
Hearings and Engagement Committee

Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and audio visual link on Monday 23 November 2020 at 9.32am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr M Gallagher
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr E Wilson
Heamana Tuarua

Members Mayor P Southgate (via audio visual link)
Deputy Mayor G Taylor (via audio visual link)
Cr M Bunting
Cr S Thomson
Cr M van Oosten
Cr A O'Leary (via audio visual link)
Maangai O Te Ua (via audio visual link)
Maangai T P Thompson-Evans (via audio visual link)

In Attendance: Kelvin Powell – City Safe Manager
Sandra Murray – Consultant

Governance Staff: Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
Carmen Fortin and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisor

1. **Apologies – *Tono aroha***

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher / Cr Wilson)

That the apologies for absence from Crs Forsyth, Pascoe, Hamilton, Naidoo-Rauf, and O'Leary, and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate are accepted.

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

Resolved: (Cr Wilson / Cr Bunting)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. **Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga***

No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

Melissa Renwick (Hospitality New Zealand) in support of **option 3**, noting that this would enhance the CBD, and support business for its members. She noted that food trucks add vibrancy in the city, however, there is a need to ensure that this does not adversely affect permanent hospitality businesses and offers a level playing field for all. She responded to questions from Members concerning feedback from the food truck community, compliance regulations for food trucks, physical locations, obligations of food trucks in terms of waste, possibility for events to be created around food trucks, event criteria, reports from Rotorua and Paihia, concerns in regards to current food stall events, the wish to continue the restrictions in the CBD, regularity of events, Covid-19 impacts and safety concerns around food trucks and impact of online ordering companies such as UberEATS.

Maangai Te Ua joined the meeting (9:54am) during the above submission.

Ayman spoke in support of **option 1** to allow food trucks within the CBD in order to create more interest in the CBD. He noted that those who are performers or who create non-food craft items would be helped by the sale of food truck items. He responded to questions from Members concerning the impact the inclusion of food trucks may have on the arts in the city.

Elected Members requested the following points be addressed in the deliberations report:

- clarification of options and submitters preferences
- clarification around management of food trucks, including during events
- food preparation compliance requirements
- zone restrictions
- feedback from the creative community
- impact on established food trucks in relation to potential restrictions
- waste compliance obligations for food trucks
- economic indicators
- process to review the policy in the future
- potential restriction to limit effect on other businesses
- considerations of a trial period

Mayor Southgate retired from the meeting (10:38am) during the above discussion.

4. (Trading in) Public Places - Hearings and Engagement Report

The Consultant introduced the report, noting that there were a total of 90 submitters with the majority of submitters showing a preference for **option 3 in the staff report**. She responded to questions regarding clarification of options, trading outside the current restricted area, feedback concerning location, concerns of competition between food trucks and permanent businesses, support for existing businesses, restrictions on similar food in a defined area.

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher / Cr Wilson)

2. That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:
 - a) receives the report;
 - b) hears and considers verbal submissions with regards to the community engagement that was 1 October to 12 November 2020; and
 - c) notes that the Deliberation and Adoption report will be presented to the Council meeting on 8 December 2020.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.49am.