
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 24 October 2017 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr D Macpherson
Deputy Chairperson	Cr G Taylor
Members	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr P Southgate
	Cr L Tooman

Kelvyn Eglinton – General Manager City Growth
Chris Allen – General Manager Infrastructure
Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communications
Blair Bowcott - Executive Director Special Projects
Trent Fowler – Compliance Manager
Charlotte Catmur – Waste Minimiser Advisor
Robyn Denton – Network Operations Team Leader
Maire Porter – City Waters Manager
Andrew Parsons – City Development Manager
Nigel Ward – Team Leader Communication
John Purcell – Parking Team Leader
Tahl Lawrence – Project Engineer
Dawn Shannon – Strategic Asset and Performance Manager
Ken Cunningham – Strategic Land Manager

Waikato Regional Council Representatives – Andrew Wilson and Mike Garrett
NZ Transport Agency Representatives - Peter Simcock, Jo Wilson and James Bevan

Lee-Ann Jordan – Governance Manager
Amy Viggers and Rebecca Watson – Governance Advisors

- 1. Apologies**
Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Bunting)

That the apologies from Mayor King, Crs O’Leary, Henry, Gallagher (lateness) are accepted.

Leave of Absence previously approved for Cr Pascoe to 24 October 2017.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the agenda be confirmed noting the following:

- **Item 4 – Public Forum** to be taken at the arrival of Caroline Perry;
- **Item 6 – Chair’s Report** has been circulated under separate cover;
- **Item 8 - Access Hamilton** - (*Attachment 2 – Access Hamilton Programme Business Case*) had been circulated under separate cover; and
- **Item 10 - NZ Transport Agency Update** to be taken at 11.15 am to accommodate external presenters.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

Item 4 (Public Forum) was moved to be taken upon the arrival of Caroline Perry.

5. Confirmation of Growth and Infrastructure Open Minutes - 12 September 2017

Resolved: (Crs Casson/Bunting)

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Growth and Infrastructure Meeting held on 12 September 2017 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report - 24 October 2017

The Chair took the report as read.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Southgate)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the Waste Minimisation Contestable Fund Assessment Panel be expanded to include 1 Elected Member in addition to Council’s Waste Minimisation Officer and 2 External Members; nominated each triennium; and
- c) approves Councillor Siggie Henry to be nominated as the Elected Member representative on the assessment panel for the balance of this triennium.

Cr Gallagher joined the meeting (9.39 am) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

7. General Manager’s Report

The report was taken as read. Staff provided an update on the Strategic Business case for a Hamilton to Auckland passenger rail service, and the roll out of 2 hour free parking in the CBD. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the Business case, and confirmed that the previous submission to NZTA on speed limits identified that Council was not opposed to the proposal but asked that there be a lower level of tolerance for speed limits in general.

Staff undertook to provide an update of the change in revenue since the 2 hour free parking trial began to the 5 December 2017 Growth and Infrastructure meeting.

Resolved: (Crs Tooman/Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes Hamilton City Council supports a 5% tolerance approach to all speed limits; and
- c) requests that staff submit to the NZTA proposal on behalf of Hamilton City Council in support of the increased speed limit to 110km/hr on the Tauranga link toll road and the Cambridge section of the Waikato Expressway (SH1).

Cr Taylor Dissenting.

Item 4 (Public forum) was taken during the above item (General Managers' Report) to accommodate external guest presenter.

4. Public Forum

Caroline Perry (*Brake the road safety charity*) – Spoke to item 8 (*Access Hamilton*). In support of a change to an aspiration of zero deaths on the roads that was previously approved at the 20 June Growth and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

The meeting adjourned from 11.03am to 11.20am.

Item 7 (General Managers report) was adjourned after the discussion to accommodate external presenters and guests in attendance for item 10 (NZ Transportation Agency Update and item 8 (Access Hamilton) which were to be taken succession. The vote for item 7 (General Managers report) was taken after item 8 (Access Hamilton).

10. NZ Transport Agency Update

Peter Simcock, NZ Transport Agency Portfolio Manager, provided an update on the Hamilton section of the Waikato Expressway. He responded to questions from Elected Members concerning future proofing designs to allow for things such as bus lanes on ramps.

James Bevan, Senior Manager System Planning at NZ Transport Agency, presented the State Highway Investment Proposal. He responded to questions from Elected Members concerning NZTA being open to funding aspects of a Park and Ride site and their roading targets.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Tooman)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

8. Access Hamilton – (Recommendation to Council)

The General Manager of Infrastructure introduced the report. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning prioritisation of works. It was explained that there would be a future briefing session to discuss prioritisation of work programmes with the understanding that not all programmes could be completed due to limited funding.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Taylor)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) recommends that Council approves the Access Hamilton Programme Business Case; and
- b) endorses the Hamilton City Council full programme of works attached to this report as a basis for the Access Hamilton Taskforce prioritising a draft programme of works to be recommended to and considered by Council at its meeting of 6 December 2017 to develop the proposed 2018-28 10 Year Plan.

Cr Mallett Dissenting.

Item 7 (General Managers) report resumed at the completion of the above item.

The meeting adjourned from 12.58pm to 1.40pm.

9. Biking Plan Update

The General Manager of Infrastructure introduced the report noting that Hamilton City Council had recently won the Bling Award for the Western Rail Trail. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the process staff followed to collect bike count data in March 2017, and technology options that were to be investigated for future data collection.

Staff undertook to provide additional information on technology options and community engagement survey options that could be used in the next Biking Plan Update report.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Bunting)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

11. Advance funding for design of Thomas/Gordonton intersection improvements - (Recommendation to the Finance Committee)

The General Manager of Infrastructure introduced the report. He responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the variable speed signs that were installed at the intersection and future solutions for intersection improvement within the area, which could include installation of a roundabout or signals.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Bunting)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) recommends to Finance Committee that funding is approved for the investigation, design and land procurement for an upgrade of the intersection of Thomas and Gordonton roads from Risk and Opportunities this financial year; and
- b) requests staff to include intersection upgrade construction funding in year one of the 2018-28 10-Year Plan for further consideration and consultation.

12. Hamilton Ring Road - Cobham Drive Connection Update

The City Development Manager introduced the report noting that the funding for the contracts were to come from existing budget. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the consultation process.

Resolved: (Cr Southgate /Deputy Mayor Gallagher)

That the Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) delegates authority to the Chief Executive to award a direct appointment contract with WEL for electrical service relocations at the Wairere/Cobham intersection to an approved contract sum of \$500,000;
- c) delegates authority to the Chief Executive to award a direct appointment contract with FirstGas for gas utility service relocations at the Wairere/Cobham intersection to an approved contract sum of \$500,000; and
- d) delegates authority to the Chief Executive to award Contract 17142 for enabling works of the Wairere Drive extension to Cobham Drive, subject to the Approved Contract Sum not exceeding \$4 million.

13. Additional LED light opportunities

The General Manager of Infrastructure introduced the report noting that stage 1 and 2 of the LED lighting programme were already approved and underway. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the maintenance and power-savings costs that would occur from the installation of LED lighting.

Resolved: (Crs Southgate/Macpherson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes that stages 3- 5 of the LED upgrade programme outlined in this report, to replace decorative and amenity lights in the road corridor and to install additional infill lighting to improve lighting levels in specified areas will be considered as part of the 2018-28 10-YearPlan.

14. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/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. Rotokauri Park and Ride Land) 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 maintain legal professional privilege	Section 7 (2) (g)
	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 2.54pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 3.52pm.