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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 Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 9.34am.**

### **PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson</b> <i>Heamana</i>	Mayor P Southgate
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b> <i>Heamana Tuarua</i>	Deputy Mayor G Taylor (partially via Audio Visual link)
<b>Members</b>	Cr M Bunting Cr M Gallagher Cr D Macpherson Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (exclusively via Audio Visual link) Cr M Donovan Cr A O'Leary Cr R Pascoe (partially via Audio Visual link) Cr S Thomson Cr M van Oosten Cr E Wilson
<b>In Attendance</b>	Lance Vervoort – Chief Executive Sean Hickey - General Manager Strategy and Communication Julie Clausen - Unit Manager Strategy and Planning Tracey Musty - Financial Director
<b>Governance Team</b>	Amy Viggers – Governance Lead Carmen Fookes – Senior Governance Advisor Narelle Waite and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors

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*The meeting was opened with karakia from Tame Pokaia.*

- 1. Apologies – Tono aroha**  
**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Thomson)  
That the apologies for absence from Cr Hamilton and for lateness apologies from Cr Pascoe are confirmed.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take**  
**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)  
That the agenda is confirmed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipanga**  
No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

**4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero**

Not required.

**5. Engagement Response to the draft 2022-23 Annual Plan budget**

**Raymond Mudford**

Mr Mudford spoke to his submission, noting his support for the establishment of Community Boards that could advocate for better services in older neighbourhoods, upcoming wastewater plant development, the rising cost of living, and the need for Council to cut debt and spending. He responded to questions from Members concerning wastewater plant development, and community funding of projects.

**Roger Stratford**

Mr Stratford spoke to his submission, noting his support for the Annual Plan, further funding of climate change initiatives, and a focus transport development for private automotive transport. He responded to questions from Members concerning private automotive transport contributing to climate change.

**Phil Evans (Bike ACTION Waikato)**

Mr Evans spoke to his submission, noting the urgency needed to increase safety for cyclists on existing transport networks. He responded to questions from Members concerning funding in the Long Term Plan, and on road vs off road bike lanes.

**Councillor Angela Strange and Mark Tamura (Waikato Regional Council)**

Cr Strange and Mr Tamura spoke to their submission, noting the collaborative work between Hamilton City Council and Waikato Regional Council, transport congestion, increase in public transport funding, and the Te Huia passenger train supporting local public transport. They responded to questions from Members concerning central government public transport funding, and boundaryless planning for public transport.

**Tony McLauchlan (Porter Group)**

Mr McLauchlan spoke to their submission, noting his support for development of Onion road infrastructure, the designation of the land by Council, and the Long Term Plan funding timeline of the development. He responded to questions from Members concerning Long Term Plan funding, timeline of the project, and a Private Development Agreement.

**Constance Phu (New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust)**

Ms Phu spoke to their submission, noting the work of the New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust in 2021, and requested for further support from the Council.

**Simon Gascoigne (GoEco)**

Mr Gascoigne spoke to their submission, noting support for the transport objectives in the annual plan, public transport initiatives, and spoke in support of maintaining heritage trees and wildlife ecosystems. He spoke of the need for new wastewater treatment plants to be able to keep up with demand to avoid river pollution, and thanked the Council for their support of the Ukraine.

**The meeting was adjourned from 10.38am to 11.15am.**

**Melissa Smith**

Ms Smith spoke to her submission, noting her support for increased funding for cycling and micro mobility projects and the need for increased safety measures. She responded to questions from Members concerning bike lane obstructions, and quality of cycleways.

**Lynne Garnham (Tui 2000)**

Ms Garnham spoke to her submission, noting work completed by Tui 2000 to date. She spoke to the development of the Hamilton Zoo and Waiwhakareke entrance, upgrades in infrastructure at Waiwhakareke, and environmental projects. She responded to questions from Members concerning environmental objectives funded in the Long Term Plan, and Tui 2000 membership.

**Blair McAlister**

Mr McAlister spoke to his submission, noting his concern with increased spending in the Long Term Plan and Annual plan, renaming of roads, infrastructure development, and Council debt. He responded to questions from Members concerning clearing stormwater drains.

*Deputy Mayor Taylor left the meeting (11.45am) during the above submission.*

**Chris Ford & Gerri Pomeroy (Disabled Persons Assembly NZ Inc)**

Mr Ford and Ms Pomeroy spoke to their submission, noting their desire for Council to continue to support the disability community to ensure all people can live with dignity in the city. They recommended that the Council fund development of accessibility objectives, and spoke of the work of Disabled Persons Assembly NZ Inc, Councils involvement, and infrastructure that supports the accessibility community. They responded to questions from Members concerning Councils support of the Disabled Persons Assembly NZ Inc, the Disability Action Plan, and accessibility considerations in development projects.

*Cr Pascoe joined the meeting (11.56am) via Audio Visual link during the above submission.*

*Deputy Mayor Taylor re-joined the meeting (11.57am) during the above submission.*

**Richard Porter (Bike Waikato)**

Mr Porter spoke to his submission, noting the need for road safety to be increased to allow children to get to school safely via alternative transport options, rather than just private vehicles. He spoke of the need to retrofit micro mobility transport links, and to proactively build micro mobility links in new developments. He responded to questions from Members concerning transport expenditure by transport type,

*Cr Pascoe left the Audio Visual meeting and attended the meeting in person (12.06pm) during the above submission.*

**Jeremy Mayall (Creative Waikato)**

Mr Mayall spoke to their submission, noting the importance of arts and culture in creating inclusive and vibrant communities. He spoke of art and culture events, placemaking through infrastructure, funding in the annual plan, collaboration between Council, the community, and Mana Whenua, the development of the Waikato Regional Theatre, community wellbeing, and the increased economic activity by encouraging artists to work in Hamilton. He responded to questions from Members concerning role of art culture in community wellbeing, community feedback, funding opportunities, collaboration with other community groups, support of budgeting proposals, and concern of existing organisations applying for new community grants.

**Gurpreet Bagga (Residents of Flagstaff)**

Mr Bagga spoke to his submission, noting noise pollution being experienced in Flagstaff as a result of development and the road material, and spoke to road safety features needed on River road to lower traffic and allow people to cross roads more safely. He responded to questions from Members concerning noise pollution decreasing as development in the area decreases, and current safety measures.

**The meeting was adjourned from 12.40pm to 1.40pm.**

Following the above verbal submissions, Elected Members requested the following information and matters be included in the Deliberations report and actions for staff to take:

- detail regarding the scope and funding to develop a school travel plan;
- communication with the New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust regarding grant funding;
- Cycle infrastructure including cycle wand installation, other cycle safety features, cost, possible methods for Council to keep cycleways clear, and current spend allocation on projects, quality of upkeep in cycle lanes;
- communication with infrastructure development companies to avoid blocking cycle lanes;
- speed bump effect on traffic speed;
- River road safety considerations and communication with the public;
- costs and benefits of the deficit in funding in the current Annual plan;
- implementation, funding and use of the Disability Action Plan;
- differences between individual and organisational submissions;
- encouragement for stakeholders to submit; and
- Council borrowing capacity.

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Bunting)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes that the verbal submissions will be considered along with the written submissions during the 2022-23 Annual Plan Deliberations meeting on 3 June 2022.

## 6. Resolution to Exclude the Public

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

### **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 the Extraordinary Council (Recommendation from the CE Review Committee) Public Excluded Minutes - 17 November 2021	) Good reason to withhold ) information exists under ) Section 7 Local Government ) Official Information and ) Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Recommendations from Public Excluded CE Review Committee Meeting of 10 March 2022		

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) |
| Item C2. | to protect the privacy of natural persons  | Section 7 (2) (a) |
|          | to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage | Section 7 (2) (j) |

**The meeting moved into a Public Excluded session at 2.12pm.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 2.47pm.**