
Economic Development Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Economic Development Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via audio visual link on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 9.33am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr R Hamilton

Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr E Wilson

Heamana Tuarua

Members

Deputy Mayor G Taylor

Cr M Gallagher (via audio-visual link)

Cr R Pascoe

Cr M van Oosten

Mayor P Southgate

Maangai Maaori O Te Ua (via audio-visual link)

Maangai Maaori T P Thompson-Evans (via audio-visual link)

In Attendance: Cr S Thomson (via audio-visual link)

Cr M Bunting (via audio-visual link)

Cr D Macpherson

Cr M Forsyth (via audio-visual link)

Sean Murray - General Manager Venues, Tourism and Major Events

Jen Baird - General Manager City Growth

Mike Bennett - Key Account Manager

Julie Sanderson - Group Business Manager

Governance Staff: Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader

Carmen Fortin, Narelle Waite and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the apologies for absence from Cr O’Leary and for partial attendance from Crs Gallagher, Bunting, Forsyth, Thomson and Maangai Thompson-Evans are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr van Oosten)

That the agenda is confirmed noting the following:

- a) That Item 10 (Te Waka Six-Monthly Update) will be taken at 10:30am to accommodate external presenters;
- b) That Item C1 (Appointment of Directors - Waikato Regional Airport Limited) will be taken at 1pm to accommodate external presenters; and
- c) That Item C2 (Municipal Endowment Fund - Management and Policy Approval) will be moved to the open session of the meeting. The report is attached to these minutes as appendix 1.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorer*

Roger Stratford provided a written submission to Item 6 (Chair's Report). This was circulated to committee members prior to the meeting and is attached to the minutes as appendix 2.

5. Confirmation of the Open Economic Development Committee Minutes - 12 May 2020

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Committee confirm the open minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 12 May 2020 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

Resolved: (Cr Ewan/Cr van Oosten)

- That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

Item 8 (Waikato Regional Airport – Statement of Intent and Letter of Expectation 2020/21) was taken at the conclusion of the above item 6 (Chair's Report) to accommodate availability.

8. Waikato Regional Airport - Statement of Intent and Letter of Expectation 2020/21

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) receives the revised WRAL draft statement of intent for the 2020/2021 financial year;
- b) approves the draft Council letter of expectation to be forwarded to the WRAL Board; and
- c) notes that these recommendations supersede the resolution on both matters from the 10 March 2020 Economic Development Committee meeting.

7. Hamilton and Waikato Tourism Limited - Year End Report 2019/20

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

Cr Forsyth left the meeting (10:13am) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (10:13am) during discussion of the above item. She was present when the item was voted on.

Maangai Thompson-Evans joined the meeting (10:15am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned from 11:25 to 11:35am

Cr Forsyth re-joined the meeting during the above adjournment

7. Hamilton Central Business Association - Six-Monthly Update

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

Mayor Southgate left the meeting (11:45am) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

8. Te Waka Six-Monthly Update

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

At the conclusion of the above item 10 (Te Waka Six-Monthly Update) Item 15 (Resolution to Exclude the Public) and public excluded items was taken accommodate guest presenter availability.

15. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

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. Appointment of Directors - Waikato Regional Airport Limited) 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 protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
	to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h)
	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

The meeting went into a Public Excluded session at 12:14pm.

Maangai Thompson-Evans retired from the meeting during the public excluded session.

The meeting returned to an open meeting at 1:45pm.

13. Major Event Sponsorship Fund - recommendations for approval

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) receives the report including the management recommendations;
- b) approves the following single year event sponsorship applications for financial sponsorship in 2020/21 (one year):
 - i. Cambridge to Hamilton Paddle Race 2020 by The Boatshed Kayaks Limited for \$5,000;
 - ii. NZ U15 & U19 Badminton Championships 2020 by Badminton NZ Incorporated for \$5,000;
 - iii. Rāhui Pōkeka Ahurei 2020 by Tainui Teachers Association Society Incorporated for \$15,000;
 - iv. NZ Artistic Swimming Nationals 2020 by Tauranga Synchronised Swimming Club Incorporated for \$2,000;
 - v. He Piko He Taniwha 2021 by Tainui Waka Tourism Incorporated for \$25,000;
- c) approves the following multi-year event sponsorship applications for financial sponsorship 2020/21 and 2021/22 (for two years):
 - i. The Great Kiwi Walk Series 2021 and 2022 by SMC Events for \$10,000 each year;
- d) approves the following multi-year event sponsorship applications for financial sponsorship in 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 (for three years):
 - i. Round the Bridges 2020, 2021 and 2022 by Hamilton Harriers Club Inc and Classic Events for \$10,000 each year;
 - ii. Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2021, 2022 and 2023 by Hamilton Gardens Summer Festival Foundation for \$120,000 each year;
 - iii. iBoon: Hamilton Street Art Festival 2021, 2022 and 2023 by Hamilton Arts Trust for \$25,000 each year;
 - iv. Balloons over Waikato 2021, 2022 and 2023 by Balloons over Waikato Trust and Classic Events for \$120,000 each year;
 - v. Feast Waikato 2021, 2022 and 2023 by Waikato Food Inc for \$10,000 each year.
- e) approves the following event sponsorship applications for financial sponsorship in 2021/22 (one year):
 - i. New Zealand Marching Championships 2022 by Marching Waikato for \$20,000
- f) approves the following event sponsorship applications for financial sponsorship in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (two years):
 - i. The Achilles Hope and Possibility Marathon 2021 and 2022 by Achilles Track Club NZ Inc for \$10,000 each year.

- g) declines the following applications for financial sponsorship in 2020/21:
 - i. Daedalum@ the Waikato A&P Show 2020 by Showing Waikato Limited;
 - ii. Art for All@ the Waikato Show 2021, 2022 and 2023 by Showing Waikato Limited;
- h) notes the remaining surplus in 2020/21 budget will remain in the fund available for any out of round applications for the remaining of the current financial year; and
- i) notes the remaining surplus of future year's fund will be available for further allocation expected to open in March/April of the relevant year.

9. Updated Economic Development Agenda

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the proposed update to the Economic Development Agenda.

Cr Thomson re-joined the meeting (2:19pm) during the discussion of the above item.

The meeting was adjourned from 2:31pm to 2:40pm during the above item.

Cr Bunting retired from the meeting during the above adjournment.

Cr Thomson retired from the meeting (2:45pm) during the discussion of above item. She was not present when the item was voted on.

C2. Municipal Endowment Fund - Management and Policy Approval

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee recommends that the Council:

- a) approves the Draft Municipal Endowment Fund Policy (previously the Municipal and Domain Endowment Fund Policy);
- b) approves the revised accounting treatment of the Municipal Endowment Fund to be reported separately within Council's financial statements to accurately reflect the status of the fund.
- c) approves the development of an Action and Management Plan for the Municipal Endowment Fund be consideration in the 2021-31 Draft LTP; and
- d) delegates Deputy Mayor Taylor, Crs Hamilton, Wilson and Pascoe to work with staff to develop the Action and Management Plan.

12. H3 Group - Quarter 4 and Year End Report 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

Resolved: (Maangai Te Ua/Cr Wilson)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

14. Open Information Only Reports

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Pascoe)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the following information only reports:

- General Managers Report; and
- Covid-19 Economic Update - 26 August 2020.

The meeting was declared closed at 3:30pm

Appendix 1:

Roger Stratford

Economic Development Committee,

Addressing Item 6: Chair's Report, I note the broad sweep of today's meeting agenda themes, however, there are some comments worth making.

Firstly, the re-purposing of 'municipal endowment funds' mentioned suggests to me too great a licence over the public purse set aside for future use. These changes require legislative approval with public consultation.

Secondly, your 'tech' solution to learning catch-up from lockdown appears lean on trades' development, crucial to the post-CoVid recovery. Consultations should include private providers such as motor garages and dental clinics, rather than rely so-heavily on superficial online learning through local educational institutions.

Finally and damningly, the Chair's Report by its exclusive focus on youth training programmes, completely ignores its senior citizen population, many of whom actively seek skills retraining. Retirees will play a pivotal role in Hamilton's post-CoVid recovery. All age groups must be included in retraining assistance programmes, especially our seniors, as they still have valuable contributions to make. I can personally attest to this.

Roger Stratford