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City Future Committee meeting
Tuesday, 19 May 2026

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MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
CITY FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, L1, 90 DEVONPORT ROAD, TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2026 AT 9:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Cr Rod Taylor (Chair), Cr Marten Rozeboom, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular (Online), Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Kevin Schuler, Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff
IN ATTENDANCE:	Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth), Reneke van Soest (General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure), Gareth Green (Head of Office - Manager of the Mayoral Office), Jane Small (Director Major Projects), Chris Barton (Major Projects – Infrastructure Portfolio Manager), Claudia Hellberg (Team Leader: City Waters Planning), Emily McLean (Manager: Urban Centres Development), Shawn Geard (Manager: Transport System Operations), Sarah Searle (Principal Strategic Advisor), Scott McCauley (Facilities Specialist), Vicky Grant-Ussher (Policy Analyst), Jane Barnett (Policy Analyst), Warren Budd (Principal Transport Engineer), Anna Rengstedt (Team Leader: Climate Resilience), Sonya McCall (Open Space & Community Facilities Planner), Sarah Holmes (Team Leader: Governance & CCO Support Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor)
EXTERNAL:	Mr Gareth & Mrs Catherine Keen **NZTA:** Andrew Wharekawa Smith – Project Director Tauriko West Andrew Corkill - Director, Regional Relationships – Waikato/Bay of Plenty Susan Collins - Regional Manager System Design, Waikato Bay of Plenty

Timestamps are included at the start of each item and signal where the agenda item can be found in the recording of the meeting held on 19 May 2026 at Tauranga City Council YouTube Channel.

Deputy Chair chairing this meeting

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the Chair has vacated the chair to enable the Deputy Chair to chair this meeting. The Chair will stay and participate in the meeting, unless they declare a conflict of interest in an item, in which case they would not participate or vote on an item.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair advised the following will be the order of business for the meeting:

- 10.2 Connecting Mount Maunganui
- 10.1 Status updates on actions from prior City Future Committee meetings
- 10.3 Greywater Reuse Study
- 10.4 City Centre Streets Project – Movement Pilot Decision
- 10.5 Strategy Stocktake – Tauranga Mataraunui (Inclusive City Strategy)
- 10.7 Draft Election Signs Policy
- 10.8 Climate and Resilience – Strategic Direction for 2027 – 37 LTP
- 10.6 Coastal Structures Policy Review
- 10.9 Open Space Provision Policy

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the City Future Committee meeting held on 31 March 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/1

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom
Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Minutes of the City Future Committee meeting held on 31 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff noted his connection to Ngā Pōtiki in relation to Te Tumu.

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Timestamp: 11 minutes and 40 seconds

9.1 Petition - Requesting Safety Improvements on Tabraham Cres, Pyes Pa - Gareth & Catherine Keen

External Mr Gareth and Mrs Catherine Keen

Key Points

- Mr Keen described widespread concern among Tabraham Crescent residents regarding the safety of children, parents, and animals, as well as frequent vehicle damage and near-miss incidents, with 98% of surveyed households supporting action.
- The petition proposed several interventions, including formalising the one-way loop system, increasing signage, lowering speed limits, adding yellow lines, and addressing parking issues, with Gareth noting that road widening was not practical but more signage and yellow lines would be beneficial.

In response to questions

- Mr Keen supported safety-focused options.

The Chair advised transport staff would review traffic data by June and report back with recommendations.

Timestamp: 22 minutes and 20 seconds

9.2 NZTA - Presentation on Tauriko West and Tauranga Northern Link - Vik Ermes

External Wharekawa Smith – Project Director Tauriko West
Andrew Corkill - Director, Regional Relationships – Waikato / Bay of Plenty
Susan Collins - Regional Manager System Design, Waikato / Bay of Plenty

Power point presentation

Key Points

- The NZTA team reported that Takitimu North Link Stage 1 was well underway, with major bridges nearing completion and pavement construction in progress, while Stage 2 was in the pre-implementation phase with funding confirmed for design and property acquisition but not for construction.
- Significant cost savings (around $20 million) have been realised through proactive risk mitigation and design efficiencies, despite challenges such as unseasonably wet weather,

with the project remaining on track for a mid-2027 completion.

- The Tauriko West project was being delivered in stages, including the Omanawa Bridge replacement and route protection for SH29 and SH29A, with implementation funding for the bridge but construction funding for later stages still pending.
- A key design change was the removal of west-facing ramps at Barkes Corner to improve efficiency and reduce property impacts, with extensive community engagement showing general support, though some affected landowners remain concerned.

In response to questions

- NZTA clarified that tolling decisions rest with the Minister and that safety and cost considerations drive design decisions.

Action Requested:

- Council requested that NZTA nvestigate the possibility of closing access from the off-road cycle lane onto State Highway 2 near the Tasman Quay intersection, consider removing the painted cycle lane, and explore a dedicated light phase for cyclists, pending the final coroner's report.

Attachments

1 9.2 - NZTA presentation TCC

10 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 56 minutes

10.2 Connecting Mount Maunganui - Project Update

Staff Chris Barton, Major Projects – Infrastructure Portfolio Manager
Jane Small, Director Major Projects

External NZTA - Andrew Corkill, Director, Regional Relationships
Susan Collins, Regional Manager System Design, Waikato / Bay of Plenty

Power point presentation

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the City Future Committee:

(a) Receives the report "Connecting Mount Maunganui - Project Update".

(b) Endorse adopting the existing approved Connecting Mount Maunganui Indicative Business Case as the baseline for the Detailed Business Case phase;

(c) Endorse the design development macroscope of the current Connecting Mount Maunganui Detailed Business Case to include all transport improvement elements to

detailed design, including the connections to state highway.

(d) Notes that while NZTA has confirmed funding is not available in the current National Land Transport Programme to progress planning and design of any further state highway improvements, it remains committed to the project and has allocated resources to support progressing the Detailed Business Case.

(e) Notes that a Detailed Business Case is required to inform and support prioritisation of pre-implementation, property and implementation funding for the upcoming 2027-37 Long Term Plan and 2027-30 National Land Transport Programme.

(f) Requests staff report an issues and options paper to a future committee meeting on vesting part of Totara St to NZTA

An amendment was proposed

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther
Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

(g) Requests staff to report on options to include public transport outcomes as part of the Detailed Business Case.

For: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Steve Morris, Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff

Against: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler

CARRIED

The motion was taken in parts

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/2

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

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(d) Notes that while NZTA has confirmed funding is not available in the current National Land Transport Programme to progress planning and design of any further state highway improvements, it remains committed to the project and has allocated resources to support progressing the Detailed Business Case.

(e) Notes that a Detailed Business Case is required to inform and support prioritisation of pre-implementation, property and implementation funding for the upcoming 2027-37 Long Term Plan and 2027-30 National Land Transport Programme.

(f) Requests staff report an issues and options paper to a future committee meeting on vesting part of Totara St to NZTA

(g) Requests staff report on options to include public transport outcomes as part of the

Detailed Business Case.

Abstained: Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff

CARRIED

(c) Endorse the design development macroscope of the current Connecting Mount Maunganui Detailed Business Case to include all transport improvement elements to detailed design, including the connections to state highway.

For: Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Steve Morris

Against: Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff

CARRIED

Attachments

1 10.2 CMM Presentation - City Future Committee - 19 May 2026

Timestamp: 1 hour and 56 minutes

10.1 Status updates on actions from prior City Future Committee meetings

Staff Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth

Actions Requested:

- List all workshops held between now and the next City Futures Committee meeting, confirming that each included the required information, before closing the action item.
- That staff confirm whether the local community has been informed of the current status of the 14 October 2025 road safety improvement projects and report back if not.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/3

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker
Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the City Future Committee:

(a) Receives the report "Status updates on actions from prior City Future Committee meetings".

CARRIED

At 11.23am the meeting adjourned.

At 11.36am the meeting resumed in open.

Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular re-entered the meeting at 11:42am.

Timestamp: 2 hours and 14 minutes

10.3 Greywater Reuse Study

Staff Claudia Hellberg, Team Leader: City Waters Planning
Reneke van Soest, General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/4

Moved: Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the City Future Committee:

(a) Receives the report "Greywater Reuse Study".

CARRIED

Timestamp: 2 hours and 20 minutes

10.4 City Centre Streets Project - Movement Pilot Decision

Staff Emily McLean, Manager: Urban Centres Development
Shawn Geard, Manager: Transport System Operations

Power point presentation

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/5

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the City Future Committee:

(a) Receives the report "City Centre Streets Project - Movement Pilot Decision".

Movement Pilot

(b) Approves Option C: Make the one-way pilot system permanent with modifications.

This includes making parts of Hamilton, Wharf, Willow, and Spring Streets permanently one-way.

(c) Notes that:

(i) Staff will implement operational improvements, where possible, such as loading bays, and parking on Wharf, Willow (South) and Spring Streets in response to community feedback.

(ii) Changes to parking facilities on Willow Street (South) including replacing the

cycle lane with angled parking to increase spaces.

(iii) These improvements will be delivered using existing budgets.

Hamilton Street

(d) Notes that a separate report will be presented on Hamilton Street design and investment at a later Council meeting for decision.

Movement and Access Framework / Investment Case

(e) In response to feedback on the Pilot and proposed improvements, directs staff to include the following in the Movement and Access Framework:

(i) That the future function of Willow Street (central) is to be a pedestrian-focused core within an interim shared-space operation

(ii) That Grey Street should remain two-way.

(iii) That The Strand should remain two-way

(iv) That the layout changes made via resolution (c) should be made permanent.

(f) Notes that staff will return to Council before any permanent streetscape investments are confirmed.

(g) Notes that staff will present the City Centre Streetscape Investment Case as part of the preparation of the 2027-2037 long-term plan, and that Council will undertake capital budget allocations and prioritisations through that process.

For: Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Kevin Schuler and Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff

Against: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther and Cr Rick Curach

CARRIED 7/4

Attachments

1 Presentation City Centre Pilot Presentation

Timestamp: 3 hours and 1 minute

10.5 Strategy Stocktake - Tauranga Mataraunui (Inclusive City Strategy)

Staff Sarah Searle, Principal Strategic Advisor
Jeremy Boase, Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate Resilience
Andrew Mead, Head of City Planning & Growth
Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth

Actions Requested:
That staff:

- Provide clear mapping of grant funding to strategy outcomes and action plans.
- Send an update to the 30 external event stakeholders regarding the status and upcoming workshops for the major event strategy, ensuring they are invited to participate

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/6

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker
Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the City Future Committee:

(a) Receives the report "Strategy Stocktake - Tauranga Mataraunui (Inclusive City Strategy)".

CARRIED

Timestamp: 3 hours and 25 minutes

10.7 Draft Election Signs Policy

Staff Jane Barnett, Policy Analyst

At 12.52pm, Mayor Mahé Drysdale withdrew from the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/7

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom
Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the City Future Committee:

(a) Receives the report "Draft Election Signs Policy".

(b) Adopts the draft Local Election Signs Policy 2026 (**Attachment One**) to take effect from 20 May 2026.

(c) Revokes the Local Elections Policy, with effect from 20 May 2026.

CARRIED

At 12.57pm the meeting adjourned.

At 1.31pm the meeting resumed in open.

Timestamp: 4 hours and 9 minutes

10.8 Climate and Resilience - Strategic Direction for the 2027-37 Long-Term Plan

Staff Anna Rengstedt, Team Leader: Climate Resilience
Jeremy Boase, Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate Resilience

Power point presentation

At 2.02pm, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular withdrew from the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/8

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom
Seconded: Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff

That the City Future Committee:

(a) Receives the report "Climate and Resilience - Strategic Direction for the 2027-37 Long-Term Plan".

(b) Agree to the recommended strategic directions for managing climate change and natural hazards across the following five areas:

(i) Governance and decision-making: Strengthen council's climate and resilience response through staged actions that embed climate change considerations into governance and decision-making.

(ii) Infrastructure resilience: Transition the Infrastructure Resilience Programme into a process that embeds risk assessments, level-of-service trade-offs, and adaptation decision-making into core infrastructure planning, investment, and delivery processes.

(iii) Community awareness and preparedness: Ensure communities clearly understand the climate and natural hazard risks they face, what options exist, and what support they can expect, so they can make informed decisions

(iv) Funding and support: Use council funding and support to enable shared responsibility for climate action, with a focus on early intervention to manage future costs and impacts.

(v) Low-emissions transport: Strive towards making active and low-emissions modes the easiest and safest choice for local trips, supported by targeted investment, network integration, and demand management.

(c) Approves progression of these directions through the development of the 2027-37 LTP, including LTP business case development, asset planning, and prioritisation.

(d) Approves updating of the Climate Action and Investment Plan to align with the agreed strategic directions, improved information, and national policy and legislative changes.

(e) Note that the long-term directions and actions set out in this report do not commit council to specific projects or funding levels at this stage, and that further decisions will be sought through the LTP process and future reports as required.

CARRIED

Attachments

1 10.8 Presentation - Climate and Resilience in the LTP - CFC 19 May 2026

Timestamp: 4 hours and 51 minutes

10.6 Coastal Structures Policy Review

Staff Vicky Grant-Ussher, Policy Analyst
Scott McCauley, Facilities Specialist
Reneke van Soest, General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure

Power point presentation

At 2.18pm, Mayor Mahé Drysdale re-entered the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/9

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the City Future Committee:

(a) Receives the report "Coastal Structures Policy Review".

(b) Agrees to the following recommended options being included in a draft policy:

(i) updating the policy to clearly outline Tauranga City Council's obligations under global resource consents (a single resource consent that applies to multiple structures across more than one site) , specifically the requirement to maintain all structures listed in the consent, unless responsibility is formally transferred or the structure is removed from the consent (Issue 1: Options B and C)

(ii) retaining the existing approach to coastal structures with a community benefit (Issue 2: Option B)

(iii) continuing to prioritise soft measures wherever these can provide effective and sustainable resilience, while updating the policy to acknowledge that where soft protection alone cannot adequately safeguard critical assets or high-risk areas, hybrid solutions should be considered. (Issue 3: Option B)

(c) Agrees to the following policy clarifications (Issue 4):

(i) expanding the scope of the policy to include council land affected by coastal processes such as erosion and inundation, not just coastal structures

(ii) amending the policy to clarify that to meet health and safety requirements, in addition to the option to repair of the coastal structure the council may also consider removing the structure or restricting public access to the structure as appropriate

(iii) requiring decision making to consider relevant long term council strategies

(iv) providing guidance (outside the policy) for property owners on how to identify ownership and maintenance responsibilities for coastal structures.

CARRIED

Attachments

1 Presentation - coastal structures policy presentation

Timestamp: 5 hours and 16 minutes

10.9 Open Space Provision Policy, Update on engagement and option development

Staff Vicky Grant-Ussher, Policy Analyst
Sonya McCall, Open Space & Community Facilities Planner

Power point presentation

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/10

Moved: Cr Steve Morris
Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the City Future Committee:

(a) Receives the report "Open Space Provision Policy, Update on engagement and option development".

(b) Notes the themes from community focus groups and targeted stakeholder engagement undertaken to inform the Open Space Provision Policy.

(c) Notes the draft options under development which will be presented to the Committee for direction, alongside other recommended policy updates, prior to public consultation.

CARRIED

Attachments

1 Presentation - Open Space Provision Policy Review

At 2.49pm, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular re-entered the meeting.

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

12 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION AT 2:49PM

Resolution to exclude the public

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/3/11

Moved: Cr Hēmi Rolleston
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

That Sean Haynes from Veros be present for Item 12.1 Waikite Road residential development – revenue sharing considerations.

The general subject matter 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 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this

resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
12.1 - Waikite Road residential development - revenue sharing considerations	s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
12.2 - Wairakei South Fast-track Application - Update and Next Steps	s7(2)(g) - The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
12.3 - Improving Transport Access to Ohauiti - Project Update	s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

The meeting resumed in open at 4:39pm.

13 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 4:40pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the City Future Committee meeting held on 30 June 2026.