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**Ordinary Council meeting
Monday, 24 March 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, REGIONAL HOUSE, 1
ELIZABETH STREET, TAURANGA
ON MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2025 AT 9.30AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Paul Davidson (Chief Financial Officer), Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Gareth Wallis (General Manager: City Development & Partnerships), Ben Corbett (Team Leader: Growth Funding), Andrew Mead (Manager: City Planning and Growth), Kathryn Sharplin (Manager Finance), Tracey Hughes (Financial Insights & Reporting Manager), Sarah Stewart (Principal Strategic Advisor), Stephen Burton (Transportation Lead – Water Services), Cathy Davidson (Manager: Directive Services), Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Lead), Karen Hay (Manager: Network Safety and Sustainability), Stacey Mareroa-Roberts (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Ceilidh Dunphy (Community Relations Manager), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Clare Sullivan (Team Leader: Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor),

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 24 March 2025

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIB76qN6HEk>

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Baker opened the meeting with a karakia

Mayor Drysdale noted the achievements of Sam Ruthe who became the first person under the age of 16 to run an impressive 4-minute mile and wished him all the best for his career.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Harris Williams – Mount Business Association

Timestamp: 0:05

Key Points

- Sought the removal or reconsideration of the new licence to occupy fees for the street dining as they place an unreasonable and disproportionate burden on all businesses not just at the Mount.
- Preferred outcome was to drop the fees altogether, but if they were to continue Mount Maunganui should be exempt or have the fees substantially reduced.
- The proposed charge of \$150 per m² was the highest proposed charge by a large margin as it was linked to land value.
- Despite higher rates, there had been a lack of public investment to the streetscape, there had been no enhancements to the street amenities for over 25 years.
- Tauranga had seen upgrades specifically to enhance outdoor dining appeal and foot traffic.
- There had been no net analysis to determine if net profits rather than the turnover resulted in more profit for the businesses and had failed to meet the onground conditions or represent value for money.
- A reduced rate of \$30 per m² for 2024/25 was still a significant cost to local businesses who had not previously paid the fee. The costs were detrimental and not sustainable as they were already grappling with increasing costs.
- Request that the fees not be imposed and only create a bylaw for safety and street amenity and rely on commercial rates to cover public infrastructure to serve commercial businesses or until such time as Council invests in upgrades to warrant an additional fee.
- Alternately apply a flat nominal fee across the whole Council, adjusted for public investment in that zone.

In response to questions

- In relation to a question relating to the businesses making money from the use of a Council asset, it was noted that it was the entrepreneurial vision of the businesses that had created an amenity in those spaces.

3.2 Jan Gyenge**Key Points**

- Councillors were tasked to uphold democracy with accountability, transparency and integrity and asked if they were doing this.

In response to questions

- In relation to specifics the submitter would like Councillors to consider, she noted that it was the prime objective of what they were elected to do.
- Mayor Drysdale advised the Council were out in the community talking to people to do what was best for the city based on the information provided.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

4.1 Resolution to accept late items

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/1

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council:

(a) Accepts the following late items for consideration at the meeting:

- Confirmation of the open part of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 March 2025
- Confirmation of the public excluded part of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 March 2025
- Appointment to Board - Bay Venues Limited, the Tauranga Art Gallery Trust and Tourism Bay of Plenty

(b) The above items were not included in the original agenda because it was not available at the time the agenda was issued, and discussion cannot be delayed until the next scheduled meeting.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

5.1 Resolution to move Public Exlcuded items to Public

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/2

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Council:

Move the following items from public excluded to the public part of the meeting:

- Item 13.3 Appointment of Tangata Whenua representatives to standing committees and
- Item 13.4 Appointment to Board – Bay Venues Limited, The Tauranga Art Gallery Trust and Tourism Bay of Plenty.

CARRIED

6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor noted that there were a number of separately circulated papers that contain attachments. They related to:

Item 7.2 Minutes of the meeting of 3 March 2025

Item 11.1 Draft Development Contributions Policy

Item 11.2 Adoption of Supporting Material and Consultation Document – Annual Plan 2025/26

Item 11.3 Local Water Done Well - Adoption of Consultation Document and Update on Progress

Item 13.5 Public Excluded Minutes of the meeting of 3 March 2025

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2025

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/3

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7.2 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 March 2025

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/4

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Nil

10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil

11 BUSINESS

11.1 Draft Development Contributions Policy 2025/26

Timestamp: 28 minutes

Staff Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth and Governance
Ben Corbett, Team Leader: Growth Funding
Andy Mead, Manager: City Planning & Growth

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/5

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom
Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Draft Development Contributions Policy 2025/26".
- (b) Agrees to incorporate the proposed updates to local and citywide development contributions in the draft Development Contributions Policy 2025/26.
- (c) Agrees to incorporate three new local development contributions catchments in the draft Development Contributions Policy 2025/26 for Tauriko Business Estate Stage 4, Tauriko West and Upper Ohauti.
- (d) Adopts the Statement of Proposal and draft Development Contributions Policy 2025/26 for the purposes of public consultation.
- (e) Delegates authority to the General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance to make amendments to the draft Development Contributions Policy 2025/26 to correct minor errors in wording or financial information

CARRIED

11.2 Adoption of Supporting Material and Consultation Document - Annual Plan 2025/26

Timestamp: 47minutes

Staff: Paul Davidson, Chief Financial Officer
Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance
Kathryn Sharplin, Manager: Finance
Tracey Hughes, Financial Insights & Reporting Manager
Ceilidh Dunphy, Community Relations Manager

Reasons for decisions:

- Amendments were made to the consultation document as reflected in the resolution to provide additional explanations and better transparency with the cost of running the city, the operating expenditure, capital expenditure and the amount of staff and consultant costs.

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/6

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Adoption of Supporting Material and Consultation Document - Annual Plan 2025/26".
- (b) Agrees to the overall rates increase for the consultation document at 12% after growth which includes operational expenditure of \$599m.
- (c) Notes that the additional rates funded savings to be sought of \$8.3m (equivalent to 2.5% decrease in rates), to be considered for inclusion in the 2025/26 Annual Plan, with further savings targets pursued through the 2026/27 annual plan and subsequent annual or long-term plans, has reduced to \$6.7m due to higher growth assumptions.
- (d) Adopts the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 supporting financial information.
- (e) Adopts the Draft User Fees and Charges 2025/26 schedule and statement of proposal. Noting that the fees schedule will be updated to reflect the decision on the licence to occupy fees from the paper on this same agenda titled "Street Dining License to Occupy Implementation Plan."
- (f) Adopts the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 consultation document (CD) **content (attachment 3)** and as tabled in the design version of the CD for public consultation from 28 March to 28 April 2025 subject to the inclusion of further information as follows:
 - (i) Include a section "cost of running the city" – high-level numbers including operating expenditure, capital expenditure, number of staff.
 - (ii) provide more detailed breakdown of the operating expenditure of \$599M such as consultant costs, staff numbers.
 - (iii) add operational expenditure to the table on page 30 of the draft consultation document.
 - (iv) refer to a reduction in "council emissions" instead of "city emissions".
 - (v) simplify the explanation of salary savings.
 - (vi) add average Residential, Commercial and Industrial rates increase figures as a footnote on page 29 of the Consultation Document, and/or on the page of the Financials appendix that shows rates increases.
- (g) Authorises the Chief Executive to approve minor drafting, financial and presentation amendments to the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 consultation document and any supporting documentation prior to printing if necessary.

CARRIED

At 11.38am the meeting adjourned.

At 11.52am the meeting reconvened.

11.3 Local Water Done Well - Adoption of Consultation Document and Update on Progress

Timestamp: 2 hours 23minutes

Staff Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance
Paul Davdson, Chief Financial Officer

Kathryn Sharplin, Manager Finance
Stephen Burton, Transformation Lead – Water Services
Cathy Davidson, Manager: Directorate Services

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/7

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Local Water Done Well - Adoption of Consultation Document and Update on Progress".
- (b) Agrees that if a multi-council controlled organisation is established, differences in prices across councils will be maintained to reflect the differences in investment, borrowing, and costs of service; and that any movement to price harmonisation should require an explicit resolution from TCC.
- (d) Notes that the implications for TCC's risk and credit rating are being further considered in line with the 9 December 2024 Council decisions to ensure any multi-council controlled organisation option is mutually beneficial, including for the multi-council controlled organisation and remaining TCC organisation.
- (e) Adopts the Draft Why Wai Matters 2025 Consultation Document content (attachment 1) and Summary content (attachment 2) for public consultation, noting design versions are being developed.
- (f) Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Growth and Governance to approve minor drafting, financial and presentation amendments to the Draft Why Wai Matters 2025 Consultation and Summary Documents if necessary.

CARRIED

Abstention: Cr Glen Crowther

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/8

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- (c) Notes that further financial modelling has been completed by both Martin Jenkins and the Department of Internal Affairs and that these both align with key conclusions from the Indicative Business Case adopted by Council on 9 December 2024.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Crs Hautapu Baker, Rick Curach, Marten Rozeboom, Kevin Schuler and Rod Taylor

Against: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Crs Glen Crowther and Steve Morris

CARRIED

At 1.35pm the meeting adjourned.
At 2.10pm the meeting reconvened.

11.4 Street Dining License to Occupy Implementation Plan

Timestamp: 4hours 40minutes

Staff Nic Johannson, General Manager: Infrastructure
Shawn Geard, City Centre Infrastructure Lead

Reasons for decisions:

Changes were made to the recommendations to allow for a staged rollout to include charges for current areas this Annual Plan followed by a review of the bylaw. The proposed changes also provide a flat rate across all the zones with a 50% discount across all areas.

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/9

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Street Dining License to Occupy Implementation Plan".

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/10

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (c) Approves Option 2a: Staged rollout to include charges for current areas this Annual Plan, followed by a review of the Street Use and Public Places Bylaw during FY26 in time for a full city implementation in the next Annual Plan.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/11

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council

- (e) Amend the user fees and charges schedule for street dining adopted by Council on 3 March 2025 with \$100 per square metre at an 50% discount to apply to the areas covered by the bylaw from 1 July 2025.

In Favour: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Crs Hautapu Baker, Marten Rozeboom, Kevin Schuler and Rod Taylor

Against: Crs Jen Scoular, Glen Crowther, Rick Curach and Steve Morris

CARRIED

11.5 Transport Resolutions Report: 54

Timestamp: 5 hours 51 minutes

Staff Nic Johansson, General Manager: Infrastructure
Karen Hay, Manager: Network Safety and Sustainability
Shawn Geard, City Centre Infrastructure Lead

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/12

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Transport Resolutions Report: 54".
- (b) Resolves to amend the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2023 by adopting the proposed traffic and parking controls relating to new subdivisions and minor changes for general safety, operational or amenity purposes, as per Attachment A of this report.
- (c) Confirms that parking on the ground floor of the Elizabeth Street carpark is P120 minutes, as per Attachment A of this report
- (d) The changes are to become effective on or after the 25th of March 2025 subject to installation of appropriate signs and road markings.

CARRIED

11.6 Remuneration for Tangata Whenua Representatives Appointed to Three Standing Committees

Timestamp: 6 hours 3 minutes

Staff Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance
Coral Hair, Manager: Democracy and Governance Services
Stacey Mareroa-Roberts, Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement

Reasons for decisions:

- Change to remove the maximum number of days per year. Mayor will note a list of approved duties

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/13

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Remuneration for Tangata Whenua Representatives Appointed to Three Standing Committees".
- (b) Approves remuneration for the Tangata Whenua representatives on the City Future Committee, the City Delivery Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee at
 - (i) \$1,085 per Committee meeting, \$542 per workshop or approved duties.

In Favour: Crs Mahé Drysdale, Jen Scoular, Hautapu Baker, Rick Curach, Kevin Schuler and Rod Taylor

Against: Crs Glen Crowther, Steve Morris and Marten Rozeboom

CARRIED

At 4.05pm the meeting adjourned.

At 4.23pm the meeting reconvened.

The next two items were considered in the public part of the meeting

11.7 Appointment of Tangata Whenua representatives to standing committees

Timestamp: 6 hours 52 minutes

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

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/14

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Appointment of Tangata Whenua representatives to standing committees".
- (b) Appoints the following Tangata Whenua representatives to the respective committees as set out below, based on the recommendations of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana:

Committee	Name of representative
Audit and Risk Committee	Rohario Murray
City Future Committee	Arthur Flintoff
City Delivery Committee	Jacqui Rolleston-Steed

- (b) Notes that attachments 1, 2 and 3, the CVs of the appointees, are to remain in confidential.

In Favour: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Crs Jen Scoular, Hautapu Baker, Glen Crowther, Rick Curach, Steve Morris, Kevin Schuler and Rod Taylor

Against: Cr Marten Rozeboom

CARRIED

11.8 Appointments to the Board - Bay Venues Limited, the Tauranga Art Gallery Trust and Tourism Bay of Plenty

Timestamp: 7 hours

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

Reasons for decision:

- To enable further discussions with relevant parties and receive further information

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/15

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Appointments to the Board - Bay Venues Limited, the Tauranga Art Gallery Trust and Tourism Bay of Plenty".
- (b) That the item lies on the table until the Council meeting on 28 April 2025.

CARRIED

12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Resolution to exclude the public

RESOLUTION CO/25/5/16

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

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 10 February 2025	<p>s6(b) - The making available of the information would be likely to endanger the safety of any person</p> <p>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</p> <p>s7(2)(g) - The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>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</p>
13.2 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2025	<p>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)</p>	<p>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</p>
13.3 - Appointment of Tangata Whenua representatives to standing committees	<p>s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p>	<p>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</p>

13.4 - Appointments to the Board - Bay Venues Limited, the Tauranga Art Gallery Trust and Tourism Bay of Plenty	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
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CARRIED

Noted that Item 13.3 and 13.4 were conducted in the open part of the meeting as items 11.7 and 11.8 respectively

14 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 6.08pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 28 April 2025.

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Mayor Mahé Drysdale
CHAIRPERSON