

## Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES

(Swearing in Ceremony)

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber and audio visual link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 8:38am.

## **PRESENT**

Chairperson Heamana

**Members** 

Mayor Paula Southgate

**Deputy Chairperson** 

Deputy Mayor Angela O'Leary

Heamana Tuarua

Cr Maxine van Oosten

Cr Moko Tauariki Cr Ewan Wilson Cr Mark Donovan Cr Louise Hutt Cr Geoff Taylor Cr Sarah Thomson Cr Emma Pike Cr Anna Casey-Cox

Cr Andrew Bydder (via Audio Visual Link)

Cr Maria Huata

Shane Te Ruki opened the meeting by giving the Karanga to the whaanau and Cr Huata into the chambers to begin her Poowhiri and the swearing in ceremony.

Kaumatua Tame Pokaia spoke for Hamilton City Council and Kaumatua Tom Roa gave the whaikoorero for Cr Huata.

Mayor Southgate open and welcomed Cr Huata with a mihi.

Cr Huata was then sworn in and signed her Statutory Declaration, required by the Local Government Act 2002, which was witnessed by Mayor Paula Southgate. Following the declaration, she addressed the chamber highlighting the support she had received from her whaanau and community.

The meeting was closed with a karakia.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.15am.