
Council OPEN MINUTES

Wider Representation Review Hearings

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 1.04pm.

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 R Hamilton

In Attendance:	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community
	David Bryant – General Manager Corporate
	Jen Baird - General Manager City Growth
	Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations
	Chris Allen – General Manager Development
	Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communication
	Brendan Stringer – Legal Services Manager
	Natalie Swart – Project Manager
	Emily Acraman – Research Assistant

Governance Staff:	Lee-Ann Jordan – Governance Manager
	Becca Brooke – Governance Team leader
	Amy Viggers – Committee Advisor

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Taylor)
That the apology from Cr Bunting (early departure) is accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Mayor King/Cr Mallett)

That the Council to confirm the agenda noting that the debate is to be 2 minutes with a 1 minute extension if required.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

No members of the public spoke during the public forum.

5. Representation Review - Submissions Report & Hearings

The following members of public spoke to their submissions:

East West By-Election Candidates – D Fisher, R Mcleod, M Small, M van Oosten, H Henderson & M Burgess spoke in support of option 4 which was a three ward model. They suggested that an increased number of smaller wards would be beneficial for communities particularly in the southwest of Hamilton in terms of increased public engagement and better representation, which would in turn promote increased voter turnout. It would also make it easier for potential candidates to stand for Council.

The group responded to questions from Elected Members concerning their views that smaller wards would allow for better representation on Council for communities and the various barriers that made it hard to run for Council.

Judy McDonald spoke to her submission noting that her preference was for an at large model as she would like better choice of who she votes for at the elections. She suggested that Hamiltonians lived, worked, shopped all over so the current ward system wasn't necessarily reflective of Hamilton communities. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the at large model and its potential to deter possible candidates from standing due to the costs involved with running a city wide campaign.

Kelli Pike spoke in support an at large model and noted that it was the unrestricted choice of candidates that lead to her preference. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the reasons for her preference.

The Chair took the report as read. Elected Members requested staff provide the following information to be considered as part of the final proposal:

- further background information on previous ward models in Hamilton, including the Local Government Commission decision of 1998 to go to an at large model and reasons for the later change to the current two ward system.
- further information on candidate campaign spending limits for the various options.
- further information on three and four ward options
- benchmarking populations sizes with other councils with at large models.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/O'Leary)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes the feedback received;
- c) notes that Council will need to determine a Final Proposal for its representation arrangements at the Council Meeting on 1 November 2018; and
- d) notes that procedurally, for any amendment or alteration of Council's initial proposal, the Council must demonstrate a connection to the submissions received.

Cr Bunting retired from the meeting (2.30pm) during the discussion of the above Item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

6. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Crs Casson/Taylor)

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. Appointment of Maangai Maori) 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 protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
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The meeting went into a public excluded session at 3.09pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.15pm.