
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 20 June 2017 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

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| 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 R Pascoe |
| | Cr P Southgate |
| | Cr L Tooman |
| | Cr P Yeung |

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| In Attendance: | Richard Briggs – Chief Executive |
| | Kelvyn Eglinton – General Manager City Growth |
| | Chris Allen – General Manager City Infrastructure |
| | Emily Botje – Facilities Manager |
| | Jason Harrison – City Transportation Manager |
| | Maire Porter – City Waters Manager |
| | Debra Stan-Barton – Planning Guidance Unit Manager |
| | Luke O'Dwyer – Economic Growth and Planning Unit Manager |
| | Riki Manarangi – Corporate Policy Specialist |
| | Nicola Walsh – Communications Advisor |
| | Susan Henderson – Principal Planner |
| | Robyn Denton – City Transportation Operations Manager |
| | Andrew Parsons – City Development Manager |
| | Alice Morris – City Planning Policy Team Leader |

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| Governance Advisors: | Lachlan Muldowney – City Barrister |
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Lee-Ann Jordan – Governance Manager
Becca Brooke – Governance Team Leader
Amy Viggers – Committee Advisor

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Taylor)

That the apology from Councillor Yeung is accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Bunting)

That the agenda is confirmed noting the following points:

- Item 9 (HCC's Draft 1 submission to the NZTA's draft Land Transport Rule: Setting Speed Limits (2017)) to be taken after Item 7 (General Manager's Report) to accommodate external guests.
- Item 16 (Te Rapa North Growth Cell) to be taken after Item 9 (HCC's draft submission to the NZTA's draft Land Transport Rule: Setting Speed Limits (2017)) to accommodate external guests.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

- 1) Philip Head, Martin Miller, Ian Sutherland, Dr Bryan Bang, and Laurie Weake – Spoke to Item 7 (General Manager's Report) regarding Harrowfield Development.

They noted their disappointment with the process followed regarding notification of the resource consent to affected parties. The raised concerns that the development had very limited parking and a small driveway which could potentially cause access issues for emergency services.

- 2) Sian Wilson and Mike Hayward – Spoke to Item 6 (Chair's Report) and Item 9 (HCC Draft Submission to the NZTA's draft Land Transport Rule: Setting Speed Limits (2017)) regarding Kay Road.

They asked that Council implement some traffic calming measures for Kay Road as they were concerned about the unsafe speed of drivers in the area.

- 3) Jennie Gallagher and Max Vernon – Spoke to Item 6 – (Chairs Report) and Item 9 (HCC Draft Submission to the NZTA's draft Land Transport Rule: Setting Speed Limits (2017)) regarding Baverstock Road.

They stressed their concerns around the lack of safety measures on Baverstock road and noted that they were worried there would be further fatalities on the road, especially for pedestrians as there were an increasing number of people walking on the road to access the Hamilton Zoo if nothing was done. They asked that Council consider implementing measures to improve safety such as reducing the speed limit, putting in footpaths and lighting.

- 4) Thomas Gibbons (Property Council Representative) – Spoke to Item 8 (Draft Special Housing Area Policy).

Mr Gibbons outlined that the Property Council were largely supportive of the Policy but had some suggestions for improvements, mainly concerning better alignment of the policy to the principles of the Housing Accord to afford a more balanced perspective. The Property Council noted they would like Council to carry out further engagement with the public on this matter.

He responded to questions from Elected Members concerning his suggestions for changes to the draft policy and the preferred engagement method.

5. Growth and Infrastructure Committee - Open Minutes - 9 May 2017

Resolved: (Crs Casson/Henry)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 9 May 2017 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair took his report as read. He noted that Staff would be covering a number of the points in the Chair's Report as part of the discussion and questioning of Item 7 (General Manager's Report).

Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning:

- definition of 'chokepoints',
- traffic calming evidence and trials,
- long term projects that should be considered and looked at as part of the 10 Year Plan process, and
- the process for considering long term projects as part of the 10 Year Plan.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

7. General Managers' Report

Items were taken in the order of the report. Items that received updates were discussed.

- **Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) update:**

The General Manager City Growth summarised this section of the report. He and the City Barrister responded to questions concerning progress on the LAP and the process Council was following.

Committee Members raised concerns around Central Government resourcing, the slowness of the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA), and asked questions concerning LAP cases currently being reviewed by the courts.

- **Harrowfield Drive Petition:**

GM City Growth clarified the process under the Resource Management Act (RMA) concerning notification of effected parties. Staff responded to questions concerning the process for affected stakeholders, given petitions have no standing under the RMA.

- **Response to Public Forum matters:**

The Chair invited staff to respond to matters raised during the Public Forum regarding speed/traffic concerns at the following areas:

- Harrowfield Drive,
- Baverstock Road,
- Kay Road (*it was noted that the General Manager City Infrastructure would arrange a meeting with concerned residents to discuss issues and possible solutions*), and
- Thomas Road.

The General Manager City Infrastructure advised that there was an NZTA process for changing speed limits that was required by law. Mechanisms available to Council included implementing traffic calming measures and working with NZ police on monitoring affected areas.

- **Richmond Park School Update:**

The GM City Growth advised the Committee that he was working towards convening a meeting with the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders to discuss the future of the School.

- **Strategic Regional Collaboration**

Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning HCC's discussions with Waikato District Council and Auckland City Council over the water CCO model and how this would be reported back to Council.

- **Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Update:**

The General Manager City Infrastructure provided an update concerning the Government timeline for the allocation of the fund. He noted that the Government allocation panel had commended HCC staff on the quality of their proposal.

Staff responded to questions from Committee Members regarding developers' willingness to be involved if the HIF proceeded and the connection between the Special Housing Area (SHA) Policy and the HIF.

- **Waste Hamilton Taskforce:**

Staff provided a verbal update and responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the phases as outlined in the report and contract methodology.

- **Valley Terrace Stormwater Remedial Works Update:**

Staff noted they were currently working through remedial options and carrying out consultation with neighbours. Discussions were positive.

- **Waikato District Council Southern Districts Water Supply Agreement:**

A further report will be coming to the 1 August 2017 G & I Committee regarding this matter.

- **Central City Parking Control Taskforce Update:**

Committee Members sought clarification on principles and scope being covered by the taskforce in the future.

- **Cobham Drive Underpass:**

Committee Members raised questions concerning the footpath connectivity to the Hamilton Gardens from the NZTA funded underpass. Staff advised that the project was going to be put on the list to be considered for funding from the discretionary transport fund.

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/Bunting)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves an extension for the Central City Parking Control Task Force to December 2017 to report back to the Committee.

Resolved: (Crs O'Leary/Bunting)

That Council formally write to the Minister of Health, Hon Jonathan Coleman, expressing our concern with the lengthy delay in the Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority (ARLA) decision on the Hamilton Provisional Local Alcohol Policy.

The meeting adjourned (10.55am - 11.08am) during the discussion of the above item.

Item 9 (HCC's Draft 1 Submission to the NZTA's Draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits (2017) was taken ahead of Item 8 (Draft Hamilton Special Housing Area Policy) to better align with topics discussed during the General Manager's Report.

9. HCC's Draft 1 Submission to the NZTA's Draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits [2017]

The City Transportation Manager spoke to the report. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the pros and cons of increasing the 100km speed limit on specific roads and the process for consultation on changes to speed limits.

Motion: (Crs Taylor/Macpherson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee amends the HCC submission to oppose the proposed increase in speed to 110km/h.

The motion was put.

Those for the motion: Councillors Gallagher, Macpherson and Taylor.

Those against the motion: Mayor King, Councillors Bunting, Casson, Henry, Mallett, O'Leary, Pascoe, Southgate and Tooman.

The motion was declared lost.

Further Motion: (Crs Casson/Gallagher)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves Hamilton City Council's Draft 1 submission to the NZTA's Draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits [2017];

- c) notes the approved submission will be sent to the NZTA by 21 June 2017; and
- d) notes the approved submission will be uploaded to Hamilton City Council's website.

Amendment: (Crs Pascoe/Bunting)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves Hamilton City Council's Draft 1 submission to the NZTA's Draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits [2017] with a comment on 'lowering the tolerance of speeds over the speed limit';
- c) notes the approved submission will be sent to the NZTA by 21 June 2017; and
- d) notes the approved submission will be uploaded to Hamilton City Council's website.

The Amendment was then put.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors Bunting, Casson, Gallagher, Henry, Macpherson, Mallett, Pascoe, Southgate and Taylor

Those against the Amendment: Mayor King, Councillors O'Leary and Tooman.

The Amendment was declared carried.

The Amendment as the Substantive Motion was then put and declared carried.

Resolved: (Crs Pascoe/Bunting)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves Hamilton City Council's Draft 1 submission to the NZTA's Draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits [2017] with a comment on 'lowering the tolerance of speeds over the speed limit';
- c) notes the approved submission will be sent to the NZTA by 21 June 2017; and
- d) notes the approved submission will be uploaded to Hamilton City Council's website.

The meeting adjourned 1.25pm – 2.00pm

8. Draft Hamilton Special Housing Area (SHA) Policy

A replacement attachment with tracked changes for this report was circulated to Committee Members prior to the meeting. The replacement attachment would also be made available via the

Hamilton City Council website after the meeting.

Staff took the report as read and responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the following:

- the principles of the SHA Policy,
- the relationship of the SHA Policy, the RMA and the District Plan,
- affordability criteria and floor size as a proxy measure, and
- whether the SHA Policy covered social housing and HCC engagement with Housing NZ and other social housing providers.

Resolved: (Mayor King/Cr Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the draft Hamilton Special Housing Areas Policy for public consultation for a period of three weeks (22 June 2017 to 14 July 2017); and
- c) notes that the consultation also addresses stakeholder views as to whether council should have Hamilton Special Housing Area Policy at all.

Item 16 (Te Rapa North Growth Cell) was taken next to accommodate availability of staff.

16. Te Rapa North Growth Cell

The report was taken as read. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning clarification on the process for private plan changes and other process matters concerning the District Plan.

Resolved: (Mayor King/Cr Mallett)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

Cr Southgate left the meeting (3.41pm) during the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

10. HCCs Draft 1 Submission to the NZTA's Draft Long-Term Strategic View

The report was taken as read. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning a number of points of greater emphasis to be considered as part of the submission:

- rail for commuter travel,
- increasing different transport modes rather than just reducing cars, and
- positioning the Regional Transport Strategy.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Southgate)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves Hamilton City Council's **Draft 1** submission to the NZTA's April 2017 Draft Long-Term Strategic View; noting the comments from Committee Members be incorporated in the submission.
- c) notes the approved submission will be sent to the NZTA by the 30 June 2017 submission closing date; and
- d) notes the approved submission will be uploaded to Hamilton City Council's website.

Cr Mallett Dissenting.

Cr Southgate re-joined the meeting (3.46pm) during the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

11. Access Hamilton Strategy

The General Manager took the report as read and responded to questions from Committee Members concerning arguments for 'eliminating' as opposed to 'reducing' road fatalities.

Motion: (Crs Bunting/Henry)

That the Growth & Infrastructure Committee express Hamilton City Council's road death target in 10 year's time as zero in the Access Hamilton Programme 2017.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Bunting, Gallagher, Henry, Macpherson, Taylor and Tooman.

Those against the Motion: Mayor King, Councillors Casson, Mallett, Pascoe and Southgate.

The Motion was declared carried.

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Henry)

That the Growth & Infrastructure Committee express Hamilton City Council's road death target in 10 year's time as zero in the Access Hamilton Programme 2017.

Cr O'Leary left the meeting (4.12pm) during the above item. She was not present when the above motion was voted on. She rejoined the meeting (4.14pm) prior to the below vote.

Motion: (Crs Mallett/Henry)

That the Growth & Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) pursues a programme of work to ensure the safest, most efficient and effective transport system possible utilising both private and public modes.

Amendment: (Crs Macpherson/Pascoe)

That the Growth & Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the problems, benefits and transport objectives as per attachment one; and
- c) approves the preferred programme direction, paragraph 27.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Mayor King, Councillors Bunting, Casson, Gallagher, Macpherson, O'Leary, Pascoe, Taylor and Tooman.

Those against the Amendment: Councillors Henry and Mallett.

The Amendment was declared carried.

The amendment as the substantive motion was then put and declared carried.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Pascoe)

That the Growth & Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the problems, benefits and transport objectives as per attachment one; and
- c) approves the preferred programme direction, paragraph 27.

Crs Mallett and Henry Dissenting.

Cr Southgate retired from the meeting (4.20pm) during the above Item. She was not present when the above motion was voted on.

Item's 13 (Hamilton Ring Road – Cobham Drive Connection Update) and 14 (Refuse Transfer Station & Hamilton Organic Centre - Proposed Increase of Gate Fees 2017/18) were taken next to accommodate administrative requirements concerning Item 12 (Hamilton to Auckland Passenger Rail Transport including Park and Ride).

13. Hamilton Ring Road - Cobham Drive Connection Update

The report was taken as read. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning:

- timing continuity between the proposed Cobham and Peacockes Bridges, and
- consultation with Iwi and clarification on costs, noting the purchase of land costs was unknown.

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/Tooman)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the Concept Design and the project urban design scope for the Wairere/Cobham intersection as shown in Attachments 1 and 2;
- c) request staff to progress detailed design and construction drawings, construction tender documents, major service relocations and other enabling works necessary for construction to begin in 2018, using the funding allocated for 2017/18;
- d) requests staff to include the currently unfunded additional local share requirements of \$9m to \$14m for consideration in the 2018-28 10 Year Plan; and
requests staff continue to engage with NZTA and progress a funding subsidy application for construction.

14. Refuse Transfer Station & Hamilton Organic Centre - Proposed Increase of Gate Fees 2017/18

The report was taken as read. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning illegal dumping of rubbish and previous fee increases.

Resolved: (Mayor King/Cr Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes the increase in Refuse Transfer Station gate fees proposed by Waste Management to be implemented 1 July 2017 and declines the opportunity to offer a Council funded subsidy of these gate fees; and
- c) approves the increase in Hamilton Organic Centre gate fees proposed by Waste Management to be implemented 1 July 2017 and declines the opportunity to offer a Council funded subsidy of these gate fees.

15. Hamilton Trade Waste and Wastewater Bylaw Amendment – Recommendation to Council

The report was taken as read.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Pascoe)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends to Council to approve the amendment to clause 6.1 of the Hamilton Tradewaste and Wastewater Bylaw 2016 so that it refers to section 177 of the Local Government Act 2002; and
- c) recommends to Council that the amended Hamilton Tradewaste and Wastewater Bylaw 2016 be adopted.

The following motion to extend the time of the meeting beyond six hours was moved at 4.34pm.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Mayor King)

That the meeting be extended to continue beyond 6 hours as per Standing Order 3.2.7

12. Hamilton to Auckland Passenger Rail Transport including Park and Ride

The report was taken as read. Staff responded to questions from Committee members concerning future proofing opportunities for Park and Ride by securing the necessary land, and the costs of developing a business case.

It was confirmed that more information would come to a future meeting concerning potential sites in Hamilton and likely timing.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Henry)

That the Growth & Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) agrees to advise the Regional Transport Committee that Hamilton City Council wishes to develop and agree an Advocacy Plan with the Waikato Regional Council and Waikato District Council prior to implementing action 2.2.1 of the Waikato Plan which relates to advocating for passenger rail between Auckland and Hamilton.
- c) agrees to advise the Regional Transport Committee of Hamilton City Councils preference to pursue Option 3 to undertake a Strategic Business Case in relation to the Waikato Regional Council report on Hamilton to Auckland Passenger Rail in conjunction with implementing the agreed advocacy Plan; and
- d) notes the actions required to preserve the opportunities for future passenger rail stops in Hamilton.

Cr Bunting retired from the meeting (4.57pm) during the above Item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Mallett retired from the meeting (5.00pm) during the above Item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.09pm.