenditure. He was also against the Regional Theatre.

Sue Edmonds (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Edmonds supported the proposed funding for the Museum and Art Gallery and the Museum Strategic Plan. She was against the proposed Regional Theatre because of the proximity of the bars and concerns around location of the carparking. She did support the sale of Founders Theatre site.

John Simmons (Taitua Arboretum) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Simmons spoke to the submission, and sought suitable capital to enable Taitua Arboretum to continue to develop. He was realistic that the development of the arboretum may be a 10 year plan, not a 5 year one.

John Gallagher (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Gallagher noted that he has no issues with Council borrowing for critical infrastructure, as these are multi-generational items. He also supported moving to capital value for rating purposes. He noted that 2 people living in a \$2 million dollar house should be paying less than 15 people living in a \$500 thousand house, due to the additional demand put onto infrastructure. He saw a lot of inefficiencies and stated the Council should look at LEAN manufacturing principles. He didn't support the redevelopment of Garden Place but did support the Regional Theatre.

Paul Bradley (Individual) - draft 10-Year Plan

Mr Bradley spoke to a vision of Hamilton, with a bustling CBD, strong arts and culture scene. He stated there were opportunities to attract young professionals to the city and that the Council should enable apartments to be built. He felt the Development Contributions and zoning was going well but thought there needed to be good amenities in the centre of the city. He supported the Regional Theatre.

Saskia Schuitemaker (Individual), draft 10-Year Plan

Ms Schuitemaker spoke regarding social sustainability and wellness. She requested local government involvement in housing with a more holistic approach and for greenfield development to include good design to support health and wellness.

Marie-Claire Lepina (Individual), draft 10-Year Plan

Ms Lepina noted that there was a need for a centre for family violence prevention. This would be an area to teach life skills for children and create space for the whole family to be able to spend quality time together.

Eddie Neha, Maria Marsh, Richard Mahara (Te Wharae O Te Ata/Desert Springs Community Centre/Chartwell Community Trust), draft 10-Year Plan

Mr Neha, Ms Marsh and Mr Mahara noted that there was a need to see more social housing, particularly 2 bedroom housing. They supported Rototuna Community Hub but not the extent planned. They felt there should be a meaningful reinvestment in existing communities and there was a need for Council to help more people.

Jacqueline Simpson (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Simpson stated that intensification created more opportunities for greater rates revenue. She felt that Hamilton should look to overseas examples of cities for urban design and the Council should look after fertile land.

**The meeting adjourned at 10.00pm Tuesday 15 May 2018, to be reconvened on
Wednesday 16 May 2018 9.30am.**

The meeting reconvened on Wednesday 16 May 2018 at 9.30am.

The following members of the public spoke to their submissions on the Draft 10 Year Plan, Draft Rating Review Statement of Proposal and Draft Development Contributions Policy

Anna Casey-Cox (Waikato Living Wage Network) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Casey-Cox asked HCC to endorse and pay a living wage to directly employed and contract staff and provided information on other Territorial Authorities who have already implemented this initiative.

Anna Casey-Cox (Poverty Action Waikato) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Casey-Cox said Poverty Action Waikato supported the proposal for social housing and noted that PAW had expected the money from the sale of pensioner housing to be invested into social housing.

Anna Casey-Cox and Sonia Fursdon (Go Eco) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Casey-Cox and Ms Fursdon spoke to Go Eco's support for gully restoration funding, for Waiwhakareke opening for the public, cycling infrastructure and for glass to be collected separately so it did not contaminate other waste streams making them unrecoverable.

Anna Casey-Cox (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Casey-Cox supported increased access to nature through gully restoration, which could be funded by not funding Garden Place developments, which she did not support. She asked that funding be provided to tell stories of local history.

Tania Ashman (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Ashman spoke in support of the Biking Plan, particularly implementing the School Biking Link over the next three years.

Ross Millar (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Millar spoke in support of the Biking Plan, particularly the School Biking Link which would increase the number of children cycling to school on safe cycleways.

Margaret Henshaw (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Henshaw spoke in support of funding for libraries.

John Dobson (Hamilton Gardens Development Trust) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Dobson spoke in support of Hamilton Gardens development and said the Trust wanted more than three gardens funded. He said the Council should invest more than \$5.3 million as there were substantial economic benefits for the city from this investment and that the Trust would fundraise the bulk of the money needed to complete all the gardens now.

Keith and Jenny Paterson (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr and Ms Paterson spoke against the rates increases and explained their family situation where their farm had multiple titles.

Rowena Kaleopa (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Kaleopa said she found the consultation document explanation of finances confusing and did not view paying staff as core services. She believed it was contradictory to have 'want' projects with the current financial circumstances.

Sian Wilson (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Wilson spoke to her concerns with traffic safety in Kay Road West. She said truck traffic issues were increasing and she had worked Council to reduce speed limits and protect the community. She asked for temporary 50 km speed limits.

Nikki Edwards (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Edwards spoke to proposed increased swimming charges at Gallagher Pool. She said she swam at the pool several times a week and used a concession card which would not be available under the new charging. The cost would be more expensive than the private pool in town and she was disappointed with this as she enjoyed using the Gallagher Pool.

Thomas Beuker (Netherville Retirement Village) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Beuker spoke against the proposed rates increases as this would result in a 31% rates increase. He was also against increased Chief Executive salary and the project outcomes.

Sam Newton (NZ Recreation Association) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Newton spoke of the economic and social value of recreation and said his organisation supported Challenge 4, sports field drainage, a skate park, recreation centre, playgrounds, the Rototuna Hub with an allocation of space for a swimming pool, Wellington Street Beach and River Plan pedestrian bridge.

Marilyn Yeoman (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Yeoman spoke in support of Hamilton Gardens development and wanted to keep the targeted rate. She was against the proposed entry fee and the proposed management structure change for the Hamilton Gardens Development Trust.

Glenn Harris (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Harris spoke against the proposed rates increases as he would have a 61% rise. He said this type of increase would be detrimental for those on low incomes. He was also opposed to the immediate move to capital value and selling St Peter's Hall.

Sarah Neal-King and Harry Li (Hillcrest High School Students) – Draft 10 Year Plan

The students spoke to their submissions and supported better public transport especially at peak times. They were against the rates increases as they were too high and asked HCC to consider a lesser increase, over a longer period. They said it was important to look after the environment.

Brian Squair (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Squair said he generally supported the Plan but was opposed to the scale and scope of both Garden Place and Central City Park proposals.

Edward Hardie (Ace Swimming) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Hardie was involved with 8 aquatic clubs and Swim Waikato which used Waterworld facilities and concerned with the governance of the facility. His group believed Waterworld would be better managed by a Community Trust which would be able to get more out the complex.

Kathryn Drew and Mark Morgan (Titanium Park and Waikato Regional Airport) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Drew and Ms Morgan spoke to the growth at the airport and how HCC decisions affected what happened at the airport. They supported a rail link and had designated land for this purpose. They also supported development at Peacockes.

David Bluett and Monica Leggett (Hamilton City Netball Centre) - Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Bluett and Ms Leggett asked HCC to bring forward the money tagged for court development from 2023/2024 to spring/summer 2019 and use to fund improvements for the amenities block. The Netball Centre can get private funding for court development but not for the amenities block.

Sue Griffin (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Griffin spoke against Garden Place developments as she was a resident in Garden Place and did not want carparks and a shared road outside her home. She said the reduction in grass coverage would create water permeation. She proposed a one way circuit around Worley / Alexandra Street, Victoria / Ward Streets, which would allow for more parking.

Thomas Hakaria (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Rating review

Mr Hakaria spoke against the rates increases and the move to capital value.

Jayden Randall (Hamilton Girls High School) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Randall spoke in support of a high performance health and wellness centre to be set up at Hamilton Girls High School and open to the public. This centre would have 4-6 indoor and outdoor netball courts, and fitness facilities. This was a joint initiative with the Ministry of Education who were contributing \$1.8 million and wanted HCC to link to fund this project through a shared use agreement with HGHS.

Wendy Embling (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Embling spoke in support of developments at Rototuna – the Community Hub, including an aquatic centre and library, a sports park which should include a skate park.

Vivienne and Peter John Bratton (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr and Mrs Bratton spoke against the proposed rates increases and UAGC. They said the UAGC should be per title.

Bruce Clarkson (Environment Research Institute and University of Waikato) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Professor Clarkson spoke in support of gully restoration and opening Waiwhakareke to the public. He was opposed to the Central City Park and additional River Plan projects.

Steve Williams and Seamus Marten (Melville United AFC) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Williams and Mr Marten spoke in support of the proposed sports fields maintenance as there was a lack of quality sports pitches in Hamilton as drainage was a serious issue.

Lynne Garnham (Tui 2000) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Garnham supported opening Waiwhakareke to the public and for HCC to fund infrastructure in the proposed 10 Year Plan. She said the first priority was to provide public toilets, with at least one in the park.

Simon O'Dowd and Karl Gaskell (Alpine Retirement Group) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr O'Dowd and Mr Gaskell spoke to their organisation's submission noting that they were in support of the Peacockes development.

Stafford Houghton (Hamilton Home Zone Limited) – Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Houghton spoke to his organisation's submissions which opposed the Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Development Contributions Policy. He noted his concern that Hamilton City Council could not be relied on due to Council's proposal to move immediately to capital value.

Kate Mackintosh (On Behalf of Kiwi Properties and Stride Properties) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Mackintosh spoke to the submission noting that the rate increase for the Base would be \$1.2 million, Centreplace \$680,000 and Chartwell \$850,000 if the plan was to be approved. She advised that the businesses felt the increase was unreasonable and unjustifiable.

Marcus Brown (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Brown spoke about vehicle congestion becoming more of a problem in Hamilton City and suggested that the east bound lane of the Claudelands Bridge be shut down to vehicular traffic at peak time, to be used by cyclists and walkers. Traffic could use Whitiora Bridge instead.

Marcus Brown (Blue Wallace Surveyor) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Mr Brown suggested using a portion of the income from Development Contributions to better improve relationships between developers and iwi/hapu, by using the model to fairly mitigate the costs of development and the impact on cultural and heritage sites.

Kevin and Patricia Radich (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr and Ms Radich spoke to their proposal to develop land they held on Borman Road into a wraparound centre to provide early childhood education as well as social services in the community, such as education, assistance with language, and support for young mothers.

Natasha Farac (Housnell Holdings Ltd) - Draft 10-Year Plan and Draft Development Contributions

Ms Farac requested that the Council undertake a comprehensive review of the Development Contributions model for the proposed Rotokauri growth cell, as she believes that the proposed model makes the growth cell unaffordable. Ms Farac also asked for Council input into collector and arterial roads.

Andrew McGiven (Waikato Farmers Trust) - Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr McGiven noted that the Waikato Farmers Trust had purchased commercial properties to provide income for charitable purposes such as education. He spoke against the removal of the CBD remissions on Development Contributions.

Bill Michelmore (Samme Trust Ltd) - Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Michelmore spoke about some areas of concerns around the proposed Development Contributions Policy – the proposed increases in charges, the manipulation of policy definitions to maximise revenue, Development Contributions remissions requirements and the complicated nature of the proposed fees and charges.

David Chafer and Andrew Wood (Te Rapa Gateway) Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Chafer and Mr Wood raised concerns that under the proposed policy Development Contributions will increase significantly and add considerable costs to building. They felt that the proposed increases were not viable and would have a negative impact on land values.

Katherine Wilson (Property Council New Zealand) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Ms Wilson noted that generally the Property Council NZ agreed with the Council's Draft 10-Year Plan, and was supportive of the multi growth cells and transport options. It did have some concerns over Council's financial situation and did not support Options 1-4 of the rates options. It conditionally supported option 5.

Thomas Gibbons (Property Council New Zealand) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Mr Gibbons questioned whether higher Development Contributions provided for more affordable housing. He suggested the Council transition the removal of the CBD remissions or look at targeted rates instead. He supported the status quo on capped Development Contributions and proposed lower caps that have a broader net of developers.

Peter Bos (Individual) - Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Bos stated that the types of housing available in the city were not what were needed. He believed a review of the District Plan was needed and 10% of housing should be high density, rather than the 2% which is high density now.

Andrew Wood (Homes for Living) - Draft Development Contributions Policy.

Mr Wood explained that under the proposed policy up to an extra \$19,000 Development Contributions may be charged and that this would make it too costly for people to build. He noted that the proposed policy would affect house of 3 or more bedrooms.

The meeting adjourned 6.41pm to 7.19pm.

Cr Henry retired from the meeting during the above adjournment.

Ashley Hooper and Peter Bos (Cycle Action) - Draft 10-Year Plan

They spoke in favour of the proposed Rotokauri housing development, due to its mixed use and proximity to proposed rail options. They asked Hamilton City Council to sign up to Action Zero, as private car use was too high and they had some ideas for safety that could be trialled. They suggested the Council looked to tactical urbanism as a concept.

Ashley Hooper (Individual) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Mr Cooper spoke to the need to have greater access to safe cycleway, and suggested using the historical town belt to create a cycle ring road around the city, which could be used for recreation or transport. Such a cycle way would have access to 22 parks in total.

Andrew Sykes (Department of Conservation) - Draft 10-Year Plan

Mr Sykes spoke of the need for resources for the protection, restoration and enhancement of conservation areas. He noted that the Department of Conservation were not opposed to development and housing but recognise that they will have an adverse effect on the environment. He also raised that the Council needs to meet agreed levels of reserves.

Glen Archer (GJ Gardner Homes Waikato) - Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Archer noted that every working day, GJ Gardner were handing over a home to new owners. They opposed the bedroom based methodology for development contributions and they believe this will constrain the housing and building market.

Craig Malone, Bill Michelmore, Tony Glockland (Ti Star Group, Porter Properties, Chedworth Properties and J&G Gallagher) - Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Malone noted that with the proposed Development Contributions Policy other areas such as Cambridge and Tauranga will be more attractive to developers than Hamilton, as the proposed policy will make development unaffordable. He also stated that in his opinion areas of the proposed Development Contributions Policy were unlawful, and that the proposed gross floor area calculation was flawed. Further, the CBD remissions scheme was not transparent.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.00pm on Wednesday 16 May 2018, to be reconvened on Thursday 17 May 2018 at 9.30am.

The meeting reconvened Thursday 17 May 2018 at 9.40am.

The following members of the public spoke to their submissions on the Draft 10 Year Plan, Draft Rating Review Statement of Proposal and Draft Development Contributions Policy

Craig Batchelar and Graham Royal (Catholic Diocese of Hamilton) - Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Batchelar spoke to his organisation's submission, noting that they believed it unreasonable and unfair for schools to have to meet Development Contribution costs. He requested Council consider a Development contribution exemption for schools.

Bianca Tree (Stride Investment) - Draft Development Contributions Policy

Ms Tree spoke to her organisation's submission that opposed the Draft Development Contribution Policy. She suggested that Council maintain the development contribution caps and remove the recovery of fees for objections from the Draft policy.

Peter Vautier (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Vautier spoke to his submission to the Draft 10 Year Plan. He requested Council include a proposal to reinstate Founders Theatre to the previous standard. He noted that the cost to reinstate Founders Theatre should not be above \$13 million.

Peter Finlay (Individual) – Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Finlay spoke to his submissions. He noted that there were components of both Draft Development Contributions Policy and Draft 10 Year Plan that he supported such as; growth paying for growth and increased levels of service in transportation. He advised that he did not support the addition of the Uniform Annual General Charge or recovery of Development contributions outside the Draft 10 Year Plan.

Lucy de Latour and Dr John Small (The Adare Company Limited) - Draft Development Contributions Policy

Ms de Latour and Dr Small spoke to their organisation's submission. They noted their concerns that the policy would deter development in Hamilton through some of the underpinning principles of the Draft policy such as indexing and the rebate policy.

Robert Dol (Golden Valley Farms) - Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Dol spoke to his submission noting his concern that the increase in Development Contributions affected developers and individuals to the point that development would be pushed outside Hamilton. He advised that he supported Council embracing growth but not to the detriment of developers.

Jay Geldard (24-7 Youthwork Aotearoa) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Geldard gave a verbal submission to the Draft 10 Year Plan. He requested Council consider his proposal to implement Youthwork services in Hamilton schools. He advised that there was a need to address the crisis in schools through the introduction of Youth workers to schools who would be positive role models to students.

Mike Garrett and Allen Livingston (Waikato Regional Council) – Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Garrett and Cr Livingston spoke in support of the Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Development Contributions Policy.

The meeting adjourned 11.15am to 11.39am.

Ted Te Boyt (Individual) - Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Te Boyt spoke to his submissions. He suggested that the Council move to a user pay system and that the rates increase should be no higher than 3.8%. He also noted that in his opinion the Draft Development Contributions Policy needed to be changed so that it was easier to read and understand.

Richard Rucke (Everton Heights) - Draft 10 Year Plan and Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Rucke advised of his disappointment that Rotokauri funding had been delayed again by the Draft 10 Year Plan. He noted that if the Draft Development Contribution policy was to be approved it would halve the value of his development in the Rotokauri area.

Mike Neale (NAI Harcourts) – Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Neale spoke to his organisation's submission. He felt that if the CBD remission policy was to be removed from the Development Contributions policy development then growth in the CBD would stall. He suggested Council consider phasing out the remission policy over several years instead.

Vanessa Williams (HCBA) – Draft 10 Year Plan

Ms Williams spoke in support of the Draft 10 Year Plan and suggested options to revitalise the CBD.

The meeting was adjourned 12.28pm to 2.45pm.

Chris Joblin (Tainui Group Holdings) - Draft Development Contributions Policy

Mr Joblin spoke against the immediate move to Capital Value rating as it would place an unreasonable burden on rate payers. He suggested a stronger focus on more innovative infrastructure particularly stormwater and wastewater.

Keith Friends (Ministry of Education) - Draft Development Contributions Policy and Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Friends spoke to his organisation's submissions. He noted that the Ministry of Education wished to work with Council to ensure school sites are available in the correct areas.

Paul Radich and Vanessa Mills (Perry's Group) - Draft Development Contributions Policy and Draft 10 Year Plan

Mr Radich and Ms Mills spoke to their organisation's submissions. They agreed developers should pay their share of infrastructure, and that affordable housing was one of the city's greatest challenges. They spoke to their concern that increased Development Contributions would make housing unaffordable.

4. 2018-28 Draft 10 Year Plan and Rating Review Submissions Report

The report was taken as read.

Resolved: (Mayor King / Cr Mallett)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report, without the Submissions Analysis Report Attachment (Attachment 1), and;
- b) note that the Submissions Analysis Report Attachment (Attachment 1) will be provided to the Council at its meeting on 31 May 2018.

Cr Macpherson Dissenting.

5. 2018-19 Proposed Development Contributions Submissions Report

The report was taken as read.

Resolved: (Mayor King/Cr Macpherson)

2) That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes that feedback will be considered during the deliberations on the proposed Development Contributions Policy at the 31 May 2018 Council meeting; and
- c) notes that the Development Contributions Policy 2018/19 is scheduled to be adopted at the 28 June 2018 Council meeting.

Cr Southgate Dissenting.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.20pm, Thursday 17 May 2018.