
Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 1 June 2023 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mayor Paula Southgate
Heamana	
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Heamana Tuarua	
Members	Cr Ryan Hamilton Cr Maxine van Oosten Cr Moko Tauariki Cr Mark Donovan Cr Louise Hutt Cr Andrew Bydder Cr Geoff Taylor Cr Sarah Thomson Cr Emma Pike Cr Melaina Huaki Cr Anna Casey-Cox Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf

In Attendance:	Lance Vervoort – Chief Executive David Bryant - General Manager People and Organisation Performance Blair Bowcott - General Manager Growth Sean Murray – General Manager Venues, Tourism and Major Events Chris Allen – General Manager Development Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations Helen Paki – General Manager Community Murray Heke – General Manager Customer, Technology and Transformation Julie Clausen – Acting General Manager Strategy and Communications Sean Hickey - Executive Director Future Fit Andrew Parsons - Executive Director Strategic Infrastructure Stephen Halliwell - Water Reform Financial Advisor James Clarke - Unit Manager Strategy and Planning Lee-Ann Jordan – Unit Director Visitor Destinations Martin Parkes - Public Transport and Urban Mobility Manager
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Governance Staff:	Amy Viggers – Governance Lead Nicholas Hawtin and Chantal Jensen – Governance Advisors
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Tame Pokaia opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. Apologies – Tono aroha

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

That the apologies for absence on Council Business from Cr Wilson, for partial attendance from Cr Naidoo-Rauf, and for lateness from Cr Huaki are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take

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

That the agenda is confirmed noting that a late Attachment 5 (Additional Information Requests - Hamilton Gardens (Under Separate Cover)) for item 6 (2023-24 Annual Plan Deliberations Report) is accepted. This was circulated prior to the meeting under a separate cover to enable the most accurate information to be provided.

3. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipaaanga

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – AAtea korero

Not applicable.

5. Confirmation of the Council Annual Plan Hearings Open Unconfirmed minutes - 18 May 2023

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

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Annual Plan Hearings Meeting held on 18 May 2023 as a true and correct record.

6. 2023-24 Annual Plan Deliberations Report

The Unit Manager, Strategy and Planning introduced the report and outlined the process for the meeting. Staff responded to questions concerning the 2023-24 Annual Plan Draft Budget.

For further information concerning content and discussion, please refer to the following recordings of the meeting: www.youtube.com/user/HamiltonCityCouncil/videos?view

During the discussion of the above item the meeting moved into a Public Excluded session at the request of staff.

7. Resolution to Exclude the Public

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

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. Recommendation from the Infrastructure and) Good reason to withhold) information exists under	Section 48(1)(a)

Transport Committee) Section 7 Local Government
meeting of 30 May 2023) Official Information and
) Meetings Act 1987

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

Item C1. to prevent the disclosure or use of official Section 7 (2) (j)
information for improper gain or improper
advantage

The meeting moved into a public excluded session at 9.42am.

The meeting returned to an open session at 9.58am.

During the public excluded session Cr Huaki joined the meeting.

7. 2023-24 Annual Plan Deliberations Report

The Unit Manager, Strategy and Planning noted that the decision made in the public excluded session had a financial impact of \$907,000 to the Annual Plan.

The meeting was adjourned 10.40am to 11.06am.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)
That the Council receives the report.

Boon Street Art

Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Hutt)

That the Council approves the Boon Street Art application for the amount of \$50,000, to be funded from the 2023/24 Creative Partnerships Fund.

Low Cost Low Risk - Road to Zero funding

Motion: (Cr Thomson/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Council:

- a) approves, for the purpose of financial modelling, \$1.8million be brought forward to the 2023/24 Annual Plan for Low-Cost Low Risk - Road to Zero funding to design and construct a pedestrian crossing and associated safety improvements at Abbotsford St/Ulster St intersection, subject to Waka Kotahi co-funding; and
- b) requests staff provide updates on progress through Executive Updates and General Managers Report to the Infrastructure and Transport Committee.

Amendment: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Bydder)

That the Council:

- a) approves the design and construction of a pedestrian crossing and associated safety improvements at Abbotsford St/Ulster St intersection to be funded from the current Low-Cost Low Risk - Road to Zero budget; and
- b) requests staff provide updates on progress through Executive Updates and the General Managers Report to the Infrastructure and Transport Committee.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment:

Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor,
Hamilton, Naidoo-Rauf and Donovan.

Those against the Amendment:

Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary,
Councillors Hutt, O'Leary, Casey-Cox, van
Oosten, Thomson, Huaki and Tauariki.

The Amendment was declared LOST.

The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Council:

- a) approves, for the purpose of financial Modelling, \$1.8million be brought forward to the 2023/24 Annual Plan for Low-Cost Low Risk - Road to Zero funding to design and construct a pedestrian crossing and associated safety improvements at Abbotsford St/Ulster St intersection, subject to Waka Kotahi co-funding; and
- b) requests staff provide updates on progress through Executive Updates and the General Managers Report to the Infrastructure and Transport Committee.

Cr Taylor Dissenting.

Investigate and progress emerging areas

Motion: (Cr Bydder/Cr Thomson)

That council approves, for the purpose of financial Modelling, \$250,000 Opex to be included in the 2023/24 Annual Plan to continue to investigate and progress emerging areas with a focus on primarily increasing industrial land supply, noting that staff will report back to the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee regarding priority areas and will pursue value capture opportunities including relating to infrastructure and supporting affordable housing outcomes.

Amendment: (Cr Taylor/ Cr Hamilton)

That Council approves, for the purpose of financial Modelling, \$500,000 Opex to be included in the 2023/24 Annual Plan to continue to investigate and progress emerging areas with a focus on primarily increasing industrial land supply, noting that staff will report back to the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee regarding priority areas and will pursue value capture opportunities including relating to infrastructure and supporting affordable housing outcomes.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment:

Mayor Southgate, Councillors Casey-Cox,
Thomson, Huaki, Tauariki, Bydder, Pike,
Taylor, Hamilton, Naidoo-Rauf and
Donovan.

Those against the Amendment:

Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors van
Oosten, and Hutt.

The Amendment was CARRIED.

The Amendment as the substantive Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved: (Cr Taylor/ Cr Hamilton)

That Council approves, for the purpose of financial Modelling, \$500,000 Opex to be included in the 2023/24 Annual Plan to continue to investigate and progress emerging areas with a focus on primarily increasing industrial land supply, noting that staff will report back to the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee regarding priority areas and will pursue value capture opportunities including relating to infrastructure and supporting affordable housing outcomes.

Wellington Street Beach

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council approves development of Wellington Street beach and Transport Improvements in the area will be aligned to ensure seamless delivery of both the park and roading developments and if necessary will bring funding forward for Wellington Street beach through the Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned 12.43pm to 1.52pm.

Enclosed areas at Hamilton Gardens

Motion: (Cr Thomson/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council:

- a) approves the entrance fee to the Enclosed Gardens at Hamilton Gardens be set at \$20.00pp for non-Hamiltonians 16 years and over, as per the **orange scenario** detailed in attachment 5 of the agenda;
- b) approves an increase to the revenue target for the Hamilton Gardens for 2023/24 of \$1.4 million;
- c) notes that entry to the Enclosed Gardens will be free for Hamiltonians and under 16s on proof of address/age;
- d) notes that an annual pass and the usual range of fee concessions for groups, age and circumstances will be offered to fee paying visitors as part of the fee structure for the Enclosed Gardens; and
- e) requests staff work with the Friends of Hamilton Gardens to implement an individual lifetime free entry pass for paid members as at 1 May 2023 and appropriate fee concessions for future members in relation to paid entry, ensuring these concessions support the prosperity of Hamilton Gardens and do not undermine the Enclosed Gardens entry fee.

Amendment: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Taylor)

That the Council:

- a) approves the entrance fee to the Enclosed Gardens at Hamilton Gardens be set at \$10.00pp for residents of Waipaa and Waikato District with proof of address, and \$20pp for non-Hamiltonians 16 years and over, as per the **green scenario** detailed in attachment 5 of the agenda;
- b) approves an increase to the revenue target for the Hamilton Gardens for 2023/24 of \$1.4 million;
- c) notes that entry to the Enclosed Gardens will be free for Hamiltonians and under 16s on proof of address/age;
- d) notes that an annual pass of \$35pp will be available to residents of Waipaa and Waikato District residents with proof of address but no further concession beyond the 50% discount on the entry price of \$20;
- e) notes that the usual range of fee concessions for groups, age and circumstances will be offered as part of the fee structure for other visitors; and
- f) requests staff work with the Friends of Hamilton Gardens to implement an individual lifetime free entry pass for paid members as at 1 May 2023 and appropriate fee concessions for future members in relation to paid entry, ensuring these concessions support the prosperity of Hamilton Gardens and do not undermine the Enclosed Gardens entry fee.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment:	Mayor Southgate, Councillors Pike, Casey-Cox, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf and Huaki.
Those against the Amendment:	Deputy Mayor O'leary, Councillors Bydder, Hutt, Hamilton, van Oosten, Thomson, Donovan and Tauariki.

The Amendment was declared LOST.

The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Mayor Southgate)

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- notes that an annual pass and the usual range of fee concessions for groups, age and circumstances will be offered to fee paying visitors as part of the fee structure for the Enclosed Gardens; and
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Cr Pike, Cr Naidoo-Rauf and Cr Taylor Dissenting.

The meeting was adjourned 3.15pm to 3.25pm.

Motion: (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council:

Revenue and associated adjustments, contract and cost escalation, and corrections and accounting adjustments

- approves the inclusion in the 2023-24 Annual Plan budget changes arising from revenue and associated adjustments, contract and cost escalation, and corrections and accounting adjustments as outlined in the table below:

Annual Plan Proposals		Spend type	Total \$000	2023-24 or ongoing
i)	Resource consent revenue reduction	Operating revenue	(482)	2023-24
ii)	LIM revenue	Operating revenue	(206)	2023-24
iii)	Hamilton Gardens Visitor Centre delayed opening	Operating revenue	(1,243)	2023-24
		Operating expenditure	(90)	2023-24
		Consequential operating	(109)	2023-24

		expenditure		
iv)	H3 event revenue and cost of service adjustment	Operating revenue	426	2023-24
v)	Increase parking enforcement capability	Operating revenue	200	Ongoing
		Operating expenditure	10	Ongoing
		Consequential operating expenditure	130	Ongoing
vi)	Rubbish and recycling costs	Operating expenditure	693	2023-24
vii)	Horotiu compliance and resilience	Operating expenditure	470	2023-24
viii)	Consequential operating expenditure rephasing	Consequential operating expenditure	1,322	2023-24
ix)	River infrastructure	Operating expenditure	209	2023-24
x)	Split Software as a Service (SaaS)	Operating expenditure	4,249	2023-24
xi)	One-off grant for New Indoor Recreation Centre (correction to exclude this from Balancing the Books measure)	Operating expenditure	(2,500)	2023-24
xii)	Annual Property grant for Waikato Regional Theatre	Operating expenditure	(550)	2023-24
xiii)	Increased resource for education campaign	Operating expenditure	130	Ongoing
xiv)	Increased level of service for cycle lanes	Operating expenditure	200	Ongoing
xv)	R2, WA, SL1 resourcing	Operating expenditure	500	2023-24

Expenditure reductions and revenue increase

- b) approves the inclusion in the 2023-24 Annual Plan budget changes arising from expenditure reductions and revenue increases, as outlined in the table below:

Annual Plan expenditure reductions and revenue increases		Spend type	Total \$000	2023-24 or ongoing
	Consequential Opex Savings	Operating expenditure	(3,175)	2023-24
i)	Education campaigns	Operating expenditure	(130)	2023-24
ii)	Level of service for cycle lanes	Operating expenditure	(200)	2023-24
iv)	Heritage Fund	Operating expenditure	(80)	2023-24
v)	Building Information Model	Operating expenditure	(190)	2023-24
vi)	Quality of Life Pulse Survey	Operating expenditure	(25)	2023-24
vii)	Climate change financial disclosure reporting	Operating expenditure	(75)	2023-24

viii)	He Pou Manawa Ora	Operating expenditure	(100)	2023-24
ix)	Cat desexing	Operating expenditure	(50)	2023-24
x)	River infrastructure	Operating expenditure	(209)	Delay to 2024-25
xi)	Enable technology core capability portfolio	Operating expenditure	(250)	Delay to 2024-25
xii)	Enable core business processes portfolio	Operating expenditure	(250)	Delay to 2024-25
xiii)	Building Information Model (BIM) programme to verify and enhance asset information (Three Waters)	Operating expenditure	(79)	2023-24
xiv)	Water demand management reductions	Operating expenditure	(113)	2023-24
xv)	Increased tradewaste fees and charges	Operating revenue	340	Ongoing
xvi)	Reduction of budget to reflect external rates charge	Operating expenditure	(120)	2023-24
xvii)	Department of Internal Affairs transition funding	Operating revenue	300	2023-24
xviii)	Depreciation/interest	Operating expenditure	(500)	2023-24
xix)	Facilities Unit consultancy budget	Operating expenditure	(100)	2023-24
xx)	Metro Spatial Plan (strategic transport)	Operating expenditure	(100)	2023-24
xxi)	Automation programme	Operating expenditure	(500)	2023-24
xxii)	Staff engagement survey	Operating expenditure	(60)	2023-24
xxiii)	Reduced spend on education – Waters	Operating expenditure	(10)	2023-24
xxiv)	Delay Lido Feasibility Studies	Operating expenditure	(220)	2023-24
xxv)	Vacancy factor	Operating expenditure	(500)	2023-24
xxvi)	Public excluded item	Operating expenditure	(250)	2023-24
xxvii)	Public excluded item	Operating revenue	50	Ongoing
	Public excluded item (1 June 2023)	Operating expenditure	(907)	2023-24
xxviii)	Enclosed areas at Hamilton Gardens	Operating revenue	320	Ongoing

Operative programme

- c) notes the effect of a) and b) above on the 2023-24 financial position is a decrease in operating expenditure of \$1,454,000 and a decrease in operating revenue of \$295,000;

Aquatic facilities

- d) approves the proposed Fees and Charges (aquatic facilities) as attached at **Attachment 2** of the staff report, noting there is no change to overall revenue targets for 2023-24;

Capital Programme

- e) approves \$1million capital expenditure in 2023-24 for the design of the Te Anau/Split diversion project, and \$1.5 million for construction as set out in Table Four of the staff report, with further costs to be reviewed following the design phase and during the development of the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan;
- f) approves \$1.8 million capital expenditure in 2023-24 be brought forward to the 2023/24 Annual Plan for Low-Cost Low Risk - Road to Zero funding to design and constructions a pedestrian crossing and associated safety improvements at Abbotsford St/Ulster St intersection, subject to Waka Kotahi co-funding;
- g) requests staff provide updates on progress through Executive Updates and General Managers Report to the Infrastructure and Transport Committee;
- h) notes the Capital Programme for 2023-24 is \$352.1 million;

Rates

- i) approves the proposed average annual rates increase remains at 5.8% for 2023-24; and

Financial position

- j) notes that the effect of the above decision on the 2023-24 financial position is as follows:
 - I. debt to revenue ratio of 197%;
 - II. net debt of \$840 million; and
 - III. balancing the books deficit of \$15 million.

Amendment:

(Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Cr Bydder)

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Financial position

- j) notes that the effect of the above decision on the 2023-24 financial position is as follows:

- I. debt to revenue ratio of 199%;
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The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment:

Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors
Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Hamilton, Naidoo-
Rauf and Donovan.

Those against the Amendment:

Mayor Southgate, Councillors Hutt,
Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Huaki
and Tauariki.

The Amendment was declared equal. The Chair exercised her casting vote and the Amendment was declared CARRIED.

The Amendment as the substantive Motion was put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved:

(Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Cr Bydder)

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Operative programme

- c) notes the effect of a) and b) above on the 2023-24 financial position is a decrease in operating expenditure of \$1,454,000 and a decrease in operating revenue of \$295,000;

Aquatic facilities

- d) approves the proposed Fees and Charges (aquatic facilities) as attached at **Attachment 2** of the staff report, noting there is no change to overall revenue targets for 2023-24;

Capital Programme

- e) approves \$1million capital expenditure in 2023-24 for the design of the Te Anau/Split diversion project, and \$1.5 million for construction as set out in Table Four of the staff report, with further costs to be reviewed following the design phase and during the development of the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan;
- f) approves \$1.8 million capital expenditure in 2023-24 be brought forward to the 2023/24 Annual Plan for Low-Cost Low Risk - Road to Zero funding to design and construct a pedestrian crossing and associated safety improvements at Abbotsford St/Ulster St intersection, subject to Waka Kotahi co-funding;
- g) requests staff provide updates on progress through Executive Updates and General Managers Report to the Infrastructure and Transport Committee;
- h) notes the Capital Programme for 2023-24 is \$352.1 million;

Rates

- i) approves the proposed average annual rates increase remains at 4.9% for 2023-24; and

Financial position

- j) notes that the effect of the above decision on the 2023-24 financial position is as follows:
 - I. debt to revenue ratio of 199%;
 - II. net debt of \$842 million; and
 - III. balancing the books deficit of \$16.5 million.

Cr van Oosten, Cr Tauariki, Cr Casey-Cox and Cr Huaki Dissenting.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.18pm.