



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council meeting
Thursday, 8 May 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE POWIRI & COUNCIL MEETING ON HANGARAU MARAE,
217 BETHLEHEM ROAD
ON THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2025 AT 9:30 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Paul Davidson (Chief Financial Officer), Barbara Dempsey (General Manager: Community Services), Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Alastair McNeill (General Manager: Corporate Services), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Compliance), Gareth Wallis (General Manager: City Development & Partnerships), Stacey Mareroa-Roberts (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Tuana Kuka (Kaiārahi Māori), Anahera Sadler (Pou Matauranga), Leonie Cairns (Kaiārahi Māori), Cynthia Hamel (Kaiārahi Māori), Yolande Gallagher (Kaiārahi Māori), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Clare Sullivan (Team Leader: Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor)

THE COMMITTEE BEGAN WITH A POWHIRI AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS BEFORE MOVING INTO THE OFFICIAL MEETING.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Ngati Hangarau kaumatua Mr Tawharangi Nuku opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATION OF BY-ELECTION RESULTS

4.1 Declaration of By-Election results

The Mayor noted the Declaration of Results for the By-election for the Te Awanui Ward, as

attached to the agenda.

5 BUSINESS

5.1 Opening Remarks by the Mayor

Key Points

- The Mayor addressed the meeting, welcomed newly elected Te Awanui Councillor Hēmi Rolleston to the Council. The Mayor also acknowledged the presence of Mr Mikaere Sydney who was unable to take up his elected position and wished him well for his recovery.

5.2 Declaration by Councillor Hēmi Rolleston

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

5.3 Address by Councillor Hemi Rolleston

Cr Rolleston addressed the meeting, acknowledged those who have prepared the way, his whānau and friends and acknowledged Mr Mikaere Sydney and his whānau. Cr Rolleston noted his commitment to the role and the people of Tauranga.

5.4 Legislative Advice for the Te Awanui Māori Ward Councillor

Staff Marty Grenfell, Chief Executive

RESOLUTION CO/25/8/1

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Legislative Advice for the Te Awanui Māori Ward Councillor".
- (b) Notes the process for the Te Awanui Māori Ward Councillor to declare any personal or financial interests that may at times conflict with their role as an elected member.

CARRIED

6 CLOSING KARAKIA

Tapuika Kaumatua Mr Tony Wihapi, closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12.34 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 10 June 2025.

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Mayor Mahé Drysdale
CHAIRPERSON