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MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, L1, 90 DEVONPORT ROAD, TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2026 AT 9:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach (online), Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Hēmi Rolleston
IN ATTENDANCE:	Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth), Gareth Green (Manager of the Mayoral Office), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Community Services), Jane Small (Major Projects Director), Charlie Rahiri (Recovery Manager), Craig Rice (Chief Operating & Financial Officer), Ross Hudson (Head of Spaces & Places), Emma Joyce (Open Space & Community Facilities Planner), Kathryn Sharplin (Head of Finance), Tracy Hughes, (Manager: Organisational Financial Performance and Corporate Planning), Susan Braid (Finance Lead Capital Performance and Community Investment), Jim Taylor (Manager: Rating Policy & Revenue), Ben Corbett (Team Leader: Growth Funding), Mike Seabourne (Head of Transport), Caroline Lim (CCO Specialist), Wally Potts (Head of City Waters), Claudia Hellberg (Team Leader: City Waters Planning), Sarah Holmes (Team Leader: Governance & CCO Support Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor).

Timestamps are included at the start of each item and signal where the agenda item can be found in the recording of the Council meeting held on 23 June 2026 at Council's YouTube Channel - Part 1 and Council's YouTube Channel - Part 2.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hēmi Rolleston opened the meeting with a karakia.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Mahé Drysdale acknowledged the following people:

Councillor Mike Duncan of Porirua City Council

- Mr Duncan passed away suddenly last week. He was elected in 2016 and had served his community with dedication, and was known for his thoughtful approach and strong community focus. Tauranga City Council extended its sincere condolences to his family, colleagues and to the Porirua community. This was acknowledged with a moment of silence.

Mr Kane Williamson – Cricketer

- Kane Williamson, from Tauranga, retired from international cricket last week. He represented New Zealand 378 times, scored over 19,000 international runs and was the country's most prolific century maker with 48 international centuries. He captained the New Zealand Cricket Team to the world test championship title in 2021, and to multiple world cup finals, defining one of the most successful eras in New Zealand cricketing history. His achievements and humility made Tauranga and New Zealand proud.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Timestamp: 8 minutes and 40 seconds (part 1)

3.1 Ngāi Tukairangi and Ōtamataha Trust - speaking to the report 'Development of a Cultural Facility on Cliff Road Courts, Cliff Road Green and Robbins Park'

Mr Ratahi Cross – speaking on behalf of Ngāi Tukairangi, Ngāi Te Ahi, Ngāti Kuku, Ngāti Hē and associated trust entities

- Mr Cross emphasised their direct ancestral connection and authority over the Ōtamataha/Cliff Road area and that his descendants continued to hold mana whenua and ancestral authority over the site.
- Hapu had not been adequately engaged in the development of the cultural centre proposal and should have been involved from the outset. He stressed that Ōtamataha was not simply a site of shared interest but a place of direct ancestral significance, containing burial sites and strong historical connections.
- Mr Cross referred to an existing agreement between Ngāi Te Ahi, Ngāti Tapu and Ngāti Tamarāwaho that gave those groups exclusive rights to negotiate the future use and recognition of the Cliff Road properties. He said this agreement remained binding and must be recognised by Council.
- While not opposed to exploring a cultural centre, he made it clear that Ngāi Te Ahi must play a central role in any discussions or decisions regarding the site. He stated that consultation after decisions had been developed was unacceptable. Failure to honour existing agreements could lead to further action to protect their interests.
- He requested that Ngāi Te Ahi and related groups be engaged at the same time in future and not be treated as an add-on once discussions are already underway. He said this would be greatly appreciated and would better reflect their status and interests in the site.

In response to questions
Mr Cross:

- Said the issue was not that engagement was too late, but that his group was effectively not engaged at all. He said they should have been involved from the beginning and must be included as central participants in future discussions, not as an afterthought. He emphasised the site's deep ancestral significance, noting many ancestors remain buried in the area.
- Confirmed that Ngāi Te Ahi did not oppose the concept of a cultural centre. However, their priority was being centrally involved in all future discussions and decision-making regarding the site.
- Highlighted Ngāi Te Ahi's historical occupation of Te Papa, their displacement through warfare, and their enduring aspiration to return to and re-establish a presence on their

ancestral lands. He noted that the trust had the financial capability and desire to acquire property in the area and be part of its future in its own right.

Mr Puhirake Ihaka - Ōtamataha Trust

- Mr Ihaka emphasised that matters relating to whakapapa and historical relationships should be discussed within the relevant whānau and hapū forums rather than through the current process.
- He outlined their understanding of the historical origins of the Ōtamataha Trust, stating its foundations came through Ngāi Te Ahi/Ngāti Tapu leadership and descendants, with discussions and engagement occurring over many years with affected hapū.
- Extensive consultation took place during the establishment of the Trust, including meetings with hapū representatives and consideration through Crown processes before settlements and the 2014 legislative establishment of the trust.
- He highlighted historical relationships and intermarriage between groups as part of the basis for representation and involvement at Ōtamatahā.
- The trust had since developed agreements and working relationships with Council, including involvement in projects such as Te Manawataki o Te Papa and other CBD initiatives.
- The Trust's current position was grounded in historical occupation, whakapapa connections, and the formal establishment processes that occurred over a long period.

In response to questions
Mr Ihaka:

- Stated that the original beneficiaries were descendants connected through Ngāti Tapu and associated groups, and that historical occupation formed the basis for later Trust arrangements.
- Advised the trust evolved through approximately 10 years of consultation and meetings with hapū, followed by Crown processes and ultimately formal establishment through an Act of Parliament in 2014.
- Noted discussions occurred with other hapū and that representation and participation from multiple groups were incorporated during the trust's development.
- Noted the basis for current representation and relationships was attributed to historical whakapapa connections, inter-hapū relationships, occupation of the land, and the formal trust establishment process.
- Advised the trust had established agreements and working relationships with Council and had contributed to projects in the city centre, including Te Manawataki o Te Papa.

3.2 Bay of Plenty Vintage Car Club - Mr Donn White

- Mr White, Chair of the Bay of Plenty Vintage & Classic Car Club, outlined the club's significant community contribution, noting it had 375 members and was actively involved in charity fundraising, community visits, and local events.
- He highlighted the club's role in coordinating the annual Daffodil Day Run, with the Tauranga branch aiming to raise $10,000 locally and supporting a nationwide target of $500,000 through 36 Vintage Car Club branches.
- He emphasised the economic benefits generated by recreational vehicle enthusiasts, citing a national economic impact of $16.5 billion and the spending brought to Tauranga through club events and visiting car clubs.
- Mr White stressed that the Cliff Road clubrooms were an important community asset and expressed concern about uncertainty surrounding the future of the site following recent public discussion.

- He noted that club members and nearby residents valued the reserve and were concerned about potential changes to the site.
- The club was seeking assurance that it could continue operating from the Cliff Road site and would like greater clarity and communication from Council about lease arrangements and the future of the reserve while any reclassification or redevelopment processes were underway.
- The Club requested ongoing communication from Tauranga City Council and a practical interim arrangement while any long-term decisions were being considered.

3.3 Tauranga Astronomical Society

Mr. David Gregg and Mr. Barry Scott on behalf of the Tauranga Astronomical Society (TAS)

- The Tauranga Astronomical Society proposed creating a scaled Solar System Trail in Tauranga, inspired by successful examples in Melbourne and overseas.
- The trail would feature planet signs positioned to scale, with educational information about each planet sourced from NASA.
- The project was intended to be an educational and recreational attraction, encouraging people, particularly children, to learn about astronomy, spend time outdoors, and exercise.
- There was strong public interest in astronomy programmes, and it was believed the trail would be popular with schools, families, and community groups.
- Tauranga could become the first Council in New Zealand to establish a trail of this type.
- Staff discussions had identified no significant technical obstacles. The Astronomical Society proposed to raise approximately $20,000 to fund the signs and sought Council endorsement to proceed.

In response to questions

- The presenters were seeking endorsement from Council so the Astronomical Society could act as the funding conduit, complete the sign design, and begin fundraising and installation.
- The initial proposal was for signs showing planets to scale only, which it was believed would effectively communicate the information. Physical models could be considered as a future stage but would increase project costs.
- The presenters noted that while some overseas trails used models, they were more expensive and could be more vulnerable to vandalism. Signs were considered a more practical and affordable starting point.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/1

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the following items be included in the agenda:

- Open item 11.11: ‘Stormwater Prioritisation 2026/27 Annual Plan’, and
- Publicly Excluded Item 13.5: ‘Western Bay of Plenty Deal Oversight Board - Independent Representative Appointment’

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair noted there was no change to the order of business but there may be a change depending on circumstances later in the day.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Timestamp: 54 minutes and 57 seconds (part 1)

7.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 May 2026

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/2

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther
Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Rolleston noted an interest in public excluded item 13.2: Bay Venues Limited and Tourism Bay of Plenty - Tangata Whenua and Staff Representative Appointments. This would not prevent him from taking part in the discussion and voting on the item.

Deputy Mayor Scoular and Cr Rod Taylor noted a conflict with item 11.9: International Air Travel - Sister City Delegation and would not take part in the voting on this item.

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Nil - The presentations listed under this section of the agenda were incorrectly put into this section and were public forum speakers as listed above.

10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil

11 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 56 minutes and 35 seconds (part 1)

11.1 Development of a cultural facility on Cliff Road Courts, Cliff Road Green and Robbins Park

Staff Ross Hudson, Emma Joyce

- Elected Members considered that further work was required to clarify the proposal, assess site constraints, understand precinct-wide implications, and undertake broader engagement with mana whenua, stakeholders, and the community before Council could determine next steps.
- The report was left to lie on the table to allow staff to recast the recommendations into a staged process focused first on feasibility assessment.
- Elected Members returned to this item after item 11.3: Rates Resolution 2026-27.

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/3

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Development of a cultural facility on Cliff Road Courts, Cliff Road Green and Robbins Park ".

(b) Requests that staff work with mana whenua and stakeholders to determine the scope, purpose and feasibility of any proposed cultural facility at the cultural and historical precinct.

(c) Notes that reserve reclassification will likely be required for any development at this location.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 1 hour and 9 minutes (part 1)

11.2 Adoption of the 2026-27 Annual Plan

Staff Craig Rice, Craig Rice, Chief Operating & Financial Officer
Kathryn Sharplin, Head of Finance
Tracy Hughes, Manager: Organisational Financial Performance and Corporate Planning
Susan Braid, Finance Lead Capital Performance and Community Investment

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/4

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That Council:

(a) Receives the report "Adoption of the 2026-27 Annual Plan".

(b) Adopts the 2026-27 Annual Plan (Attachment 1)

(c) Approves borrowing of $492m, noting new borrowing of $226m, for the 2026/27 financial year in line with the approved Annual Plan debt levels.

(d) Authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the Annual Plan 2026/27 prior to final printing.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 1 hour and 47 minutes (part 1)

11.3 Rates Resolution 2026-27

Staff Craig Rice, Chief Operating & Financial Officer
Jim Taylor, Manager: Rating Policy & Revenue

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/5

Moved: Cr Steve Morris
Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Rates Resolution 2026-27".

(b) Sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Funding Impact Statement in the Annual Plan for the 2026/2027 rating year, on rating units in the city for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2026 and ending on 30 June 2027.

The rates and charges specified are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax at the prevailing rate.

(i) General Rate

A general rate set under section 13(2) (b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 at:

- A rate of $ 0.00279128 in the dollar of capital value on all residential rateable rating units in the city.
- A rate of $ 0.00628039 in the dollar of capital value on all commercial rateable rating units in the city.
- A rate of $ 0.00753647 in the dollar of capital value on all industrial rateable rating units in the city.

("residential", "commercial" and "industrial" are as defined in the Funding Impact Statement).

(ii) Uniform Annual General Charge

A uniform annual general charge set under section 15(1)(b) of the Local

Government (Rating) Act 2002 at:

- A rate of $349.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit.

(iii) Economic Development Rate

A targeted rate for economic development in the city, set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 at:

- A rate of $ 0.00038224 in the dollar of capital value on every commercial and industrial rateable rating unit (as defined in the Funding Impact Statement).

(iv) Stormwater Rate

A targeted rate for stormwater infrastructure investment, set under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4) (b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 at:

- A rate of $ 0.00001352 in the dollar of capital value on all residential rateable rating units in the city.
- A rate of $ 0.00002164 in the dollar of capital value on all commercial or industrial rateable rating units in the city.

(v) Resilience Rate

A targeted rate for resilience infrastructure investment in Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Transportation and Emergency Management, set under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4) (b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 at:

- A rate of $ 0.00003235 in the dollar of capital value on all residential rateable rating units in the city.
- A rate of $ 0.00005176 in the dollar of capital value on all commercial or industrial rateable rating units in the city.

(vi) Papamoa East Interchange Rates (formerly Urban Growth Rates)

Targeted rates for debt retirement for urban growth projects, set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, at:

Three uniform targeted rates set on every rating unit at:

- A rate of $105.78 on each rateable rating unit located within an area of “Full benefit” as defined in the Funding Impact Statement.
- A rate of $70.52 on each rateable rating unit located within an area of “Wide benefit” as defined in the Funding Impact Statement.
- A rate of $35.26 on each rateable rating unit located within the city outside of the areas of “Full benefit” and “Wide benefit” as defined in the Funding Impact Statement.

(vii) Waste Collection Rate

Uniform targeted rates for the kerbside waste collection services, set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on all

rating units in the city as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit that is provided with the residential waste collection service as follows:

- A rate of $215 per low waste service capacity provided per residential SUIP.
- A rate of $250 per standard waste service capacity provided per residential SUIP.
- A rate of $355 per high waste service capacity provided per residential SUIP.

(viii) Garden Waste Rate (optional)

Uniform targeted rates for garden waste collection services, set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on all rating units in the city used for residential purposes and that will be provided with the garden waste collection service, at:

- A rate of $110 for each garden waste bin (two weekly collection).
- A rate of $82 for each garden waste bin (four weekly collection).

(ix) Wastewater Rate

A differential targeted rate for wastewater, set under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 at:

- A rate of $844.06 for each water closet or urinal in a connected rating unit in the city.
- A rate of $422.03 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for any serviceable rating units in the city.

("separately used or inhabited part of a", "connected" and "serviceable" rating units, are defined in the Funding Impact Statement).

A rating unit used primarily as a residence for 1 household will not be treated as having more than 1 water closet or urinal.

(x) Water Supply Rates

Volumetric rate

A targeted rate for metered water supply set under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 at

- A rate of $4.16 per cubic metre of water supplied.

Base rate

A differential targeted rate per connection on every rating unit in the city, which is provided with a metered water supply service, set under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, calculated on the basis of the nature of the connection size as follows:

Meter Size	Amount
15mm	$44.26
20mm	$44.26
25mm	$83.74
32mm	$83.74
40mm	$345.72
50mm	$684.26
80mm	$1,367.32
100mm	$1,683.14
1500mm	$1,683.14
200mm	$1,683.14

(xi) Water Supply Rate (unmetered)

A uniform targeted rate on every rating unit in the city which is provided with and connected to an unmetered water supply service, set under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, at:

- A rate of $1,081.45 for each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit as defined in the Funding Impact Statement.

(xii) Pool inspection Rate

A uniform targeted rate set under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 at

- A rate of $109.10 for each rating unit on council's register of pool fence and barrier inspections.

(xiii) Mainstreet Rates

Targeted rates for Mainstreet organisations, set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, at:

- A rate of $0.00043743 in the dollar of capital value for every commercial and industrial rating unit in the Tauranga Mainstreet rating area as defined in the Funding Impact Statement.
- A rate of $0.00062733 in the dollar of capital value for every commercial and industrial rating unit in the Mt Maunganui Mainstreet rating area as defined in

the Funding Impact Statement.

- A rate of $0.00156679 in the dollar of capital value for every commercial and industrial rating unit in the Greerton Mainstreet rating area as defined in the Funding Impact Statement.
- A rate of $0.00040703 in the dollar of capital value for every commercial and industrial rating unit in the Papamoa Mainstreet area as defined in the Funding Impact Statement.

(xiv) Special Services Rates

'The Lakes' Targeted Rate

A uniform targeted rate for additional levels of service in relation to maintenance and renewal of street gardens, street trees, footpaths, and the removal of litter from ponds provided to 'The Lakes' subdivision, located at Pyes Pa, set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, at:

- A rate of $119.58 per rating unit located within 'The Lakes' subdivision as defined in the Funding Impact Statement.

'The Coast Papamoa' Targeted Rate

A uniform targeted rate for additional levels of service in relation to maintenance and renewal of street trees and footpaths provided to 'The Coast Papamoa' subdivision, located at Papamoa, set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, at:

- A rate of $39.57 per rating unit located within 'The Coast Papamoa' subdivision as defined in the Funding Impact Statement.

'The Excelsa' Targeted Rate

A uniform targeted rate for additional levels of service in relation to maintenance and renewal of street gardens, street trees and up lights under trees provided to 'The Excelsa' subdivision, located at Papamoa, set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, at:

- A rate of $51.90 per rating unit located within 'The Excelsa' subdivision as defined in the Funding Impact Statement.

(xv) Urban Infrastructure

Pyes Pa West Urban Infrastructure Targeted Rate

A uniform targeted rate for partly funding debt retirement for under recovered Development Contributions for local infrastructure, set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, at:

- A rate of $79.53 on each rateable rating unit located within an area in Pyes Pa West defined in the Funding Impact Statement.

(c) That all rates (except the water supply volumetric rate set under section 19 and the water supply base rate for metered connections under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002) be payable in two equal instalments due on:

- 31 August 2026 and
- 26 February 2027

(d) That all metered water rates will, except as to high users, be invoiced on a quarterly basis dependant on when the water meters are read, in accordance with the table below headed “Due dates and penalty dates for rates for metered water supply”. The due dates will also be specified on the invoice. Rating units, which are considered high users of water (namely having an average consumption more than 5m3 per day) will be invoiced monthly, and these rates will be due on the first Thursday after 23 days following the date of the invoice.

(e) That the Council authorises the addition of penalties to rates that are not paid by the due date, as follows, in accordance with sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, and delegates authority to the Head of Finance to apply penalties in accordance with this regime:

(i) a charge of 10% on so much of any rates instalment after 1 July 2026 which is unpaid after the relevant due date (except for the volumetric rate under section 19 and the water supply base rate for metered connections under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002) will be applied on:

Instalment due date	**Penalty Date**
31 August 2026	10 September 2026
26 February 2027	11 March 2027

(ii) a charge of 10% on so much of any of the volumetric rate under section 19 and the water supply base rate for metered connections under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 invoiced after 1 July 2026 and which is unpaid after the due date will be applied on whichever is the next consecutive date following the due date of the invoice to which the penalty applies, being:

Water Penalty Date
22 October 2026
21 January 2027
29 April 2027
22 July 2027

Due dates and penalty dates for rates for metered water supply and connection

Week	Area	Q1 Due date	Q2 Due date	Q3 Due date	Q4 Due date
1	Mt Maunganui North/ Ind, Omanu, Matapihi,	06-Aug-26	29-Oct-26	11-Feb-27	13-May-27
2	Arataki, Te Maunga, Papamoa West	13-Aug-26	05-Nov-26	18-Feb-27	20-May-27
3	Papamoa West / East	20-Aug-26	12-Nov-26	25-Feb-27	27-May-27
4	Papamoa East / South,	27-Aug-26	19-Nov-26	04-Mar-27	03-Jun-27
5	Papamoa East, Kairua, Welcome Bay, Hairini	03-Sep-26	26-Nov-26	11-Mar-27	10-Jun-27
6	Hairini / Ohauiti, Poike, Pyes Pa, Maungatapu.	10-Sep-26	03-Dec-26	18-Mar-27	17-Jun-27
7	Greerton, Yatton Park, Gate Pa, Avenues	17-Sep-26	10-Dec-26	25-Mar-27	24-Jun-27
8	Tauranga Central/South, TeReti/Judea	24-Sep-26	07-Jan-27	01-Apr-27	01-Jul-27
9	Brookfield, Bellevue, Otumoetai	01-Oct-26	07-Jan-27	08-Apr-27	08-Jul-27
10	Otumoetai, Matua	08-Oct-26	14-Jan-27	15-Apr-27	15-Jul-27
11	The Lakes, Bethlehem	15-Oct-26	21-Jan-27	22-Apr-27	22-Jul-27
All *(including high users)*	**Penalty Added Date**	22-Oct-26	28-Jan-27	29-Apr-27	22-Jul-27

(f) Where a ratepayer makes any payment that is less than the amount now payable, the Council, will apply the payment firstly to any rates outstanding from previous rating years and then proportionately across all current year rates due.

CARRIED

At 11.24am the meeting adjourned.

At 11.39am the meeting resumed in open.

The meeting returned to item 11.1 to address the re-cast recommendations before adjourning again.

At 12.06pm the meeting adjourned.

At 1.30pm the meeting resumed in open.

Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular resumed the meeting online.

Timestamp: 50 seconds (part 2)

11.4 Adoption of 2026/27 Development Contributions Policy

Staff Ben Corbett, Team Leader: Growth Funding

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/6

Moved: Cr Steve Morris
Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Adoption of 2026/27 Development Contributions Policy".

(b) Adopts the 2026/27 Development Contributions Policy for implementation from 1 July 2026 as attached at Attachment 1.

(c) Delegates to the General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Partnerships authority to make minor typographical updates to the final 2026/27 Development Contributions Policy prior to implementation on 1 July 2026.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 2 minutes and 6 seconds (part 2)

11.5 January Weather Event - Recovery Progress Report

Staff Charlie Rahiri, Recovery Manager
Nick Chester, Recovery Project Manager

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/7

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom
Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "January Weather Event - Recovery Progress Report".

CARRIED

Timestamp: 9 minutes and 23 seconds (part 2)

11.6 Long-term Plan 2027-2037 - Issues List

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

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/8

Moved: Cr Steve Morris
Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Long-term Plan 2027-2037 - Issues List".

(b) Endorses the list of issues included as Attachment 1 to this report, including the noted requirements for workshops to precede formal Council consideration of specific matters, with the following amendments:

(i) Retains road reseals policy review and consider a targeted rate option levied at properties currently enjoying asphalt

(ii) Considers options for a cost-effective community stadium

(iii) Consider options for Cultural and Historic Precinct, including the proposed 11 Mission St development of The Elms Visitor Centre

(iv) Add a new topic related to closed landfills

(v) Add community grants and funding stock take and review

(c) Notes that staff will seek to arrange additional Council workshops to meet the needs noted above.

(d) Notes that, where possible, formal consideration of the matters on the list will be undertaken at Council meetings specifically dedicated to long-term plan matters.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 55 minutes and 55 seconds (part 2)

11.7 Long-Term Plan Capital Programme Development Including Major Projects

Staff Craig Rice, Craig Rice, Chief Operating & Financial Officer
Kathryn Sharplin, Head of Finance

Susan Braid, Finance Lead Capital Performance and Community Investment

RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Mayor Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Rozeboom

To guide staff in the development of the Long Term Plan:

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Long-Term Plan Capital Programme Development Including Major Projects".

(b) Requests staff to develop LTP scenarios starting with maximum rates increase for years 1 and 2 of the LTP to 6% after growth, and an increase for years 3 to 10 not exceeding 4% after growth, with a second option of 7% per year.

(c) Adopts the following principles to guide development of the base capital programme:

  (i) Value for money through:

    (1) Appropriate scope and efficient delivery of projects.

    (2) Utilisation of available subsidies and the existing commitment to transportation project financing through the TSP Infrastructure funding and Financing agreement (TSP IFF).

    (3) Maintaining a relatively consistent annual budget for key outcome areas to support efficient procurement and resourcing.

  (ii) Look after what we have through maintenance and renewals.

  (iii) Support economic and population growth by:

    (1) Ensuring growth is aligned with infrastructure delivery and prioritise closing the infrastructure deficit.

    (2) Focusing on intensification and operative greenfield areas.

(d) Agrees that the following programmes are included in the early years of the draft 2027-37 LTP base capital programme:

  (i) Mauao Restoration Placeholder

  (ii) Turret Road / Welcome Bay / Fifteenth Avenue

  (iii) Cameron Road Stage 2

  (iv) Te Manawataki o Te Papa

  (v) City Centre Waterfront Development

  (vi) Baypark Masterplan

  (vii) Memorial Park Aquatics & Associated Works

  (viii) Baypark Arena Expansion

(e) Agrees that the following programmes are included in the mid-years of the draft 2027-37 LTP base capital programme:

  (i) Waste Facilities Redevelopment

  (ii) Connecting Mount Maunganui

  (iii) Transport Growth in the Eastern Corridor

  (iv) Spaces & Places Growth in the Western Corridor

(f) Agrees that the following programmes are included in the late years of the draft 2027-

37 LTP base capital programme:

(i) Transport Intensification (Te Papa, Otūmoetai, Mt Maunganui)

(g) Agrees that the following programmes are rephased from early years into the mid-years of the draft 2027-37 LTP base capital programme:

(i) Transport Growth in the Western Corridor

(h) Agrees that the following programmes are rephased in the later years of the draft 2027-37 LTP base capital programme:

(i) Spaces & Places Growth in the Eastern Corridor

(ii) Spaces & Places Intensification (Te Papa, Otumoetai, Mt Maunganui)

(iii) Community Stadium

(i) Agrees that for the following projects further reporting should be provided to Council regarding options and implications for reducing project scope:

(i) Spaces & Places Intensification (Te Papa, Otumoetai, Mt Maunganui)

(ii) Memorial Park Aquatics & Associated Works

(iii) Community Stadium

(j) Notes that based on assumed capital expenditure capacity the annual capital programme for spaces and places and transport projects would be in the order of $10m-$15m per annum for each area.

(k) Agrees the remaining capital projects should be reviewed by Council supported by the prioritisation framework.

AN AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED

Moved: Cr Morris
Seconded: Cr Crowther

That recommendation (b) be amended as follows:

(b) Requests staff to develop LTP scenarios starting with maximum rates increase for years 1 and 2 of the LTP to **5.3%** after growth, and an increase for years 3 to 10 not exceeding 4% after growth, with a second option of 7% per year.

For: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Against: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler and Cr Rod Taylor

CARRIED 6/4

The substantive motion was put as follows:

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/9

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

To guide staff in the development of the Long Term Plan:

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Long-Term Plan Capital Programme Development Including Major Projects".

(b) Requests staff to develop LTP scenarios starting with maximum rates increase for

years 1 and 2 of the LTP to 5.3% after growth, and an increase for years 3 to 10 not exceeding 4% after growth, with a second option of 7% per year.

(c) Adopts the following principles to guide development of the base capital programme:

(i) Value for money through:

(1) Appropriate scope and efficient delivery of projects.

(2) Utilisation of available subsidies and the existing commitment to transportation project financing through the TSP Infrastructure funding and Financing agreement (TSP IFF).

(3) Maintaining a relatively consistent annual budget for key outcome areas to support efficient procurement and resourcing.

(ii) Look after what we have through maintenance and renewals.

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(1) Ensuring growth is aligned with infrastructure delivery and prioritise closing the infrastructure deficit.

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(j) Notes that based on assumed capital expenditure capacity the annual capital programme for spaces and places and transport projects would be in the order of $10m-$15m per annum for each area.

(k) Agrees the remaining capital projects should be reviewed by Council supported by the prioritisation framework.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 1 hour and 51 minutes (part 2)

11.8 Appointment of Directors to Council Organisations Policy - Amending reappointment of board members provisions

Staff Caroline Lim, CCO Specialist

At 3.28pm, Cr Hautapu Baker withdrew from the meeting and did not take part in the voting on this matter.

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/10

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Appointment of Directors to Council Organisations Policy - Amending reappointment of board members provisions".

(b) Amends the Appointment of Directors to Council Organisations Policy, as marked up in the draft Appointment of Directors to Council Organisations Policy 2026 (Attachment One), to provide for a competitive process for all future board appointments.

(c) Delegate to the GM Strategy Partnerships and Growth to make minor amendments to reflect elected members direction in respect of the CCO member of the appointment panel and the appointment panel report.

CARRIED

EXTENSION OF MEETING TIME

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/11

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom
Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That Council meeting extends beyond 6 hours at 3.35pm.

CARRIED

At 3.36PM the meeting adjourned.

At 3.53PM the meeting resumed in open.

At 3.53PM, Cr Hautapu Baker re-entered the meeting.

Timestamp: 2 hours and 23 minutes (part 2)

11.9 International Air Travel - Sister City Delegation

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

Action Requested:

- That delegates report back on the trade, business and investment leads that are generated from the visit/trip.

Cr Crowther noted he was supportive of the Councillor's visit but not the funding allocation for three elected members to travel.

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/12

Moved: Cr Steve Morris
Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "International Air Travel - Sister City Delegation".

(b) Authorises international air travel for Mayor Mahe Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, and Cr Rod Taylor as part of Tauranga's official Sister City delegation to China from 10–14 August 2026 (with travel being 8–15 August 2026).

(c) Notes the following estimated costs: airfares: $13,574, and accommodation (Shanghai): $2,592.

(d) Notes the Mayor has approved funding of $1,500 per student (five students) from the Mayoral Fund to support Tauranga Intermediate School students participating in the delegation.

For: Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Against: Cr Glen Crowther

Abstained: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular and Cr Rod Taylor

CARRIED 6/1

Timestamp: 2 hours and 27 minutes (part 2)

11.10 Simplifying Local Government - Head Start Pathway

Staff Gareth Green, (Manager of the Mayoral Office),

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/13

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Simplifying Local Government - Head Start Pathway".

(b) Approves Option 1A, that Tauranga City Council works to progress a Head Start outline proposal for consideration by the Government.

(c) Approves Option 2A, that Tauranga City Council works with other councils in the Bay of Plenty, and adjoining districts where appropriate, in progressing a Head Start outline proposal.

(d) Directs the Chief Executive to work with other councils in the Bay of Plenty region and adjacent districts to prepare a Head Start outline proposal, for consideration by Council prior to the Government deadline of 9 August 2026.

(e) Notes that:

(i) The Government will confirm which Head Start outline proposals are approved to proceed to detailed design stage by the end of September 2026.

(ii) The Head Start detailed design stage would produce a Head Start final proposal by the end of March 2027, for a Government decision by mid-2027.

(iii) A Head Start final proposal would include results from public engagement and consultation and would provide additional information around matters such as representation (ensuring local voice), finances and proposed boundaries of the proposed new unitary authority.

CARRIED

12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Timestamp: 2 hours and 45 minutes (part 2)

11.11 Stormwater Prioritisation 2026/27 Annual Plan

Staff Wally Potts, Head of City Waters
Claudia Hellberg, Team Leader: City Waters Planning

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/14

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker
Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Stormwater Prioritisation 2026/27 Annual Plan".

CARRIED

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Resolution to exclude the public at 4.49pm.

RESOLUTION CO/26/10/15

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

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

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
13.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 May 2026	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(d) - The withholding of the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public s7(2)(g) - The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable	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

	Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities 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)	
13.2 - Bay Venues Limited and Tourism Bay of Plenty - Tangata Whenua and Staff Representative Appointments	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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
13.3 - Counter-offer/Submission Ngā Pōtiki - Kairua Road Properties	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
13.4 - Major Event Opportunity	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities 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
L.21 - Western Bay of Plenty Deal Oversight Board - Independent Representative Appointment	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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 5:54pm.

14 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hēmi Rolleston closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 5.54pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 July 2026.