
Infrastructure Operations Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure Operations Committee held via Audio Visual on Thursday 16 April 2020 at 10.03am.

PRESENT

Chairperson:	Cr A O’Leary
Deputy Chairperson:	Cr M Gallagher
Members:	Mayor P Southgate
	Deputy Mayor G Taylor
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr M Forsyth
	Cr R Hamilton
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr S Thomson
	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr E Wilson
	Maangai N Hill

In Attendance:	Richard Briggs – Chief Executive
	Eeva-Liisa Wright - General Manager Infrastructure Operations
	Jen Baird – General Manager City Growth
	Raewyn Simpson – Senior Planner
	Paul Blewman – City Safe Operations Manager
	Liam Blackwell – Online Specialist
	Kelvin Powell – City Safe Unit Manager
	Adam Donaldson – Project Manager Treatment Plants
	James Clarke – Director of Mayor’s Office
	Surya Pandey – Programme Manager City Wide Waters
	Simon Young – Delivery Manager
	Rebecca Robinson – Communication and Engagement Advisor
	Maire Porter – City Waters Manager
	Robyn Denton – Network Operations & Use Manager

Governance Staff:	Becca Brooke – Governance Manager
	Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
	Rebecca Watson - Governance Advisor

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Bunting)

That the apologies for partial absence from Cr Hamilton, for lateness from Mayor Southgate, Crs Naidoo-Rauf, Macpherson and Hamilton are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Taylor)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

Dr Rebekah Graham provided the following written submission to Item 8 (Suburban Response Team Trial).

The 3 key areas that I have questions/commentary on re the City Safe report are as follows:

- 1. There seems to be a conflation of terms, in that the word 'homeless' or 'vagrant' is typically used to cover anyone who is deemed to be scruffy and/or poor looking and/or begging in the street. It is unclear how many of these folk are actually homeless and there is some anecdotal suggestion that many have a home and are simply bored/in need of social engagement/lonely/looking to make a few dollars. It isn't clear from the report how many people being moved on actually have a home and really just need somewhere to go during the day to interact socially with others (this is currently an identified need for this group, in that many so-called spaces are spaces for wealthier groups to spend money/consume items, and there are few spaces for those without funds to congregate/interact/have a cup of tea etc).*
- 2. Business owners are well represented in the survey and clearly find City Safe a reassuring presence and appreciate having someone to call when a scruffy/poor-looking person is loitering in the street. I appreciate that Business Owners are a key stakeholder and it is great to see Council doing their best to meet their needs. However, no other key stakeholders seem to be represented in the report/survey. There seems to be little input from social workers, community groups, or homeless people themselves. What is the perspective of The People's Project, or Western Community Centre, or Drug and Alcohol centres, for example? Where is the evidence that City Safe are making a difference in any way other than helping Business Owners feel safe? What are the other measures of success? Who are the other key stakeholders who need to be consulted when considering what works?*
- 3. On the surface of this report, other than assisting some stakeholders to feel safe, City Safe are not addressing the underlying issues contributing towards begging/hustling/poverty, and are merely recycling people around the city. This was noted in the report in the comments around "homeless" people returning after a short absence. This suggests that there is a strong need for some type of staffed day centre (with heating, free tea and coffee, social worker support etc) where people who have limited means (and who would usually loiter in the streets) can go during the day. Such a facility may well do more to reduce numbers of people classed a 'social nuisance' than simply shuffling them across the city.*

5. Confirmation of the Infrastructure Operations Open Minutes 27 February 2020

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/ Cr Bunting)

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Infrastructure Operations Committee meeting held on 27 February 2020 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report - 16 April 2020

The Chair took the report as read. She responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the previous resolution of Council regarding the Central Business District (CBD) 2 hour Free Parking Trial.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Pascoe)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves that the Central Business District (CBD) 2 hour Free Parking Trial Update Report be deferred to the Infrastructure Operations Committee meeting of 26 May 2020.

Cr Wilson left the meeting (10.09am) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

7. Contract 16296 - Pukete 3 WWTP Upgrade - Approved Contract Sum Increase

The General Manager Development spoke to the report noting that the projects were funded in the 2018-28 10-Year Plan. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the overall budgeted cost, the timeline for the projects, reason for the increase, cultural considerations, timeline of works and risks to the projects.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Forsyth)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves an increase to the Approved Contract Sum of Contract 16296 with Downer NZ, for the capacity upgrades of the Pukete Wastewater Treatment Plant and the new Chemical Storage Facility at the Waiora Water Treatment Plant from \$28,850,000 to \$32,500,000 (excl. GST).

Cr Hamilton in at 10.11am during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Mayor Southgate and Cr Macpherson joined at 10.14am during the discussion of the above item. They present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Wilson re-joined the meeting at 10.15am during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

8. Suburban Response Team Trial (Recommendation to Council)

The General Manager City Growth spoke to the report noting the positive feedback on the Suburban Response Team. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the survey process, scope of the area that the City Safe team covered, response time, work completed with cultural organisations, costs, and the impact of being in Level 3 alert.

Staff Action: Staff undertook to provide a breakdown of the costs for the provision of monitoring of CCTV in the city.

Staff Action: Staff undertook to organise an information session concerning potential alternatives and additions to the City Safe service.

Motion: (Cr Bunting/Mayor Southgate)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends to the Council the Suburban Response Team trial is extended for a further twelve months with consideration of \$237,000 being funded in the 2020/21 Annual Plan.

Amendment: (Cr O'Leary/ Cr Forsyth)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends to the Council that the Suburban Response Team continues and becomes a fully-funded operational activity, with consideration of \$237,000 being funded in the 2020/21 Annual Plan and a further \$2,370,000 being funded in the 2021/31 Long Term Plan.

Foreshadowed Amendment: (Cr Wilson/ Cr Thomson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the report.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors O'Leary and Forsyth.

Those against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors, Bunting, Gallagher, Macpherson, Naidoo-Rauf, Pascoe, Thomson, van Oosten, Wilson and Maangai Hill.

The Amendment was declared LOST.

The Foreshadowed Motion was then put.

Those for the Foreshadowed Motion : Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Wilson, van Oosten, and Thomson.

Those against the Foreshadowed Motion: Mayor Southgate, Councillors O'Leary Forsyth, Bunting, Gallagher, Macpherson, Naidoo-Rauf, Pascoe and Maangai Hill.

The Foreshadowed Motion was declared LOST.

The Motion was then put.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Councillors Bunting Gallagher, Macpherson, O'Leary, Naidoo-Rauf, Pascoe, Forsyth and Maangai Hill.

Those against the Motion: Deputy Mayor Taylor, Thomson, van Oosten and Wilson.

The Motion was declared CARRIED.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Mayor Southgate)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends to the Council the Suburban Response Team trial is extended for a further

twelve months with consideration of \$237,000 being funded in the 2020/21 Annual Plan.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf joined the meeting (11.19) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Hamilton left the meeting (12.10pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

9. Hamilton Stormwater Bylaw Review - Determination and Consultation (Recommendation to Council)

The General Manager introduced the report noting that the purpose of the report was to determine if a Stormwater Bylaw is the most appropriate mechanism for addressing issues relating to stormwater management in Hamilton.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee recommends that the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves **Option 1** as outlined in this staff report and determine that a Stormwater Bylaw is the most appropriate mechanism for addressing issues relating to stormwater management in Hamilton;
- c) approves the preparation of a Statement of Proposal for a reviewed Bylaw subject to (b) above being approved by the Council; and
- d) notes that due to the Central Government Covid-19, Alert Level 4 restrictions in place, a public consultation process will be undertaken for a period of one month between July 2020 and December 2020.

10. HCC's Draft Submission to the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Accessible Streets Regulatory Package

The Network Operations & Use Manager introduced the report. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning cyclist safety and enforcement delegation.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bunting)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the Hamilton City Council’s **Draft 2** Submission (Attachment 2 of the staff report) to the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the Accessible Streets Regulatory Package; and
- c) notes that the approved submission will be sent to the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency following the Infrastructure Operations Committee approval, to meet the 22 April 2020 submission closing date.

The meeting was adjourned 12.54 to 1.15pm

Cr Macpherson and Gallagher left the meeting during the above adjournment.

11. Extension of Transportation Corridor Maintenance and Renewal Contract (12080)

The General Manager Infrastructure Operations spoke to the report noting the extension of the contract was an procedural matter. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members

concerning the impacts of Covid-19 and potential further changes to the contract sum.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr O’Leary)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the final 3 year extension of the Hamilton Transportation Corridor Maintenance and Renewal Contract 12080 with Downer New Zealand Ltd from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023;
- c) approves a \$100,000,000 increase in the Approved Contract Sum for Contract 12080 from \$161,459,000 to \$261,459,000 to correspond with the 3-year extension to 30 June 2023;
- d) notes staff will commence work to investigate and identify a preferred procurement model for its Transportation Corridor Maintenance and Renewal activities, following the conclusion of Contract 12080 on 30 June 2023; and
- e) notes that the approved contract sum total will be reassessed following receiving the funding response from Central Government to the transport stimulus package funding applications as a result of the COVID-19 situation.

Cr Hamilton and Cr Macpherson re-joined the meeting (1.24pm) at the conclusion the discussion of the above item. They were not present when the matter was voted on.

12. General Managers Report

The General Manager of Infrastructure Operations took the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning Vision Zero data,

The Chair and Crs Macpherson, Thomson and Wilson provided an update to Committee Members on the Waikato Regional Connections Committee meeting that took place on 21 February 2020.

Cr Wilson as the Council representative on the Hamilton to Auckland Start-up Passenger Rail Service Committee provided Members with an update on the project, noting the delay due to Covid-19 was not yet known.

Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the facilities planned at the Rotokauri Transport Hub.

Staff action: *Staff undertook to provide Elected Members with a breakdown and context concerning the Vision Zero data.*

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Wilson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the report.

Cr Gallagher re-joined the meeting (1.33pm) during the above item. There had been issues with the technology running the meeting preventing him being able to re-join earlier.

Mayor Southgate retired from the meeting (1.51pm) during the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

13. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Bunting)

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. Confirmation of Infrastructure Operations Public Excluded Minutes 27 February 2020) 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 prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
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The meeting went into a public excluded session at 1.53pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 1.55pm.