



MINUTES

**Inaugural Council meeting
Friday, 2 August 2024**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO CAMPUS, TE MANAWAROA ROOM,
101-121 DURHAM STREET, TAURANGA
ON FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST 2024 AT 2:30PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Mahé Drysdale (Chairperson), Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Jen Scoular, Cr Rod Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Barbara Dempsey (General Manager: Community Services), Gareth Wallis (General Manager: City Development & Partnerships), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Compliance), Alastair McNeil (General Manager: Corporate Services), Paul Davidson (Chief Financial Officer), Nic Johannson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Acting Team Leader: Governance Services).

OPENING OF MEETING BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Key Points

- Declared the first meeting of Council for the new term open.
- Outlined the process the meeting would follow and the contents of the agenda.

1 MIHI WHAKATAU WITH KAUMATUA TAMATI TATA

Kaumatua Tamati Tata opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau and a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

An apology from Cr Mikaere Sydney was received and accepted by the Chief Executive.

3 DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

The Chief Executive noted the Declaration of Result for the 2024 Triennial Elections for Tauranga City Council, as attached to the agenda.

4 BUSINESS

4.1 Declaration by the Mayor

The Chief Executive called for the Mayor Elect to come forward.

Mayor Mahé Drysdale made his oral declaration and signed the declaration in the presence of the Chief Executive.

The Mayor was presented with the Mayoral Cloak by Mr Josh Te Kani and the Mayoral Chains by Ms Keren Paekau.

The Mayoress was presented with the Mayoress Chains by Mr Josh Te Kani.

The Mayor assumed the Chair and congratulated the Councillors Elect, and then called each Councillor to make his or her declaration according to the Local Government Act 2002.

4.2 Declaration by Councillors

The Mayor called Elected Members, as listed in the following alphabetical order, to make their oral declarations and to sign the declarations.

Cr Baker made his oral declaration and signed the declaration in the presence of the Mayor.

Cr Crowther made his oral declaration and signed the declaration in the presence of the Mayor.

Cr Curach made his oral declaration and signed the declaration in the presence of the Mayor.

Cr Morris made his oral declaration and signed the declaration in the presence of the Mayor.

Cr Rozeboom made his oral declaration and signed the declaration in the presence of the Mayor.

Cr Schuler made his oral declaration and signed the declaration in the presence of the Mayor.

Cr Scoular made her oral declaration and signed the declaration in the presence of the Mayor.

Cr Taylor made his oral declaration and signed the declaration in the presence of the Mayor.

4.3 Address by the Mayor

Key points

- The Mayor addressed the meeting and expressed thanks to the many candidates who ran in the elections, kaumatua, family, friends, supporters and the community.
- The Mayor acknowledged his Grandfather, Sir Bob Owens, who was the Mayor of Tauranga serving from 1968 to 1977 and also the Mayor of Mount Maunganui from 1971 to 1974.

4.4 Address by Individual Councillors

Key points

- The councillors each addressed the meeting in turn, expressed thanks to family, friends, supporters and the community; and briefly outlined motivating factors, key objectives and challenges for the new Council term and their role as councillors.

4.5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Key points

- The Mayor announced the appointment of Councillor Jen Scoular as the Deputy Mayor.
- The Deputy Mayor was presented with the Deputy Mayor chains by the Mayor and Mr Josh Te Kani.
- The Deputy Mayor addressed the meeting and thanked the Councillors for placing their trust in her.
- The Deputy Mayor briefly outlined motivating factors, key objectives and challenges for the new Council term and their role as councillors.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION INAC15/24/1

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Appointment of Deputy Mayor".
- (b) Acknowledges the appointment by Mayor Drysdale of Councillor Jen Scoular as Deputy Mayor.

CARRIED

4.6 Fixing of date and time of the first Council meeting

Staff Marty Grenfell, Chief Executive

Key points

- The report was taken as read.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION INAC15/24/2

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Fixing of date and time of the first Council meeting".
- (b) Approves the first meeting of the Tauranga City Council be held on Thursday, 15 August 2024 commencing at 9:30 am in the ground floor meeting room, Tauranga City Council office, 306 Cameron Road, Tauranga.

CARRIED

4.7 Legislative advice for the incoming Council

Staff Marty Grenfell, Chief Executive

Key points

- The report was taken as read.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION INAC15/24/3

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Legislative advice for the incoming Council".
- (b) Notes the process for each elected member to declare any personal or financial interests that may at times conflict with their role as an elected member.

CARRIED

5 CLOSING KARAKIA WITH PUHIRAKE IHAKA

Kaumatua Puhirake Ihaka closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 3:33pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Inaugural Council meeting held on 15 August 2024.

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Mayor Mahé Drysdale
CHAIRPERSON