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## Council

*Kaunhera*

### OPEN MINUTES

*2021-2031 Long-Term Plan Budget Deliberations*

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 9.36am, and Thursday 10 December 2020 at 9.38am.**

#### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Mayor P Southgate
<b><i>Heamana</i></b>	Deputy Mayor G Taylor
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Cr M Bunting
<b><i>Heamana Tuarua</i></b>	Cr M Forsyth – via audio-visual link
<b>Members</b>	Cr M Gallagher
	Cr R Hamilton
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf - via audio-visual link
	Cr A O’Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr S Thomson
	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr E Wilson - via audio-visual link

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Richard Briggs - Chief Executive
	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community
	Sean Hickey - General manager Strategy and Communication
	Jen Baird - General Manager City Growth
	Eeva-Liisa Wright General Manager – General Manager Infrastructure Operations
	David Bryant – General Manager Corporate
	Chris Allen - General Manager Development
	Blair Bowcott - Executive Director Special Projects
	Tracey Musty - Financial Controller
	Julie Clausen - Unit Manager Strategy and Corporate Planning
	Robyn Denton – Operations Team Leader
	Rebecca Whitehead – Unit Director Business and Planning
	Lee-Ann Jordan – Unit Director Visitor Destination
	Maria Barrie – Unit Director Parks and Recreations
	Chad Hooker – Director of Operations, Event Operations.
	James Clarke – Director of the Mayor’s Office

<b>Governance Staff:</b>	Becca Brooke – Governance Manager
	Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
	Tyler Gaukrodger, Narelle Waite, and Carmen Fortin - Governance Advisors

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*The meeting was opened with a Karakia from tame Pokaia*

**1. Apologies – *Tono aroha***

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the apologies for partial attendance from Cr Macpherson (Council Business) and Cr Bunting are accepted.

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

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the agenda is confirmed noting the following:

- a) lunch is to be taken at 12.45pm;
- b) debate time will be 2 minutes with the exception of the final debate of item 6 (Proposed Draft 2021-2031 Long Term Plan Budget) will which be 5 Minutes;
- c) standing order 23.1 (General Procedures for Speaking to and Moving Motions) is suspended in part for this meeting to enable flexibility around the discussion of proposals; and
- d) the late attachment for Item 7 (2021/22 Development Contribution Policy Review – Options for proposed policy) is accepted and has been included as appendix 1 to these minutes.

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

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

**4. Public Forum – *AAtea koorero***

There was no public forum

**5. Chair's Report**

Mayor Southgate spoke to her report and outlined the purpose of the day and the intended structure of the meeting.

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council receives the report.

**6. Proposed Draft 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan Budget**

The General Manager Strategy and Communications outlined the structure of the staff report and the proposed process for the course of meeting. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the following:

- Targeted rate for three waters;
- Regulatory compliance;
- Rating categories and types
- Inflation
- Additional revenue options
- Waka Kotahi subsidy
- Micro mobility and connections
- District Plan Change Programme
- Debt to revenue ratio
- the current Long Term Plan

**Staff Action:** Staff noted that in the case that Council, Crown Infrastructure Partners and Central Government negotiates an Infrastructure Funding and Financing (IFF) solution in relation to Peacocke and Rotokauri - that the Walking and cycling link to centre be reconsidered. It was agreed that staff would undertake to advise Elected Members of the potential costings.

**Staff Action:** Staff undertook to note that the remainder of the Rototuna Walking and Cycling Network project (\$270,000) will be considered for funding through the biking and micro mobility programme.

**Staff Action:** Staff undertook to investigate options to host annual community days or passes to the zoo and gardens that could be offered in reciprocation for the zoo and museum targeted rates.

**Staff Action:** Staff undertook to consult Maangai Maaori during the development of the Long-Term Plan Consultation Document.

For further information concerning content and discussion of the below matters, please refer to the following recording of the meeting:

[www.youtube.com/user/HamiltonCityCouncil/videos?view](http://www.youtube.com/user/HamiltonCityCouncil/videos?view)

#### **Vision and Priorities / Base Budget**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes the Council's vision and five priorities have been used to inform the direction for the next ten years;
- c) approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, **the 'base' capital programme** shown in Tables 1, 8, 14, 17, 23 and 29 of this report, with the exception of any changes made during this meeting;
- d) approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, **the 'base' operating budget** shown in Tables 2, 9, 18 and 24 of this report, with the exception of any changes made during this meeting.

**Cr Wilson Dissenting.**

#### **3 Waters Rate**

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the Proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan Budget, that a separate 3 waters rate be created, based on an additional rate increase of \$109 per average rateable property, and including the average incremental increase in year on year spending on 3 Waters for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan.

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the Proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan Budget, that a portion of the other recommended Targeted Rates be reduced, to a total value of approx. \$109 per average rateable property, and be funded through the general rate.

**Cr Forsyth Dissenting**

**The meeting was adjourned 10.59am to 11.14am during the discussion of the above item.**

**Motion:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the 3 Waters Rate is based on a differentiated capital value rate with the intention that it is applied the same way as if it was part of the general rate.

**Amendment:** (Cr Pascoe/Cr Forsyth)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the 3 Waters Rate is based on a fixed amount per rating unit.

**The Amendment was put.**

**Those for the Amendment:** Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Pascoe and Forsyth.

**Those against the Amendment:** Mayor Southgate, Councillors Gallagher, O'Leary, Macpherson, Hamilton, Naidoo-Rauf, van Oosten, Thomson and Wilson.

**The Amendment was declared LOST.**

**The Motion was then Put and declared CARRIED.**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the 3 Waters Rate is based on a differentiated capital value rate with the intention that it is applied the same way as if it was part of the general rate.

**Cr Pascoe and Forsyth Dissenting.**

*Cr Bunting left the meeting (12.15pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.*

*Cr Bunting re-joined the meeting (12.46pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting was adjourned 12.53am to 1.54pm during the discussion of the above item.**

*Cr Bunting left the meeting during the above adjournment.*

**District Plan Change programme**

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 LTP, funding the \$15.371 million for the District Plan Change programme by a Targeted Rate over a 5 year period, based on capital value. An average of **\$36.75** per rateable property per year for 5 years to contribute toward the regulatory compliance costs of the programme. The remainder to be funded by the general rate.

**Mayor Southgate and Cr Forsyth Dissenting.**

*Cr Bunting re-joined the meeting (2.55pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

**Hillcrest Library Extension**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Hillcrest Library Extension budget in years 1-5 of \$3.975M be rephased to move \$3.975M from years 1-5 to \$225,00 in year 6 and \$3.75M years 7.

**Cr Macpherson and Cr Gallagher Dissenting.**

**Gordonton Road Corridor (Wairere to Borman)**

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Gordonton Road Corridor (Wairere to Borman) budget for \$3M to be moved from unfunded to funded into year 1.

**Cr Wilson, Cr Forsyth, Cr O'Leary, and Cr Pascoe Dissenting.**

**The meeting was adjourned from 4.09pm to 4.30pm**

*Cr Forsyth left the meeting during the above adjournment.*

**Borman/Horsham Downs Intersection and Urban Upgrade**

**Motion:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Borman/Horsham Downs Intersection and Urban Upgrade budget in years 1-5 of \$15.658M be rephased to move \$15.658M from years 1-5 to years 6-10.

**The Motion was put.**

**Those for the Motion:**

Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor,  
Councillors Bunting, O'Leary and Wilson.

**Those against the Motion:**

Councillors Gallagher, Hamilton,  
Macpherson, Naidoo-Rauf, Pascoe,  
Thomson and van Oosten.

**The Motion was LOST.**

**Rototuna Walking and Cycling Network**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Rototuna Walking and Cycling Network budget in years 1-5 of \$460,000 be removed.

**City Wide Biking and Micro mobility budget**

**Motion:** (Deputy Mayor Taylor/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the City Wide Biking and Micro mobility budget for years 1-5 of \$23M be rephased to move \$11.5M from years 1-5 to years 6-10.

**The Motion was put.**

**Those for the Motion:** Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Hamilton, and Naidoo-Rauf.

**Those against the Motion:** Councillors Bunting, Gallagher, Macpherson, O'Leary, Pascoe, Thomson, van Oosten, and Wilson.

**The Motion was LOST.**

**Mass Transit**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Mass Transit budget phased in years 1-5 of \$6M be moved to years 6-10.

**Cr Macpherson, Cr Thomson, Cr Gallagher and Cr van Oosten Dissenting.**

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that **\$1.6M** per year revenue from parking charges in the CBD fringe be included in the LTP from year 2 onwards, and be used to fund Mass Transit improvements.

**Deputy Mayor Taylor and Cr Bunting Dissenting.**

**Resolved:** (Cr O'Leary/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget that the \$3.1M is transferred from the Mass Transit budget from year 10 to year 1 \$1.5M and year 2 \$1.6M to fund the unfunded additional cost for Transport Centre Rejuvenation of \$3.1M, noting an anticipated 51% subsidy from Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

**Deputy Mayor Taylor Dissenting**

**The meeting was adjourned 6.01pm to 6.45pm**

*Cr Hamilton and Cr Naidoo-Rauf left the meeting during the above adjournment.*

**Pavement and Pre-seal Repairs**

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that \$155,000 per annum for Year 1-10 approved in the base operating budget for Pavement and Pre-seal Repairs is reallocated to fund the unapproved operating budget for Cycleway Maintenance.

**Community Strategies and Planning**

**Resolved:** (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Community Strategies and Planning Operating Budget be funded at a total of \$50,000 per annum for years 1-10.

**Deputy Mayor Taylor, Cr O'Leary, Cr Pascoe and Cr Wilson Dissenting.**

*Cr Naidoo Rauf and Cr Hamilton re-joined the meeting (6.57pm) during the discussion of the above. They were present when the matter was voted on.*

### **Creative Arts Sector**

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Council funds a budget of \$100,000 per year for year 1-3 as a match funding trial for the Creative Arts Sector.

**Cr Wilson, Cr O'Leary, Cr Pascoe Dissenting**

### **Community Events**

**Resolved:** (Cr Gallagher/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Council funds and additional \$50,000 per year for years 1-10 for the Community Events.

#### **The Motion was Put.**

#### **Those for the Motion:**

Councillors Gallagher, Macpherson,  
Bunting, Hamilton, Naidoo-Rauf and van  
Oosten.

#### **Those against the Motion:**

Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor,  
Councillors Pascoe, O'Leary, Thomson  
and Wilson.

**The Motion was declared equal.**

**The Mayor exercised her casting vote FOR the motion.**

**The Motion was declared CARRIED.**

*Cr Thomson left the meeting (7.38pm) at the conclusion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

### **Wayfinding: Jetty to Victoria St**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that Wayfinding: Jetty to Victoria St budget of \$41,600 is removed.

**Cr Gallagher and Cr Macpherson Dissenting.**

### **Wayfinding: City to Gardens**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that Wayfinding: City to Gardens budget of \$325,000 is removed.

**Cr Gallagher and Cr Macpherson Dissenting.**

*Cr Thomson re-joined the meeting (7.52pm) at the conclusion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

### **Jetty at Hamilton Gardens**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the Jetty at Hamilton Gardens budget of \$2.395M for years 1 and 2 be rephased to years 6 and 7.

**Cr Naidoo-Rauf and Cr Pascoe Dissenting.**

*Cr Hamilton retired from the meeting (8.00pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm on Wednesday, 9 December until 9.30am Thursday, 10 December 2020.**

**The meeting resumed 9.37am Thursday 10 December 2020.**

**River Plan - Wellington St Beach**

**Resolved:** (Cr van Oosten/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the River Plan - Wellington St Beach budget of \$4.212M be reduced to \$100,000 year 1 for planning and \$1M in year 2.

**Peacocke Stage 2 - Sports Parks and Reserve Land Acquisition and Development**

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Bunting)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, Peacocke Stage 2 - Sports Parks and Reserve Land Acquisition and Development budget for years 1-5 of \$26.185M, \$5,237 be moved to years 9.

**Cr Hamilton Dissenting.**

**Museum River Entrance**

**Motion:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves, for the purposes modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the Museum river entrance budget of \$6.6M for years 1-5 be rephased to year 7.

**Amendment:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Bunting)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the Museum river entrance budget of \$6.6M is moved to year 11.

**The Amendment was put.**

**Those for the Amendment:** Councillors Pascoe, Bunting, Forsyth and Thomson.

**Those against the Amendment:** Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Gallagher, O'Leary, Macpherson, Hamilton, Naidoo-Rauf, van Oosten and Wilson

**The Amendment was declared LOST.**

**The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves, for the purposes modelling the financial impact on the proposed



draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the Museum river entrance budget of \$6.6M for years 1-5 be rephased to year 7.

**Cr Forsyth Dissenting.**

**The meeting adjourned 11.05am to 11.20am.**

**Rototuna Parks Neighbourhood Parks**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, Rototuna Parks Neighbourhood Parks budget of \$4.89M is reduced to \$2.5M allocated to \$2M Year 1 and \$500,000 Year 3.

**Cr Gallagher and Macpherson Dissenting.**

**Zoo Plan Animal Exhibit**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the Zoo Plan Animal Exhibit budget of \$2.5M for years 1-5 be rephased to year 6.

**Pool Maintenance**

**Motion:** (Deputy Mayor Taylor/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the pool maintenance operating project budget of \$60,000 per annum for each of the 10 years is moved from an unfunded operational project to a funded operational project.

**Amendment:** (Cr Forsyth/Cr Wilson)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the pool maintenance operating project budget of \$60,000 is funded from existing operating budgets.

**The Amendment was put.**

**Those for the Amendment:** Councillors Forsyth, O’Leary, Pascoe and Wilson.

**Those against the Amendment:** Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Thomson, van Oosten, Bunting, Hamilton, Macpherson, Gallagher, and Naidoo-Rauf.

**The Amendment was declared LOST.**

**The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.**

**Resolved:** (Deputy Mayor Taylor/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the pool maintenance operating project budget of \$60,000 per annum for each of the 10 years is moved from an unfunded operational project to a funded operational project.

### **Sports Parks Drainage & irrigation improvement programme**

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the sport Parks Drainage and Irrigation Improvement budget of \$8.466M be reduced to \$3.6M and be allocated evenly over years 1-7 and be moved from unfunded to funded.

**Cr Forsyth, Cr O'Leary, Cr Pascoe, and Cr Wilson Dissenting.**

### **Venue and Event Security Programme**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the Venue and Event Security Programme budget of \$138,000 per annum for each of the 10 years is moved from an unfunded operational project to a funded operational project.

**Cr Forsyth, Cr Hamilton, and Cr Wilson Dissenting.**

### **Museum Annual Revenue**

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the Museum Annual Revenue to be increased by at least \$100,000 per annum for Years 1-10 (\$1M over the 10LTP).

**The meeting adjourned 12.46pm to 1.37pm.**

### **Zoo Entry Fee**

**Motion:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term plan budget, that the entry fee for the Zoo be increased by \$1 after the completion of stages one and two of the shared entry precinct in year 3, and that the resulting revenue from year 3 (expected to be \$150,000 per annum) be used for funding Waiwhakareke conservation development programme and initiatives.

**Cr Wilson Dissenting.**

### **Gardens Marketing budget**

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, the Gardens Marketing budget of \$200,000 per annum within the base operating budget is reduced to \$150,000 per annum.

### **Parking at Hamilton Gardens**

**Motion:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget:

- a) to commence charging \$5 per visit for non-disability vehicle parking at Hamilton Gardens from Jan 1 in Year 1, bringing in an estimated annual operating revenue of \$500,000 per annum from Years 2-10 (\$250,000 in Year 1) and 50% of the operating revenue be used for enhancing existing Hamilton Gardens operating services and facilities in the current base budget and 50% to fund new operating services and

- facilities to be added to the base budget; and  
b) one-off capital costs of \$400,000 in year 1.

**Amendment:** (Cr Forsyth/Cr Wilson)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget:

- a) to commence charging \$5 per visit for vehicle parking at Hamilton Gardens from Jan 1 in Year 1, bringing in an estimated annual operating revenue of \$500,000 per annum from Years 2-10 (\$250,000 in Year 1) and 50% of the operating revenue be used for enhancing existing Hamilton Gardens operating services and facilities in the current base budget and 50% to fund new operating services and facilities to be added to the base budget; and  
b) one-off capital costs of \$400,000 in year 1.

**The Amendment was put.**

**Those for the Amendment:** Councillors Forsyth and Hamilton.

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

**The Amendment was declared LOST.  
The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.**

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget:

- a) to commence charging \$5 per visit for **non-disability vehicle** parking at Hamilton Gardens from Jan 1 in Year 1, bringing in an estimated annual operating revenue of \$500,000 per annum from Years 2-10 (\$250,000 in Year 1) and 50% of the operating revenue be used for enhancing existing Hamilton Gardens operating services and facilities in the current base budget and 50% to fund new operating services and facilities to be added to the base budget; and  
b) one-off capital costs of \$400,000 in year 1.

**Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor and Cr Naidoo-Rauf Dissenting.**

**Cat de-sexing fund**

**Motion:** (Cr Thomson/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Cat de-sexing fund of \$100,000 per annum within the base operating budget is reduced to \$50,000 per annum and notes Council approaches Waikato Regional Council to fund the remaining 50% (\$50,000) noting WRC's biosecurity function.

**Amendment:** (Cr Pascoe/Cr O'Leary)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Cat de-sexing fund of \$100,000 per annum within the base operating budget is removed.

**The Amendment was put.**

**Those for the Amendment:** Councillors O’Leary, Pascoe, Forsyth, and Wilson.

**Those against the Amendment:** Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Bunting, Gallagher, Hamilton, Macpherson, Thomson, van Oosten, and Cr Naidoo-Rauf.

**The Amendment was LOST.**

**The Motion was put.**

**Those for the Motion:** Mayor Southgate, Councillors Forsyth, O’Leary, Pascoe, Thomson, and Cr van Oosten.

**Those against the Amendment:** Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Bunting, Gallagher, Hamilton, Macpherson, Naidoo-Rauf and Wilson.

**The Motion was LOST.**

**The meeting adjourned 3.11pm to 3.37pm.**

**Parks Connections Programme**

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Cr Thomson)

That the Council notes for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan the Parks Connection Programme budget of \$3.46M be considered in the Biking and Micro Mobility programme, noting will not require any additional funding.

**Cr Wilson Dissenting.**

**Nature in the City: Gully Restoration**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, Nature in the City Portfolio Programme: Gully Restoration & Development budget for years 1-5 of \$7.382M be rephased to move \$3.690M from years 1-5 to years 6-10.

**Cr Gallagher and Cr Macpherson Dissenting.**

**Citywide Erosion Control Capital Programme**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that Citywide Erosion Control budget for years 1-5 of \$8.970M be rephased move \$3M from years 1-5 to years 6-10.

**Water Developer upsizing**

**Motion:** (Cr Bunting/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the

proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that funding for water developer upsizing be reduced to \$3.0 million allocated across the 10 years.

**The Motion was put.**

**Those for the Motion:** Mayor Southgate, Councillors Bunting, Forsyth, and Naidoo-Rauf.

**Those against the Motion:** Deputy Mayor Councillors O'Leary, Pascoe, Thomson, van Oosten, Hamilton, Macpherson, Gallagher and Wilson.

**The Motion was declared LOST.**

#### **Waiwhakareke Predator Proof Fence**

**Resolved:** (Cr Forsyth/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the design, costing and engagement work for the Waiwhakareke Predator Proof Fence is included in year 4 of the 10 year plan, subject to 50% external funding (\$65k net, \$130k gross).

**The Motion was put.**

**Those for the Motion:** Councillors Thomson, van Oosten, Hamilton, Macpherson, Gallagher, Naidoo-Rauf, Forsyth, and Wilson.

**Those against the Motion:** Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillor Bunting, O'Leary and Pascoe.

**The Motion was declared CARRIED.**

#### **Waste Minimisation in Parks**

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Forsyth)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that the Waste Minimisation in Parks (table 23, ref 2.1) is unfunded for the purposes of the LTP, and notes that the item will be considered in the 2022/23 Annual Plan following the consideration of a report to the Environment Committee on managing litter in parks and reserves.

#### **Taitua Arboretum Programme**

**Resolved:** (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Gallagher)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, that Taitua Arboretum programme budget of \$365k move from unfunded to funded and rephased to Year 6-7.

**Cr Forsyth, Cr O'Leary, Cr Pascoe, and Cr Wilson Dissenting.**

*Cr Macpherson left the meeting (4.45pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.*

### **3 Waters Connections**

**Resolved:** (Cr O'Leary/Thomson)

That the Council approves for the purposes of modelling the financial impact on the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget:

- a) that the Change in Delivery Model for 3 Waters Connections operating budget of

\$500,000 per annum be moved from the unfunded operational programme to funded;  
and

- b) that an increase in the 3 Waters activity fees and charges of \$500,000 per annum be included in the 3 Waters operational budget, noting there is no impact on the operational budget.

### **Mayoral Support Services**

**Motion:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Gallagher)

That the Council approves for the purposes of financial modelling for the draft proposed 2021-31 LTP, that the Mayoral Support Services operational budget be reduced by \$125,000 per annum.

**The Motion was put.**

**Those for the Motion:** Councillors Wilson.

**Those against the Motion:** Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Gallagher, Pascoe, O'Leary, Macpherson, Bunting, Hamilton, Forsyth, Naidoo-Rauf, van Oosten and Thomson

**The Motion was declared LOST.**

*Cr Macpherson re-joined the meeting (4.58pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting adjourned 5.25pm to 5.35pm.**

**The meeting adjourned 6.01pm 6.40pm.**

### **Financial Strategy**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council:

- a) approves for the purposes of preparing the financial modelling for the proposed draft 2021-31 LTP budget, a maximum debt to revenue ratio:
  - i. 300% for 2021/22;
  - ii. then decreasing by 5% each year until 2025/26;
  - iii. and then remaining at 280% from 2025/26 onwards;
- b) approves for the purposes of preparing the financial modelling for the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, an overall rate increase to existing ratepayers of 8.9% for 2021/22 and then 4.9% for years 2-10; and
- c) notes for the purposes of preparing the financial modelling for the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget:
  - i. the debt to revenue ratio is below the LGFA limit, peaking at 280% in 2025/26;
  - ii. the balancing the books measure is achieved in year 2026/27.

**Cr Forsyth, Cr Pascoe and Cr Wilson Dissenting**

### **Rate Structure**

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council approves for the purposes of preparing the financial modelling for the proposed draft 2021-31 LTP budget:

- i. a General rate increase of 4.4% to existing ratepayers in 2021/22;
- ii. a Compliance Targeted Rate (for 3 Waters and District Plan costs) equivalent to a 4.5% rates increase to existing ratepayers (calculated to be equivalent to \$140 per SUIP

- excluding GST) in 2021/22;
- iii. the Compliance targeted rate is set on a differential basis on the capital value of all rateable properties with the intention that it is applied the same way as if it was part of the general rate;
- iv. the total revenue sought from the Compliance Targeted Rate is \$9,656,000 (excluding GST);
- v. the general rate and Compliance targeted rate increase by 4.9% per year from Year 2; and
- vi. the discontinuation of the Hamilton Gardens Rate from 1 July 2021 (noting that future funding will be from general rates).

**Draft 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan Budget**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council:

- a) approves for the purposes of preparing the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget, all recommendations approved for the purposes of financial modelling during this meeting;
- b) notes for the purposes of preparing the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget:
  - i. the debt to revenue ratio is below the LGFA limit, peaking at 280% in 2026/27;
  - ii. the balancing the books measure is achieved in year 2023/24; and
- c) notes the confirmed budget for the draft proposed 2021-31 Long-Term Plan budget will be presented to Council as supporting information for the consultation document in Feb 2021;
- d) approves the consultation period of 5 March 2021 to 7 April 2021 for the Long-Term Plan;
- e) notes that the Development Contributions revenue assumed in the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan is \$392M over the 10 years;
- f) approves working group a consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Hearings and Engagement Committee to provide Elected Member oversight of the Long-Term Plan Consultation Document; and
- g) requests the Chief Executive to continue working with Crown Infrastructure Partners and Central Government to negotiate an Infrastructure Funding and Financing (IFF) solution in relation to Peacocke and Rotokauri.

**Cr Forsyth Dissenting.**

**7. 2021/22 Development Contributions Policy Review - options for proposed policy**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council, for the purpose of preparing a proposed Development Contributions Policy, approves:

- a) extending the 66% CBD remission for a further 3 years to 30 June 2024;
- b) introducing a 100% remission on charges for buildings 6 storeys or higher in the CBD until 30 June 2024;
- c) beginning to charge development contributions on residential development for community infrastructure projects;
- d) introducing a 100% remission for charges on registered social housing providers and charitable trusts providing social housing;

- e) introducing a cap on charges of \$20K, \$30K and \$40K for industrial, commercial and retail development respectively (exclusive of GST) per 100m<sup>2</sup> of gross floor area for the total of water, wastewater and transport activities, and correspondingly for stormwater on a site area basis; and
- f) introducing a phased transition by incremental increase in Development Contributions for residential development in the Peacocke 1, Peacocke 2, Rotokauri, Rototuna and Ruakura catchments, such that:
  - (i) in year one of the Long Term Plan the Development Contribution charges will be equal to the current 2019/20 DC Policy charges plus one third of difference between the 2019/20 DC Policy charges and the full 2021/22 DC Policy charges; and
  - (ii) in year two the Development Contribution charges will be equal to the current 2019/20 DC Policy charges plus two thirds difference between the 2019/20 DC Policy charges and the full 2021/22 DC Policy charges; and
  - (iii) in year three the DC charges will be the full 2021/22 Development Contributions Policy charges.

That the Council notes that:

- a) these recommendations will not immediately become operative in the Development Contributions Policy;
- b) the options will be developed and tested by staff through the Council's 2021/22 Development Contributions Policy review process, including impact assessments;
- c) a proposed Development Contributions Policy will be presented to the Council for approval to go out for community consultation; and
- d) the approved Development Contributions Policy will be operative from 1 July 2021.

## 8. 2021 Growth Funding Policy

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council:

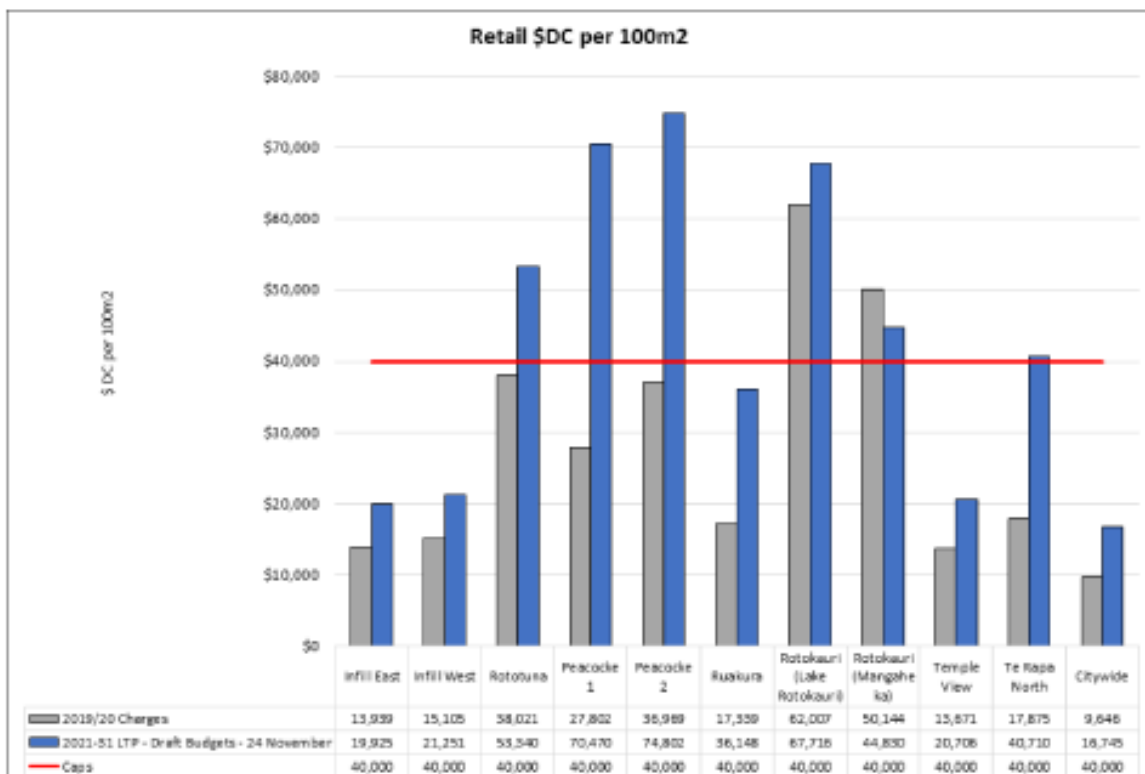
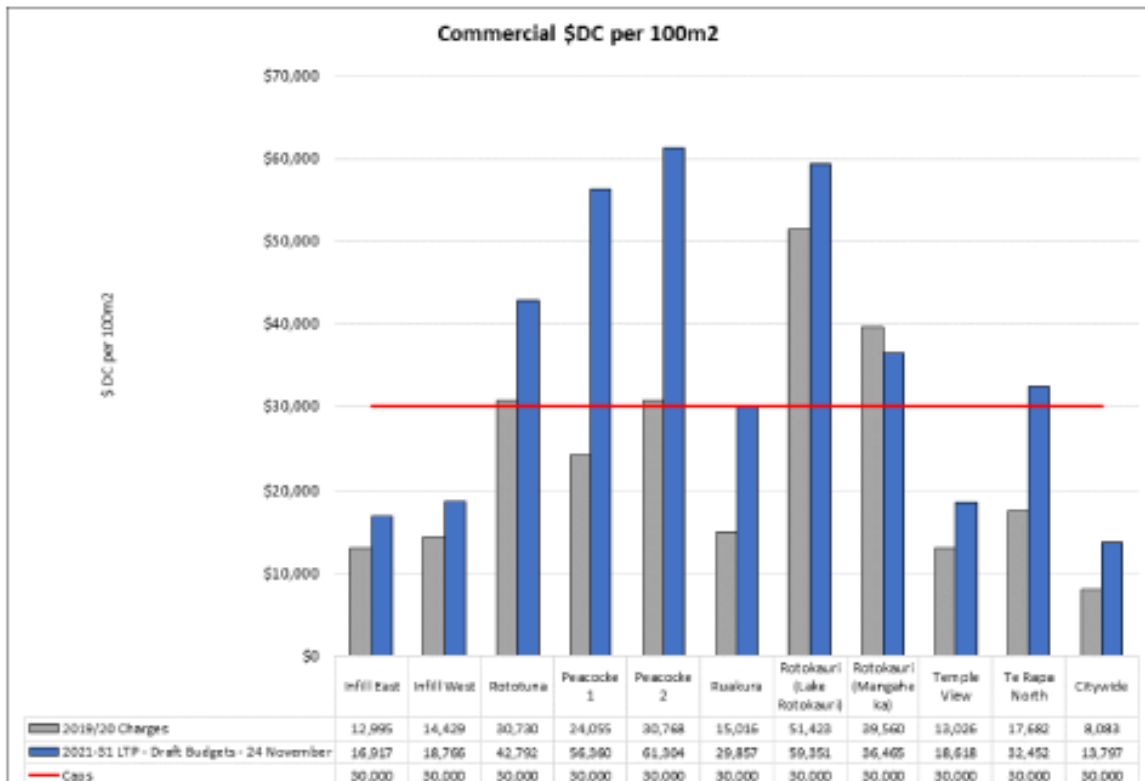
- a) receives the report;
- b) approves that a draft Growth Funding Policy be developed that:
  - (i) makes it clear that the Council is open to discussing potential IFF proposals before they go to the Government;
  - (ii) includes reference to the NPS-UD and related Unfunded Growth Projects;
  - (iii) addresses changes to the purpose of local government (the four wellbeings);
  - (iv) refers to the Operative District Plan, Future Proof and the Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy;
  - (v) leverages strategic planning including the Hamilton-Waikato Metro Spatial Plan;
  - (vi) aligns strategically to the draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan Growth Principles, the draft Financial Strategy and the draft Development Contributions Policy; and
- c) notes that the draft Growth Funding Policy will go out for community consultation



alongside the draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan.

**The meeting was declared closed at 8.57pm.**





**Limitations**

- These do not represent the actual/final DC charges for 2021/22. Further refinements to the inputs into the DC model are needed to:
  - Include key information for modelling that is not available yet. This includes final interest and inflation rates and any changes identified through technical and legal review.
  - Include updated cost allocations on the capital programme.

- Include any revisions to the capital programme made through the LTP budget deliberations process.
- Model community infrastructure charges. This is proving more complex than originally expected.

All revisions to the charges will be made in the coming weeks and the final modelled DC charges will be included in the Proposed DC Policy for Consultation report to Council in February 2021, prior to public consultation.