

# **Economic Development Committee**

## ***Te Komiti Oohanga Whakatupu***

### **OPEN MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Economic Development Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 9 May 2024 at 9:30 am.

#### **PRESENT**

**Chairperson** Cr Ewan Wilson

***Heamana***

**Deputy** Cr Mark Donovan

**Chairperson**

***Heamana Tuarua***

**Members** Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary  
Cr Anna Casey-Cox  
Cr Maxine van Oosten  
Cr Melaina Huaki  
Cr Louise Hutt  
Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf  
Cr Andrew Bydder  
Cr Geoff Taylor  
Cr Sarah Thomson  
Cr Emma Pike  
Cr Tim Macindoe

**In Attendance** Maangai Jaydene Kana  
Representatives for Co-Lab, Kevin French  
Representatives for Co-Lab Natalie Allen  
Representatives for Hamilton Central Business Association (HBCA) Vanessa Williams  
Representatives for Hamilton Central Business Association (HBCA) Mike Neale

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#### **1. Apologies – *Tono aroha***

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

That the apologies for absence from Mayor Southgate Cr Moko Tauariki , and Deputy Mayor O’Leary are accepted.

#### **2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take***

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the agenda is confirmed

#### **3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga***

Cr Mark Donovan declared an interest in Item 9 Strategic and General Update. He noted that he was not conflicted and would take part in the discussion and vote on the matter.

**4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero**

No members of the public wished to speak in the Public Forum

**5. Confirmation of the Economic Development Open Minutes 12 March 2024**

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

That the Economic Development Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Economic Development Meeting held on 12 March 2024 as a true and correct record.

**6. Chair's Report**

Chair of the Economic Development Committee took the report as read.

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

That the Economic Development Committee

- a. receives the report; and
- b. approves the establishment of the 'Sister City relationships Working Group' with the v membership of Cr Wilson, Cr Donovan, Cr Taylor, Cr Macindoe, and Cr Hutt Cr van Oosten to make a recommendation to the Council concerning Hamilton City Council's current Sister City relationships.

**7. External Agencies and CCO Reporting**

**Staff action:** *Staff undertook to provide Members with further information on value to Hamilton City Council from shared services.*

**Co-Lab**

Co-Lab Chief Executive (Kelvin French) and General Manager (Natalie Allen) spoke to the Co-Lab section within the report, highlighting key updates . They responded to questions from Members concerning barriers in procurement programmes, opportunity to reduce size and cost while offering the same levels of service.

**Hamilton Central business Association (HCBA)**

Chief Executive Vanessa Williams and representative Mike Neals provided an update on recent activities. They responded to questions from Members concerning patronage to parking in the CBD, opportunities to draw more people to the CBD, and ways to work with community groups in relation to operating space.

**Waikato Regional Airport Limited**

The General Manager of Venues, Tourism & Events spoke to the report and responding to questions from Members concerning vacancies on the Board of Directors.

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a. receives the report;
- b. receives the amended Statement of Intent for Waikato Regional Airport Limited 2024-2025 (to be tabled at the Committee meeting);
- c. endorses the 2025-2027 Statement of Intent for Co-Lab (**Attachment 2** );
- d. requests the CE write to the Co-Lab board regarding the Committee's strong support for more substantive, structural and transformational initiatives, including relating to building consenting and IT activities, and that this be discussed further at a political level;
- e. approves the HCBA Central City Activation Plan and Annual Budget for 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 (**Attachment 8**), subject to funding being confirmed in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP); and

- f. delegates authority to the General Manager of Strategy, Growth and Planning Group to renew the Service Level Agreement between Hamilton Central Business Association and Hamilton City Council for the delivery of the Central City Activation Plan and release of the annual Central City Activation Fund payment to Hamilton Central Business Association, effective from 1 July 2024, subject to the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.

**The meeting was adjourned 11.08am to 11.21am during the discussion of the above item**

**8. General Manager's Report**

The General Manager of Strategy spoke to the report highlighting the progress made on targeted outcomes. Touching on topics such as moving into the next phase of [Tech in the Tron](#), patronage across all H3 event centres and visitor destinations, and continued positive news in relation to the Ruakura Superhub.

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

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

**9. Strategic and General Update**

The Economic Development Manager and Business Relationship Advisor spoke to the report, updating Members about key investment opportunities in the region, status updates from all the key sectors, and future outlook of Economic Development in the city/region. They responded to question from Members concerning investments in the city, opportunity for growth in the Tech sector, advice on how to set the Council up for success in the future.

**Staff action:** *Staff undertook to provide Members with further information on patron rates at the Hamilton Zoo.*

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

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

**10. Event Sponsorship Fund - recommendations for approval 2024-25**

The General Manager of Venues, Tourism & Events spoke to the report informing Members about the applications received requesting allocation for the fund. Noting which applications Staff suggest approving and declining. Providing Members reasons for the recommendations provided.

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

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a. receives the report;
- b. approves subject to the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan, the following single year event sponsorship applications for financial sponsorship from Council's major event sponsorship fund in 2024-25 (one year), totalling \$339,000:
  - i. NZ U15 and U19 National Badminton Championships 2024 by Badminton New Zealand for \$5,000;
  - ii. Hamilton Arts Festival 2025 | Toi Ora ki Kirikiriroa 2025 by Hamilton Gardens Summer Festival Foundation for \$175,000;
  - iii. Aramex Kiwi Walk and Run Series 2025 by SMC Events Limited for \$9,000;
  - iv. Round the Bridges 2024 by Hamilton Harriers and Classic Events for \$20,000; and
  - v. Balloons over Waikato 2025 by Balloons over Waikato Trust for \$130,000.

- c. declines the following applications for financial sponsorship from Council's major event sponsorship fund:
  - i. Sika Show 2024: Sika Show Limited (\$30,000);
  - ii. NZ Boat Fish and Dive Expo 2024: NZ Boat Fish and Dive Expo Limited (\$30,000);
  - iii. Xmas at Suburbs 2024: Suburbs Community Sports Club (\$30,000);
  - iv. Sunset Symphony 2025: Orchestras Central (\$12,000); and
  - v. Hamilton Pride Parade 2025: Hamilton Pride Incorporated (\$2,258.99)

**11. Strategic Property Update - May 2024**

The Strategic Property Manager took the report as read and responded to questions from Members Municipal Endowment Fund (MEF)

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

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

**12. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr 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 |
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| C1. Confirmation of the Economic Development Public Excluded Minutes 12 March 2024<br>C2. Strategic Property Update - May 2024<br>C3. Strategic Issues Update | ) Good reason to withhold<br>) information exists under<br>) Section 7 Local Government<br>) Official Information and<br>) Meetings Act 1987 | Section 48(1)(a)   |

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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 C2. | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage<br>to enable Council to carry out negotiations | Section 7 (2) (h)<br>Section 7 (2) (i) |
| Item C3. | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage<br>to enable Council to carry out negotiations | Section 7 (2) (h)<br>Section 7 (2) (i) |

**The meeting moved into Public Excluded at 12.19pm.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 1.22pm.**