
Growth and Infrastructure Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 29 May 2018 at 9.33am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr D Macpherson
Deputy Chairperson	Cr G Taylor
Members	Mayor A King
	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr S Henry
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr A O'Leary
	Cr L Tooman
	Cr R Hamilton

In Attendance:

- Richard Briggs – Chief Executive
- Chris Allen – General Manager Infrastructure
- Jen Baird – General Manager City Growth
- Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects
- Andrew Parsons – City Development Manager
- Eeva-Liisa Wright – City Infrastructure Business Manager
- Jason Harrison – Transport Manager
- Maire Porter – City Waters Manager
- Christopher Barton – Project Development Manager
- Robyn Denton – Transportation Operations Team Leader
- Stafford Hodgson – Senior Strategic Policy Analyst
- Nigel Ward – Communications Team Leader
- Nicola Walsh – Communications Advisor
- Tracey Buckland – Communications Advisor
- Riki Manarangi – Corporate Policy Specialist
- Mark Brougham – Programme Manager
- Jason Howarth – Mayors Advisor
- Andy Zhao – Senior Data Analyst
- Charlotte Catmur – Waste Minimisation Advisor
- Kirsty Quickfall – Waste Minimisation Advisor
- Debbie McKillip – Project Engineer
- Daniel Teasdale – Business Performance Advisor

Parekawhia McLean – NZTA Central North Island Director
Jose Conzalez – Waikato Regional Council Policy Advisor

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

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs Casson/Henry)

That the apologies from Crs Southgate and Pascoe are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Bunting)

That the agenda is confirmed noting the following:

- a) Item 17 (Chair’s Report) is accepted as a late item. This report was unable to wait until the next meeting as the matters outlined in the Chair’s report relate to growth conversations occurring as part of the Urban Growth Agenda, including the Auckland/Hamilton Corridor Plan and a meeting with Ministers on 25 June 2018 and due to meetings taking place after the agenda had been released. To be taken after Item 5 (Confirmation of Growth and Infrastructure Open Minutes – 10 April 2018);
- b) Item 7 (New Zealand Transport Agency Update) is to be taken at 11.00am to accommodate external presenters; and
- c) Item 10 (Proposed Speed Limit Bylaw Changes - Determination Report) and Item 11 (Statement of Proposal - Amendment to Speed Limit Bylaw 2013) are to be discussed together.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

No members of the public wished to speak.

5. Confirmation of Growth and Infrastructure Open Minutes -10 April 2018

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Taylor)

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2018 as a true and correct record.

17. Chair's Report

The Chair took the report as read. The Chair and Executive Director Special Projects responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the recommendations regarding Futureproof.

Elected Members were advised to contact Governance staff if they wish to attend the Trafanz conference.

Action: Staff undertook to provide an update concerning Southern Links/Bypass at the 4 September 2018 Growth and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Taylor)

Futureproof

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) request Futureproof prioritise a review of the planned residential and industrial land in the areas surrounding Hamilton (known as the Hamilton Urban Growth Area). The review to take into account the Government Urban Growth Agenda, the draft Auckland-Hamilton Corridor Plan, the notified Waikato District Plan (expected July 2018), the ability to provide greater supply beyond what is currently contemplated, infrastructure funding and delivery and the impacts on HCC transport, waters and community infrastructure from new development outside Hamilton. That regular updates are provided to the Futureproof Implementation Committee as part of the 2018 Futureproof strategy review;
- b) request Futureproof to review its position on the Te Awa Lakes private plan change submission noting the new information and changing growth context since it made a submission in November 2017 and that this be reported to the Futureproof Implementation Committee; and
- c) request that in future, Futureproof not make any submissions to outside bodies relating to growth and development matters concerning Hamilton City Council without first seeking approval for them from Hamilton City Council.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Hamilton)

Trafinz Conference

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) approves 'by resolution' an allocation for two delegates to attend the 2018 Trafinz Conference, including travel, accommodation and conference fees;
- b) notes that all Councillors deciding to attend the Conference will receive an equal share of the above allocation, with the balance of their costs met from their 'by choice' training and conference budgets; and
- c) notes that governance staff will manage this process.

Mayor King left the meeting (9.58am) during the discussion of the above item (Trafinz Conference). He was not present when the above matter was voted on.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the Chair's report.

6. General Managers' Report

The report was taken as read. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the following matters within the General Managers' report:

- Growth Indicator Report figures, definitions, and statistics outlined in attachment 1 of the staff report.
- LGNZ remit process and whether the Local Alcohol Policy Remit would be included by Zone 2 as previously advised.
- The Auckland-Hamilton Corridor Plan and how Council would work with neighbouring Councils and the Central Government.

The meeting adjourned 10.43am to 11.00am.

The meeting resumed with Item 7 (NZ Transport Agency Update) prior to continuing with the General Managers Report.

- Waste Taskforce Update and the amended terms of reference.

Following the above section of the report, the Chair took Item 12 (Plastics 3-7) prior to continuing with the remainder of the General Managers' Report.

- Gordonton Road Corridor project, the project's scope, which included walking/cycling infrastructure, and the expected NZTA subsidy.
- Access Hamilton projects including Te Awa cycling pathways, a bridge to Peacockes, Public Transport Centre upgrades, and the cycle lane trail.

Action: *Staff undertook to schedule a briefing with Elected Members following the 10 Year Plan Process to discuss the information and format for the Growth Indicator Report that would be useful for Elected Members.*

Action: *Staff undertook to make wording changes, concerning Waste Taskforce 'Report Back Date' and 'Terms of Reference' sections of attachment 3. Changes included noting that the Governing Body for the Plan was the Growth and Infrastructure Committee and that it would report back to the Growth and Infrastructure Committee (6 weekly) with any decisions to be recommended to Council.*

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/O'Leary)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee approves the revised terms of reference for the Waste Taskforce (Attachment 3), including the wording changes discussed at the meeting.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Taylor)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee approves the submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency on the draft Investment Assessment Framework for the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme, subject to an extra clause requesting an enhanced financial assistance rate for public transport activities.

Cr Mallett Dissenting.

Mayor King re-joined the meeting (10.20am) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

7. New Zealand Transport Agency Update

Parekawhia Mclean (NZTA Central North Island Director) provided a presentation to the Committee with an update from the NZ Transport Agency. She covered the following projects:

- National Land Transport Programme (NLTP)
- Transport Agency Investment Proposal (TAIP)
- Auckland to Hamilton Corridor Spatial Plan
- Auckland to Hamilton Passenger Rail
- Access Hamilton
- Waikato Expressway-Hamilton Section
- Better partnerships with councils.

NZTA representatives responded to questions from Elected Members concerning their Road Safety Strategy in relation to the increasing road toll; Southern Links confirmed funding and scope; and the possible effect of a re-evaluation of strategies when the updated Government Policy Statement was released.

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/ Macpherson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

The meeting continued with Item 6 (General Managers Report) following the conclusion of the above Item to discuss the Waste Taskforce Update section prior to taking Item 12 (Managing Plastics 3-7).

12. Managing plastics 3 to 7

The Waste Minimisation Advisor introduced the report and provided an update on the effect of China's Green Sword Policy. She noted that the Central Government had approved funding for a plant in Auckland that would process Plastics 2 and 4 into products such as irrigation pipes. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the international markets that were continuing to purchase recycled plastics from New Zealand and impact of creating a recycling plant in New Zealand.

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Macpherson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) notes the findings of the desktop study on the management of plastics 3 to 7; and
- b) delegates to the Chair of the Waste Taskforce to write to the Minister for the Environment regarding the management of plastic waste in New Zealand, consistent with this report and in particular the need for government to support onshore processing of plastic.

Cr Mallett Dissenting.

Cr O'Leary left the meeting (12.17pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting continued with Item 6 (General Managers Report) following the conclusion of the above matter.

The meeting adjourned 1.00pm to 1.40pm.

Cr O'Leary re-joined the meeting (1.40pm) following the above adjournment.

8. Passenger Rail Business Case Update

The General Manager City Infrastructure introduced the report, and responded to questions from Elected Members with Jose Conzalez (Waikato Regional Council Policy Advisor) concerning specifics of the draft business case including financials and the proposals outlined in the report.

Action: *Staff undertook to bring the draft Passenger Rail Business Case back to a future Elected Member Briefing to be discussed in greater detail.*

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Taylor)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes that staff will report back to Council once the Detailed Business Case has been finalised and prior to 1 October 2018 when the Transport Agency approval is expected.

Crs Mallett and Casson Dissenting.

9. Parking - Central City Trial Update – (Recommendation to Council)

Cr Taylor as Chair of the Central City Parking Taskforce introduced the item and noted that the Taskforce had considered and analysed the value of the trial and on that basis had recommended an extension of the trial. The General Manager noted that the funding for the extension of the trial had already been built into the draft 10 Year Plan. The reasons for the trial to continue were that the trial provided good data for staff to be able to analyse a number of parking related issues, and an increase in occupancy of the Central Business District had been observed since the trial.

Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning clarification on the options outlined in the report, clarification of associated financial figures and the infringement process.

Resolved: (Crs Taylor/Bunting)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends to Council that the current central city parking trial continue for a further 12 months until 30th June 2019, with staff to report back to Council by April 2019 with an updated review of the trial.

The Motion was put.

Those for the Motion: Mayor King, Crs Macpherson, Bunting, Taylor and Hamilton.

Those against the Motion: Councillors Casson, Henry, Mallett, O'Leary and Tooman.

The Motion was declared equal.

The Chair exercised his casting vote and the Motion was declared carried.

Cr Mallett left the meeting (3.26pm – 4.05pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Deputy Mayor Gallagher left the meeting (3.30pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting adjourned 4.10pm – 4.20pm.

8. Proposed Speed Limit Bylaw Changes - Determination Report

The Transportation Operations Team Leader spoke to the report and noted that the bylaw process was prescribed by the Local Government Act 2002. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the timeline to complete the process.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) determines that a bylaw is the most appropriate mechanism to address issues in relation to setting speed limits in Hamilton;
- b) approves the preparation of a Statement of Proposal which sets out the revocation of the Hamilton City Speed Limit Bylaw 2013, and creation of a Hamilton City Speed Limit Bylaw 2018.

11. Statement of Proposal - Amendment to Speed Limit Bylaw 2013

The Transportation Operations Team Leader took the report as read.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Tooman)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) determines that the proposed Hamilton City Speed Limit Bylaw 2018 (as per attachment 1) is the most appropriate form of bylaw and does not give rise to implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990;
- b) approves the draft Statement of Proposal which sets out the proposed Hamilton City Speed Limit Bylaw 2018 and reasons for the changes to the current bylaw (Hamilton City Speed Limit Bylaw 2013); and
- c) approves the commencement of public consultation in regard to the Statement of Proposal – Speed Limits Bylaw 2018.

9. Water, Wastewater & Stormwater Renewals Contract Award

The Project Development Manager spoke to the report and noted that the report was not seeking approval for any funding. It was seeking to award physical works contracts to enable delivery of works programmes. He responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the tender process.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Taylor)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) approves award of Contract 17160 to deliver the 2018-2021 stormwater and wastewater asset renewals and improvement programme to HEB Construction Ltd, with an Approved Contract Sum of \$25,000,000.00; and
- b) approves award of Contract 16431 to deliver the 2018-2021 water network asset renewals and improvement programme to Waipa Civil Ltd, with an Approved Contract Sum of \$16,500,000.00.

Deputy Mayor Gallagher re-joined the meeting (4.30pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

10. Waikato Means Business (Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency)

The Executive Director Special Projects introduced the report and responded to questions from Elected Members concerning funding for Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency and the makeup of the Governing Board.

Resolved: (Crs O'Leary/Bunting)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) notes the progress being made to establish the Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency from 1 July 2018;
- b) approves the payment of \$90,000 in 2017/18 towards the establishment costs of the Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency;
- c) approves an annual contribution of \$140,000 to Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency for regional economic development commencing in 2018/19 for a term of three years subject to the provision of this funding in the approved 2018-28 10 Year Plan; and
- d) delegates the Chief Executive to negotiate a three-year partnership and service delivery agreement commencing 1 July 2018 with Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency and report back to Council for approval.

Crs Mallett and Casson Dissenting.

An extension of time was moved at 4.45pm.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Deputy Mayor Gallagher)

That the meeting time extend beyond 6 hours as per Standing Order 3.5.7

15. Development Contributions Remissions Quarter 3 2018

Staff took the report as read and responded to questions from Elected Members concerning remission figures as outlined in the report.

Action: *Infrastructure and Development Contributions staff undertook to work together to ensure adequate infrastructure was planned for future retirement villages.*

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

Cr Bunting retired from the meeting (5.00pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

16. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Tooman)

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. Commercial Development Agreements Update) 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 enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h)
	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

The meeting went into a public excluded session at 5.07pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.18pm.