
Regulatory and Hearings Committee

(Solid Waste Bylaw Review
and Prostitution Bylaw Review Hearings)

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory and Hearings Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 29 August 2019 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson: Cr Angela O’Leary
Deputy Chairperson: Cr Leo Tooman
Membership: Mayor A King
Cr M Bunting
Cr J R Casson
Cr S Henry
Cr D Macpherson
Cr R Pascoe
Cr R Hamilton
Maangai James Whetu

In Attendance: Jen Baird - General Manager City Growth
Sandra Murray - Policy Consultant
Trent Fowles – Compliance Manager
Maire Porter – City Waters Manager

Governance: Amy Viggers and Claire Guthrie, Committee Advisors

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Tooman)

That the apologies for absence from Deputy Mayor Gallagher and Cr Taylor are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/ Cr Casson)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest

Maangai Whetu advised that one of the submitters speaking to item 5 (*Prostitution Bylaw Review - Submissions and Hearings Report*) was known to him and advised that there was no Conflict of Interest. He would take part in the discussion and vote on the item.

4. Solid Waste Bylaw - Submissions and Hearings Report

The Compliance Manager took the report as read.

Committee Members asked that the following be included in the deliberations report:

- assisted services, including the cost of the service.
- communication and engagement plan with multi-unit and body corporate properties concerning the bylaw.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Tooman)

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers the submissions for the Solid Waste Bylaw 2019; and
- c) notes that a Deliberations Report for the Solid Waste Bylaw 2019 will be considered at the 17 September 2019 Council meeting.

Cr Macpherson joined the meeting (9.36am) during the discussion of the above. He was present when the matter was voted on.

The following members of the public spoke to their submissions on the Prostitution Bylaw Review:

Dame Catherine Healy (New Zealand Prostitutes’ Collective (NZPC)), Bob McCoskie (Family First NZ), Robyn Jackson (The Voice Waikato Network), Pat Gregory, Roger Stafford, Paula Salisbury (Mothers for Safe Suburbs), Mark Dorsey, Lisa Lewis, Jannaha Henry.

Mayor King left the meeting (10.13am) during the above presentation.

Mayor King re-joined the meeting (10.23am) during the above presentation.

5. Prostitution Bylaw Review - Submissions and Hearings Report

The General Manager City Growth took the report as read.

Committee Members asked that the following points be addressed in the deliberations report:

- how the Bylaw aligns with the District Plan
- the number of brothel locations closed by the compliance team
- areas where street sex workers were allowed when the current Bylaw was approved
- a summary of the history of the Bylaw from 2004 including the number of submitters that were for or against the proposals
- an overview of the 2004 Judicial Review of the Bylaw
- the number of prosecutions nationally for prostitution and the number of breaches of the Bill of Rights in relation to prostitution
- fines for other activities that occur outside the allocated area for the activity to occur, such as retailers selling on the street outside their shop
- Council processes to ensure compliance with the Bylaw – what can be done and what is HCC process
- commentary on the approval process for designated areas on the map.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Tooman)

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers the submissions for the Prostitution Bylaw 2009 review; and
- c) notes that a Deliberations Report for the Prostitution Bylaw 2009 review will be considered at the 17 September 2019 Council meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.53am.