
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 9 April 2015 at 12.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Her Worship the Mayor J Hardaker
Deputy Chairperson	Cr G Chesterman
Members	Cr M Forsyth Cr A King Cr G Mallett Cr A O’Leary Cr R Pascoe Cr L Tooman Cr E Wilson Cr P Yeung

In Attendance	Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager City Environments, General Manager City Infrastructure, General Manager Community, General Manager Customer Relationships, General Manager Events and Economic Development, General Manager Organisational Development, General Manager Performance.
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Unit Manager Strategy & Research, Senior Strategic Policy Analyst, Programme Manager – Growth and Assets, Programme Manager Corporate Planning, Revenue Manager and Communications Advisor

Also in attendance	Naude Kotze, Audit New Zealand Lachlan Maldowney, City Solicitor, Tomkins Wake (for Item 6)
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Democracy Advisors	Mrs J C Pani and Mrs M Birch
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Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the presence of Council’s Auditor, Mr Naude Kotze, Audit New Zealand.

Mayor Hardaker formally acknowledged the recent death of Councillor Dave Macpherson’s son, Nicholas and advised that Councillor Macpherson would be taking whatever time was needed to be with his family. Condolences were sent to Dave and his family.

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

That apologies from Councillors Green, Gallagher and Macpherson be accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

The Council confirmed the agenda, noting that an additional item for a road name change would be taken later in the meeting in the public excluded session. The information had just come to hand and could not wait to a future Council meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

There was no Public Forum.

5. Council Minutes - 25 February 2015

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

That Council confirms and adopts as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 February 2015.

6. Development Contributions Policy

The General Manager Performance, supported by the Senior Strategic Policy Analyst, presented this Item for the Council to adopt a Development Contributions Policy 2015/16 ("draft policy") for public consultation. The GM talked to the consultation process and commented that there were only a limited number of changes to the draft policy from the current Development Contributions Policy 2013/14; changes included the way that Temple View charges were capped.

It was noted that the draft policy attached (under separate cover) to the staff report had been amended following discussion between Members and staff to delete the words "*within three years*" from section 13.2 a).

The GM confirmed that staff were not proposing any change to the draft policy as a result of change of use. Any alteration to the draft policy could be considered following feedback via the consultation process. He also confirmed that the draft policy had been reviewed by Audit New Zealand.

Resolved: (Crs Pascoe/Chesterman)

That:

- a) The report be received;
- b) The 2015/16 Draft Development Contributions Policy attached to the staff report under separate cover – including the change to paragraph 13.2 a) deleting the words “*within three years*” – be adopted for public consultation concurrently with the 2015-25 10-Year Plan; and
- c) Development contribution charges in the Temple View catchment be capped at the rate equal to the corresponding Rotokauri catchment rate.

7. Adoption of 10-Year Plan Consultation Document

The Chief Executive introduced this Item for the Council to adopt Hamilton’s 10-Year Plan Consultation Document 2015-2025 (Consultation Document), commenting that the documents that have been robustly audited, pick up on the key issue of the balance of affordability/debt/rates against Hamilton’s growth and infrastructure needs. The Consultation Document is asking the community whether they want the Council to do more and pay more, or do less and pay less.

The General Manager Performance outlined what the Council was required to adopt for consultation and also the items required to be adopted by the Council (and the order of adoption) as supporting information to the Consultation Document. All these documents were provided as attachments to the report (under separate cover). He advised that the Council was also being asked to authorise for the Mayor and Chief Executive to sign the Audit Representation Letter to complete the process.

The GM referred to the Engagement Plan which was recommending a change from the traditional hearings approach to more interactive meetings including targeted stakeholder and community round-table sessions. Information would be available on the Council’s website and there would be a Special City News publication.

The following was noted in response to questions:

Borrowing – The change to the borrowing limit from what had been previously forecast has been reflected in the Consultation Document.

Population Growth – The population growth that had been the basis for the 10-Year Plan discussions was based on information provided by the National Institute of Demographic and Economic Analysis (NIODEA) and updated with 2013 census data. These growth projections indicated a greater profile than the previous Long Term Plan which used the growth projections from the 2006 census.

- A reference is to be included in the Consultation Document (page 6) to provide clarity that the statements on population growth are evidential based.
- The Auditor, Mr Kotze, confirmed that including the reference would be acceptable. He also confirmed that use of NIODEA population figures was consistent with the approach used by other councils and was a reasonable basis to determine the assumption for growth.

Typographical Corrections –

- \$3.2B of assets in Attachment 1 is incorrectly shown as \$3.6B of assets in Attachment 2.
- Grey scale of graphs could be improved to provide more clarity to the reader.
- Differentiation between spending on sport and arts/culture to be identified.
- Juney – footnote on page 6

Her Worship the Mayor, prior to moving the staff recommendation, indicated her intention to request that the Council approve a review and update to the KPIs to be reported back to the June Council meeting.

There was discussion on the implications of not resolving staff recommendation c) to amend the Financial Strategy 2015-2025 adopted on 25 February to change the debt limit. The Chief Executive in response advised that a change to what was being recommended would require significant rewriting of the documents with the Auditor needing to audit the amendments.

The Chief Executive proposed that Council could consider any changes to the Financial Strategy in response to the community consultation as part of the final adoption of the 10-Year Plan in June 2015.

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

That Council:

- a) Receives the report.
- b) Adopts the following information as supporting information for the consultation on Hamilton's 10-Year Plan Consultation Document 2015-2025:
 - (i) Infrastructure Strategy 2015-2045
 - (ii) 10-Year Plan Prospective Financial Statements 2015-2025
 - (iii) Funding Impact Statement 2015-2025
 - (iv) 10-Year Plan Disclosure Statement 2015-2025
 - (v) Group of Activity Statements 2015-2025
 - (vi) Capital Projects List 2015-2025
 - (vii) Council Controlled Organisations Statement
- c) Amends the Financial Strategy 2015-2025 adopted on 25 February to change the debt limit to:
 - (i) "The debt to revenue ratio will be reduced to 200% or below by 2020 and thereafter will remain below 200%."
- d) Adopts the following information as supporting information for the Revenue and Financing Policy:
 - (i) Funding Needs Analysis
 - (ii) Rating Policy
- e) Adopts the Revenue and Financing Policy for consultation concurrently with Hamilton's 10-Year Plan Consultation Document 2015-2025.
- f) Adopts the Rates Remissions and Postponements Policy for consultation concurrently with Hamilton's 10-Year Plan Consultation Document 2015-2025.
- g) Adopt the 10-Year Plan and Development Contributions Policy Engagement Plan and delegates to each Elected Member its responsibilities, duties and powers to have spoken interaction at the public and stakeholder meetings in the course of Council's consultation on the proposed 10-Year Plan.
- h) Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive to sign the Audit Representation Letter on behalf of Council.
- i) Adopts Hamilton's 10-Year Plan Consultation Document 2015-2025 for the consultation on Hamilton's 10-Year Plan.
- j) That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Chairs of Strategy and Policy and Finance Committees work with the Chief Executive and Audit NZ to review and update the KPIs and report back to the June Council meeting.

Those for the Motion:

Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors O'Leary, Forsyth, Yeung,
Pascoe, Chesterman and Tooman.

Those against the Motion:

Councillors Mallett, King and Wilson

8. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

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. Road Naming) 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 improper advantage. Section 7 (2) (j)

The Meeting moved into Public Excluded session from 1.40 until 1.55pm.

The Meeting closed at 1.55pm