
Inaugural Council Meeting

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Reception Lounge and Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 24 October 2019 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mayor P Southgate
Deputy Chair	Deputy Mayor G Taylor
Members	Cr M Bunting
	Cr M Forsyth
	Cr M Gallagher
	Cr R Hamilton
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr S Thomson
	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr E Wilson

In Attendance:	Richard Briggs – Chief Executive
	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community
	Eeva-Liisa Wright - General Manager Infrastructure Operations
	David Bryant – General Manager Corporate
	Jen Baird - General Manager City Growth
	Natalie Palmer – Unit Manager Communications and Marketing
	Muna Wharawhara – Amorangi Maaori
	Tracey Wood – City Events Manager
	Laura Vidulich - Events Coordinator
	Mothla Majeed – Legal Services
	Michelle van Straalen - Official Information Advisor
	Maangai Maaori Oly Te Ua, James Whetu, Bella Takiari-Brame, Te Pora
	Thompson-Evans and Norm Hill

Donna Flavell - Chief Executive Waikato Tainui
Former Mayor Andrew King and Anne King
Former Mayor Margaret Evans
Freedom of the City award Holder Peter Bos
Te Haa o te whenua o Kirikiriroa representatives
Waikato Tainui representatives

Governance Staff:	Becca Brooke - Governance Manager
	Amy Viggers, Claire Guthrie, Rebecca Watson – Committee Advisors

Prior to the swearing in ceremony Council Kaumatua Tame Pokaia blessed the mayoral robes and Hamilton City Council Kō.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Official Party and Elected Members entered the meeting.

A Whakatau (welcome and blessing) was given by Hamilton City Council Kaumatua Tame Pokaia followed by waiata by Mana Whenua.

The Inaugural Council meeting was then opened by Chief Executive Richard Briggs. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged those were able to be a part of the ceremony including the newly elected Members, former Mayor Andrew and his wife Anne, Freedom of the City award holders. He noted that Angela O'Leary was unable to be a part of the ceremony today due to illness and would be sworn at the next meeting of Council.

Installation of Mayor Paula Southgate

Mayor Paula Southgate read and signed the Statutory Declaration required by the Local Government Act 2002, which was witnessed by the Chief Executive Richard Briggs.

Former Mayor Andrew King and his wife Anne King performed the ceremonial passing of the Mayoral and Mayoresses chains to Mayor Paula Southgate and her husband Greg Forsyth.

Following her declaration, the Mayor addressed the meeting.

Installation of the Councillors

The Deputy Mayor Geoff Taylor, Councillors Mark Bunting, Margaret Forsyth, Martin Gallagher, Ryan Hamilton, Dave Macpherson, Kesh Naidoo-Rauf, Rob Pascoe, Sarah Thomson, Ewan Wilson and Maxine van Oosten read and signed the Statutory Declaration required by the Local Government Act 2002, which was witnessed by Mayor Paula Southgate. Following their declarations, each Councillor had the opportunity to address the meeting.

Presentation of the Kō

Representatives from Te Haa o te whenua o Kirikiriroa presented the Kō to Mayor Paula Southgate who accepted it on behalf of Hamilton City Council. They noted that the Kō was to be known as 'te ara maamaa mo nga whanaketanga' which means to clear pathways for development.

The Official Party, Elected Members and all in attendance stood to sing the National Anthem.

Tame Pokaia and the Very Revered Reverend Phil Wilson closed the ceremony with a karakia and prayer.

The meeting adjourned 11.20am to 1.00pm.

- 1. Apologies**
Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Wilson)
That the apologies for absence from Cr O'Leary be accepted.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda**
Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)
The Council to confirm the agenda.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.
- 4. Public Forum**
No members of public wished to speak.

5. Inaugural and First Meeting Requirements

The Legal Services Manager and Governance Manager spoke to the report outlining the legal requirements for the first meeting of the Council.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that the first Council meeting will take place at 9:30am on Thursday, 28 November 2019;
- c) notes the Mayor's appointment of Deputy Mayor Geoff Taylor; and
- d) notes that the Mayor will present her Governance Structure to the Council at its 28 November 2019 meeting.

5. Explanation of Statutory Matters Affecting Elected Members

The Legal Services Manager and Governance Manager spoke to the report and outlined the attached letter from Tompkins Wake. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the Local Authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968 and conflicts of interest.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor Taylor/Cr Bunting)

That the Council receives the report.

The meeting was closed at 1.15pm.