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## **Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES**

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via Audio Visual link on Thursday 14 April 2022 at 9.32am.**

### **PRESENT**

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| <b>Chairperson</b><br><i>Heamana</i>               | Mayor P Southgate (via audio visual link)   |
| <b>Deputy Chairperson</b><br><i>Heamana Tuarua</i> | Deputy Mayor G Taylor (via audio visual link)   |
| <b>Members</b>                                     | Cr M Gallagher (via audio visual link)<br>Cr R Hamilton (via audio visual link)<br>Cr D Macpherson (via audio visual link)<br>Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (via audio visual link)<br>Cr M Donovan<br>Cr R Pascoe (via audio visual link)<br>Cr S Thomson (via audio visual link)<br>Cr M van Oosten (via audio visual link)<br>Cr E Wilson |
| <b>In Attendance</b>                               | Lance Vervoort – Chief Executive<br>Sean Murray – General Manager Venues, Tourism and Major Events<br>Tilly Murcott – City Programme Manager  |
| <b>Governance Team</b>                             | Michelle Hawthorne – Governance and Assurance Manager<br>Amy Viggers – Governance Team Lead<br>Carmen Fookes – Senior Governance Advisor<br>Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisor   |

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*Cr Hamilton opened the meeting with a karakia.*

- 1. Apologies – *Tono aroha***  
**Resolved:** (Deputy Mayor Taylor/Cr van Oosten)  
That the apologies for absence from Crs O’Leary and Bunting are accepted.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take***  
**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)  
That the agenda is confirmed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga***  
During the discussion of item C2 (Appointment of Hearing Commissioners) Cr Wilson declared an interest in the matter. He did not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

**4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**5. Central City Come Back Campaign Approval**

The General Manager Venues, Tourism and Major Events introduced the report, noting the reason it was being reported to the Council rather than the Economic Development Committee due to being time sensitive, actions already undertaken, and financial support through surpluses and underspend of the Events Sponsorship Fund. Staff and Members acknowledged the work of Hamilton Central Business Association (HCBA) and their efforts to revitalise the Central City following Covid-19 outbreak. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning regular funding to HCBA, funding for the Gardens Festival, other funders, return of unspent funding, reporting and accountability, and use of Flexibus service for events.

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) endorses the 'Central City Come Back Campaign' activity plan by HCBA.

**6. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr Wilson)

**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 |
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| C1. Legal Claim - 896A River Road               | ) Good reason to withhold information exists under<br>) Section 7 Local Government<br>) Official Information and<br>) Meetings Act 1987 | Section 48(1)(a)   |
| C2. Appointment of Hearing Commissioners        |   |  |

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 protect the privacy of natural persons  | Section 7 (2) (a) |
|          | to maintain legal professional privilege   | Section 7 (2) (g) |
|          | to enable Council to carry out negotiations  | Section 7 (2) (i) |
|          | to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage | Section 7 (2) (j) |
| Item C2. | to protect the privacy of natural persons  | Section 7 (2) (a) |

**The meeting went into a public excluded session at 10.03am.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 11.00am.**