
Economic Development Committee

Komiti OOhanga Whakatupu

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Economic Development Committee held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via Audio Visual link on Thursday 11 August 2022 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr R Hamilton

Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr E Wilson

Heamana Tuarua

Members

Mayor P Southgate

Cr M Gallagher

Cr R Pascoe

Cr M van Oosten

Cr M Donovan

Maangai O Te Ua (exclusively via Audio Visual link)

Maangai T P Thompson-Evans (exclusively via Audio Visual link)

In Attendance

Blair Bowcott – General Manager Growth

Sean Murray – General Manager Venues Tourism and Major Events

Tilly Murcott – Programme Manager - Central City

Tracey Musty – Financial Director

Nicolas Wells – Strategic Property Manager

Tiki Mossop - Programme Manager - Economics & Policy

Kate Harris - Business Relationship Advisor

Vanessa Williams – Hamilton Central Business Association

Richard Legatt and Nicola Greenwell – Hamilton and Waikato Tourism Limited

Kelvin French – Co-Lab

Tony Giles – Waikato Innovation Growth Limited

Mark Morgan and Scott Kendall – Waikato Regional Airport Limited

Governance Team

Carmen Fookes – Senior Governance Advisor

Narelle Waite and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr van Oosten)

That the apologies for absence from Deputy Mayor Taylor, and partial attendance from Crs Pascoe, Donovan, Wilson and Maangai Thompson-Evans are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Pascoe)

The agenda is confirm noting:

- a) the late Item 6 (Chair's Report) is accepted. The report was circulated under separate cover to enable the most up to date information to be included;
- b) that the meeting adjourn 11.00am to 11.15am and be followed by Item C2 (Strategic Review of Investment in New Zealand Food Innovation (Waikato) Ltd (NZFIWL)) and Item C3 (Review of Council Investment - Waikato Regional Airport Limited) to accommodate speakers availability; and
- c) that the meeting will adjourn 1.00pm to 1.30pm and be followed Item C6 (242 to 266 Victoria Street - VOTR Southern Edge Activation Project) to accommodate speakers availability.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

No members of the public wished to speak.

5. Confirmation of the Economic Development Committee Open Minutes of 24 May 2022

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr van Oosten)

That the Economic Development Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 24 May 2022 as a true and correct record, noting amendments to the minutes.

Item 6 (Chair's Report) was deferred to later in the agenda to accommodate availability.

7. Hamilton Central Business Association - Six-monthly update

Vanessa Williams and Mike Neale (Hamilton Central Business Association) spoke to the report noting the current retail environment and security concerns in the central city. They responded to questions from Members concerning increased crime incidents, and public design guide principals to deter crime.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to provide information to Members regarding Central City crime statistics.*

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Gallagher)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the HCBA six-monthly report to 30 June 2022.

8. Hamilton and Waikato Tourism Limited - Year End Report to 30 June 2022

Nicola Greenwell (Hamilton and Waikato Tourism Limited) spoke to the report noting the occupancy rate of hotels, advertising campaigns, and general tourism updates. She responded to questions from Members concerning how hotel occupancy rates were calculated, maximization of tourism opportunities following the increase to international flights, the necessity of additional accommodation, business events, activation of the Kingitanga story, and collaboration opportunities with restaurants.

Resolved: (Cr Pascoe/Cr Donovan)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

Cr Wilson joined the meeting (10.00am) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Maangai Thompson-Evans left the meeting (10.06pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

9. Co-Lab Annual Report 30 June 2021

Kelvin French (Co-Lab) spoke to the report noting this was the 2021 Annual Report, the audit timeline, and progress of the 2022 Annual Report. He responded to questions from Members concerning the Local Government Reform.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

10. Waikato Innovation Growth Ltd, New Zealand Food Innovation (Waikato) Ltd Annual Reports 30 June 2021

Tony Giles (Waikato Innovation Growth Limited) spoke to the report noting that this was the 2021 Annual Report.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

11. Waikato Regional Airport Limited - Year End Report to 30 June 2022

The General Manager Venues, Tourism and Major Events and Mark Morgan and Scott Kendall (Waikato Regional Airport Limited) spoke report in particular the effect of Covid on business, hotel usage as a MIQ facility, and noted the report was subject to final audit sign off. They responded to questions from Members concerning Hamilton City Council representation at the airport, and changes to Air New Zealand flight offerings.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the draft yearend report, noting the final audited version will be circulated to Elected Members when it is available in November 2022.

Item 6 (Chair's Report) was taken after item 11 (Waikato Regional Airport Limited - Year End Report to 30 June 2022) to accommodate availability.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair and Deputy Chair spoke to the report noting the work of the Economic Development Committee over the triennium, the need for long term investment in the city, sister city relationships, and the Municipal Endowment Fund.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

12. Municipal Endowment Fund - Quarterly Report - Q4 2021/22 FY

The Strategic Property Manager spoke to the report noting the updated value of the fund.

Resolved: (Cr Pascoe/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

13. H3 Group - Quarter 4 and Year End Activity Report 2021/22

The General Manager Venues Tourism and Major Events spoke to the report noting successful staff recruitment and the high quality of H3 staff.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Gallagher)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

14. General Manager's Report

The General Manager Growth, Programme Manager - Economics & Policy, and Business Relationship Advisor spoke to the report noting the current state of the economy, collaboration with businesses and innovation in advertising. They responded to questions from Members concerning the current economy outlook and concerns of recession, risk of growth being funded by central government debt, and central government support.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

15. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

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 Economic Development Committee Public Excluded Minutes of 24 May 2022) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Strategic Review of Investment in New Zealand Food Innovation (Waikato) Ltd (NZFIWL))	
C3. Review of Council Investment -		

Waikato Regional Airport
Limited

- C4. Approval of Waikato Regional
Airport Limited Director
Remuneration and
Appointments
- C6. 242 to 266 Victoria Street -
VOTR Southern Edge Activation
Project
- C7. Commercial Partnership
Agreement - FMG Stadium
Waikato
- C8. General Manager's Report

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 prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage | Section 7 (2) (j) |
| Item C3. | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage | Section 7 (2) (h)
Section 7 (2) (i) |
| | to enable Council to carry out negotiations | |
| Item C4. | to protect the privacy of natural persons | Section 7 (2) (a) |
| | to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment | Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)
Section 7 (2) (h) |
| | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage | |
| Item C6. | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage | Section 7 (2) (h)
Section 7 (2) (i) |
| | to enable Council to carry out negotiations | |
| Item C7. | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage | Section 7 (2) (h)
Section 7 (2) (i) |
| | to enable Council to carry out negotiations | |
| Item C8. | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage | Section 7 (2) (h)
Section 7 (2) (i) |
| | to enable Council to carry out negotiations | |

The meeting moved into a Public Excluded session at 10.57am.

The meeting was declared closed at 3.27pm.