
Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES Annual Plan Hearings

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link , Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 18 May 2023 at 9.36am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Mayor Paula Southgate
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary (via Audio-visual link)
Heamana Tuarua

Members Cr Ryan Hamilton (via Audio-visual link)
Cr Maxine van Oosten
Cr Ewan Wilson
Cr Mark Donovan
Cr Louise Hutt
Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Emma Pike
Cr Melaina Huaki
Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf (via Audio-visual link)

In Attendance: Lance Vervoort – Chief Executive
Julie Clausen – Acting General Manager Strategy and Communications
Sean Murray – General Manager Venues, Tourism & Events
Blair Bowcott – General Manager Growth
Helen Paki – General Manager Community

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

The meeting was opened with a karakia from Tame Pokaia.

1. Apologies – Tono aroha

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)

That the apologies for absence from Cr Thomson and Cr Tauariki, partial attendance from Cr Huaki and for lateness from Cr Wilson and Cr Donovan are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Taylor)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaa*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

Not applicable.

5. Confirmation of Council Annual Plan Open Minutes - 23 May 2023

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Taylor)

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 March 2023 as a true and correct record.

6. Engagement Response to the draft 2023-24 Annual Plan budget

The Unit Manager Strategy and Planning introduced the report with an overview of the findings from analysis of submission. The following members of the community then spoke to their submissions to the draft 2023-24 Annual Plan budget.

[Aksel Bech](#) (Waikato Housing Initiative) Spoke to their submission regarding Housing affordability. They responded to questions from Elected Members regarding the housing affordability crisis, staffing, the definition of affordable housing and the reduction of the budget deficit.

[John Dobson](#) (Hamilton Gardens Development Trust) Spoke to their submission regarding entrance charges to the closed gardens. They responded to questions from Elected Members regarding messaging of the charges and the potential loss of attendance from surrounding districts.

[George Nevill](#) Spoke to their submission regarding Health and Safety concerns for footpaths of Hamilton City (i.e Roots lifting pavement and excess foliage from leaves), with a focus on the Nawton area. They responded to questions from Elected Members regarding specific footpaths, the current state of bus stops and the reallocation of funds for maintenance.

[Hannah Maxwell](#) Spoke to their submission regarding charges to entering the closed gardens. They suggested Council consider an annual charge option, increased cost for international travellers and free access to community service cards holders.

[Colin Jones](#) (Commercial and Industrial Consultants Ltd) Spoke to their submission regarding particular depreciation rates. They responded to questions from Elected Members regarding depreciation rates and development contributions.

[Phil Evans](#) (Bike ACTION Hamilton) Spoke to their submission and highlighted the danger cyclist faced when cycling on the road. They noted their support of raised platforms and other safety features that were used throughout the city and requested additional funding be added to continue with the implementation of these.

[Ron Pengelly](#) Spoke to their submission regarding the fairness of rates.

[Marleina Ruka](#) (Friends of Hamilton Garden Incorporated) Spoke to their submission regarding the entry fee to the Hamilton gardens. They proposed the Council consider a higher fee for international visitors a higher rates, the use of zone to determine fees for those that don't live in the Waikato and requested that all current members Friends of Hamilton Garden Incorporated have free entry for their lifetimes. They responded to questions from Elected Members regarding their entry fee to the Hamilton gardens proposal.

[Cleve Cameron](#) (Big Street Bikers) Spoke to their submission and highlighted how they could be a part of the development of a biking network with no costs to ratepayers. They responded to questions from Elected Members regarding the partnership opportunities.

[Melissa Smith](#) (Bike Waikato) Spoke to their submission regarding support of traffic calming measures such as raised safety tables. They responded to questions from Elected Members regarding the role of Council.

[May Low and Thomas Gibbons](#) (Waikato Community Lands Trust) Spoke to their submission regarding affordable housing.

[Pippa Mahood](#) Spoke to their submission in particular the entry fee to the Hamilton gardens.

[Ollie Goulden](#) (CCS Disability Action Waikato) Spoke to their submission and highlighted the need to ensure accessible infrastructure is front of Councils mind. They responded to questions from Elected Members regarding bus infrastructure and an accessibility audit.

Fraser McNutt ([SL1 Consortium](#)) Spoke to their submission concerning future developments. They responded to questions from Elected Members regarding funding, future development, housing Affordability, and the scoping studies that would need to be undertaken.

[Andrew King, Lloyd Sweeny a Fraser McNutt](#) ('WA') Spoke to their submission concerning the scoping works required to support the development land. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning affordable housing and the effect their development could have on affordability.

[GD Jones](#) (Te Kowhai East Limited Partnership) Spoke to their submission regarding Te Kowhai East Development. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning industrial land availability and partnership opportunities.

[Sanjay Joshi](#) (New Nawton Mall) Spoke to their submission in particular the effect of crime in their area. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the potential impact the closure of the supermarket would have on the mall.

[Luana McKenzie](#) Spoke to their submission regarding the entry fee to the closed the gardens. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the fee structure and funding the gardens through a targeted rate rather than an entrance fee.

[Tony Dixon](#) Spoke to their submission regarding rates and the suggested projects be postponed to reduce expenses. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the draft budget and what could be removed.

[Carolyn Hopa](#) (Ngaati Wairere) Spoke to their submission and noted that they did not support a entrance fee for the closed gardens particular for Ngaati Wairere members. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning future funding of gardens development.

[Liam Carter](#) Spoke to their submission regarding cycling safety.

[Lisa Carlyon](#) (New Zealand Chinese Language Week Trust (NZCLW)) Spoke to their submission that requested Council be involved in Chinese Language Week. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning Chinese Language Week and the grants that Council funds.

[Chrystal Hapuku](#) Spoke to their submission regarding safety on Ulster street. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the outcome of incident on Ulster street.

[Jeremy Mayall](#) (Creative Waikato) Spoke to their submission regarding the importance of art culture to the community. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning Council funding for the Community Arts Sector.

Ian White and Charlotte Cheun (Boon) made a verbal submission concerning funding for Boon and noted the economic benefit to the city from past events. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the effect on the festival if they were not to receive any funding, and their intention to submit to the Long Term Plan.

Following the verbal submissions Elected Members requested that the following matters be addressed in the deliberations report to be presented to the Council meeting on 1 June 2023:

- Hamilton Gardens Closed Gardens Entrance fee in particular options to retain the projected revenue while addressing matters raised by submitters,
- Hamilton Gardens parking capacity concerns,
- options for funding the scoping studies for WA, R2 and SL1,
- inclusionary zoning,
- Arts funding,
- works being undertaken in 2023-24 with Waka Kotahi co-funding,
- the Hamilton Transport Centre project,
- Accessibility Audit ,
- Parking enforcement revenue for illegal parking on footpaths, cycleways, and shared paths,
- the Low Cost/Low Risk programme.
- Rating options

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Mayor Paula Southgate)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes that the verbal submissions will be considered along with the written submissions during the 2023-24 Annual Plan Deliberations meeting on 1 June 2023.

Cr Donovan joined the meeting (9:57am) during the verbal submissions for the above item.

Cr Wilson joined the meeting (10:44am) during the submissions for the above item.

The meeting was adjourned from 10:56am to 11:13am during the verbal submission.

The meeting adjourned from 1:17pm to 2:03pm during the verbal submission.

Cr Huaki retired from the meeting (2:47pm). She was not present when the matter was voted on.

7. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Mayor Paula Southgate)

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of

the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of Council Annual Plan Public Excluded Minutes - 23 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987 	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

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| Item C1. | to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage | Section 7 (2) (j) |
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The meeting moved into a public excluded session at 3.01pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 3.03pm