
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 9.30am.

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 P Yeung

In Attendance:	Richard Briggs – Chief Executive
	Chris Allen – General Manager City Infrastructure
	Sean Murray – General Manager Major Events, Venues and Tourism
	David Bryant – General Manager Corporate Services
	Kelvyn Eglinton – General Manager City Growth
	Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects
	Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communications
	Andrew Parsons – City Development Manager
	Luke O’Dwyer – Economic Growth and Planning Unit Manager
	Nicola Walsh – Communications Advisor

Lachlan Muldowney (City Solicitor)
Fiona Stokes (BERL)

Governance Advisors:	Lee-Ann Jordan – Governance Manager
	Becca Brooke – Governance Team Leader
	Amy Viggers – Committee Advisor
	Ian Loiterton – Committee Advisor

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Mayor King/Cr Mallett)

That the apology from Cr Taylor for lateness is received.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Concerns were raised in relation to the lateness of the attachments circulated under separate cover for Item 5 (Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund – Final Proposal from Hamilton City Council) as contained in the agenda. The Chief Executive noted that a large amount of work had been required by staff in the lead up to this meeting to meet the deadline to get the proposal to Central Government.

The Chief Executive undertook to reduce the amount of late information circulated to Elected Members.

It was noted that timing of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, following this Council Meeting would be dependant on the finish time of the Council Meeting.

Resolved: (Crs Henry/Gallagher)

That the agenda is confirmed noting that the Growth and Infrastructure Committee will take place following the Council Meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

No members of the public wished to speak.

5. Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) - Final Proposal from Hamilton City Council

The General Manager City Growth and Executive Director Special Projects introduced the report. They noted the large amount of work and considerable effort staff had put into ensuring the proposal was completed in time for Council consideration prior to the Central Government deadline.

Elected Members were advised that this was stage 2 of a 5 stage process. The next stage would develop more detail on costs and the financial implications for Council if it pursued a bid to the HIF. It was emphasised that approval to proceed to the next stage did not commit Council to the fund but would enable more information to be gathered and discussions to occur with Central Government. cover more in relation to the financial aspects of the fund.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Pascoe)

That Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the submission of a **non-binding** application to the Housing Infrastructure Fund, including approving three business cases, to advance lead strategic infrastructure funding for the Peacocke and Rotokauri growth cells subject to the caveats and alternative funding proposals outlined in this report;
- c) notes that the three business cases will seek Housing Infrastructure Funding as follows:
 - (i) Rotokauri application \$ 91m (net HIF funding)
 - (ii) Peacocke application \$182m (net HIF funding)
 - (iii) Combined Rotokauri and Peacocke application \$273m (net HIF funding)noting that these applications to the Housing Infrastructure Fund are based on 2017 dollars and are net of assumed NZTA subsidy of \$123m, net of assumed 2015-25 funding allocation of \$30m and exclude inflation;
- d) delegates to the Chief Executive authority to refine and edit the three business cases subject to the parameters outlined in this report, up to formal submission on 31 March 2017;
- e) delegate to the Mayor authority to sign all tender documentation associated with the proposal for formal submission to the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE);
- f) delegates to the Chief Executive, working with a Reference Group comprising the Elected Members on the Audit & Risk Committee, authority to conduct any necessary **non-binding** commercial negotiations with Government representatives consistent with the HIF proposal submitted to the MBIE, including progressing the alternate proposals; and
- g) notes that Council will have further opportunities to consider information on the HIF application and its implications for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.55am.