
Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 2 October 2025 at 1.12pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Mayor Paula Southgate
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Heamana Tuarua

Members

- Cr Maxine van Oosten
- Cr Moko Tauariki
- Cr Ewan Wilson
- Cr Tim Macindoe
- Cr Louise Hutt
- Cr Andrew Bydder
- Cr Geoff Taylor
- Cr Sarah Thomson
- Cr Emma Pike
- Cr Maria Huata
- Cr Anna Casey-Cox
- Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf

In Attendance Carol Bellette, Deputy Chair Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee
Athol Graham, Audit New Zealand

The meeting was opened with a karakia from Cr Moko Tauariki.

1. Apologies – Tono aroha

There were no apologies.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)
That the Council confirms the agenda including:

- a) the Chair’s Report as a late agenda item; and
- b) the Audit Report as a late attachment to Item 7 (Adoption of the Annual Report 2024/25)

3. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipaaanga

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – AAtea koorero

No members of the public wished to speak in the public forum.

Deputy Mayor O’Leary assumed the role of Chair.

5. Valedictorial Acknowledgements and Speeches

Deputy Mayor O’Leary invited Members to speak to the retiring Elected Members service and contributions to Hamilton City Council. Cr Huata spoke to three-year service of Cr Tauariki, Cr Casey-Cox spoke to the six-year service of Cr Naidoo-Rauf, Crs Taylor and Pike spoke to the 18-year service of Cr Wilson and Maangai Kana and Cr van Oosten spoke to the nine-year service of Mayor Southgate. All retiring members delivered their [valedictory speeches](#) in response.

The meeting was adjourned from 2.35pm to 2.42pm during the above item.

Mayor Southgate reassumed the role of Chair after Item 5 (Valedictorial Acknowledgements and Speeches).

Items 7 (Adoption of the Annual Report 2024/250 and 8 (Chair’s Report) were taken after Item 5 to accommodate availability.

6. Adoption of the Annual Report 2024/25

The Deputy Chair of the Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee spoke to the report noting that the committee has reviewed the report and the audit process and recommended that the Council approves the Annual Report. Audit New Zealand noted that there was a qualification in the Annual Report on the matter of the carrying value of the water system, wastewater system, and stormwater system assets and an emphasis of matter on the creation of the waters council controlled organisation, otherwise the Annual Report was unqualified.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)
That the Council:

- a) adopts the Annual Report 2024/25 and the Summary Annual Report 2024/25; and
- b) approves the letters of representation to Audit New Zealand be signed by the Chief Executive and the Mayor on behalf of the Council.

8. Chair’s Report

The Chair took the report as read.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Wilson)
That the Council receives the report.

7. Confirmation of the Council Open Minutes - 18 September 2025

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)
That the Council confirms the Open Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 September 2025 as a true and correct record.

9. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)
That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this

resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Council Public Excluded Minutes - 18 September 2025	<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:

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 the Public Excluded session at 3.22pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 3.23pm.