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**Ordinary Council meeting
Tuesday, 5 August 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1 - 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST 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, Cr Hēmi Rolleston

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Alastair McNeill (General Manager: Corporate Services), Kathryn Sharplin (Manager: Finance), Stephen Burton (Transformation Lead: Water Services), Fiona Nalder (Principal Strategic Advisor), Cathy Davidson (Manager: Directorate Services), Charles Lane (Team Leader: Commercial Legal), Stacey Mareroa-Roberts (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Sam Fellows (Managers; City Partnerships), Emily McLean (Programme Lead: City Development), Clare Dowthwaite (Senior Engagement Advisor), Jenna Quay (Event Facilitation Manager), Andrew Hough (General Counsel), Caroline Lim (CCO Specialist), Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Lead), Clare Sullivan (Team Leader: Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor)

EXTERNAL: Jaron Shaw and Cameron Walker, Department of Internal Affairs

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 5 August 2025 at [Council Website](#).

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Baker opened the meeting with a Karakia

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Timestamp: :5

3.1 Genevieve Whitson - Downtown Tauranga

- Genevieve Whitson from Downtown Tauranga represented the Board and provided feedback on the waterfront Central Plaza project.
- She noted on behalf of businesses in the area the lack of communication about the progress of work opposite Masonic Park which was restricting access to the playground. They would like to see this project completed in the next few months.
- Downtown Tauranga reiterated their support for the City Centre Streetscape Project.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

RESOLUTION CO/25/22/1

Moved: Cr Kevin Schuler

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council:

Accepts the following late item/s for consideration at the meeting:

- Item 11.8 City Centre Parking – Parking Permits

The above item was not included in the original agenda because it was not available at the time the agenda was issued, and discussion could not be delayed until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee because a decision was required in regard to this item.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Timestamp: :13

7.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 July 2025

RESOLUTION CO/25/22/2

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 July 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to corrections to speakers names and the date the minutes were authorised.

CARRIED

7.2 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 July 2025

MOTION

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 July 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Nil

10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil

11 BUSINESS

Timestamp: :15

11.1 Status update on actions from prior Council meetings

Actions

That staff provide information from other Councils as to how they track ownership of community assets in relation Bay Venues

RESOLUTION CO/25/22/3

Moved: Cr Kevin Schuler

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Status update on actions from prior Council meetings".
- (a) **Attachment 2** can be transferred into the open when the report that generated the action is no longer confidential.

CARRIED

Timestamp: :18

11.2 Local Water Done Well - Preferred Delivery Model (Update Report)

Staff Christine Jones, General Manager Strategy, Growth & Governance
Kathryn Sharplin, Manager; Finance

External Jaron Shaw and Cameron Walker, Department of Internal Affairs

Action

That Councillors be provided with information on when staff and/or the Chief Executive heard from Thames Coromandel District Council that they indicated a willingness to enter into a multi-council CCO.

RESOLUTION CO/25/22/4

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Local Water Done Well - Preferred Water Services Delivery Model" Update Report .

CARRIED

Timestamp: :18

11.3 Local Water Done Well - Preferred Water Services Delivery Model

Staff: Christine Jones, General Manager Strategy, Growth & Governance
Kathryn Sharplin, Manager; Finance

External Jaron Shaw and Cameron Walker, Department of Internal Affairs

At 10.57 am the meeting adjourned.

At 11.10 the meeting reconvened.

At 12.31 pm, Cr Hautapu Baker withdrew from the meeting.

At 12.36 pm, Cr Hautapu Baker re-entered the meeting.

At 12.43 pm the meeting adjourned.

At 1.18pm the meeting reconvened.

RESOLUTION CO/25/22/5

Moved: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Local Water Done Well - Preferred Water Services Delivery Model" Update Report .

- (b) Acknowledges receipt of the Tangata Whenua Position Paper on Local Waters Done Well, and thanks Tangata Whenua for their consideration of the matter and providing a clear collective view within a constrained timeframe.
- (c) In recognition of the partnership with Tangata Whenua, undertakes to consider each of the matters in the Tangata Whenua Position Paper and form a view on what is practical, achievable and acceptable to Tauranga City Council (both in terms of process and outcomes).
- (d) Notes that some matters raised by Tangata Whenua are whole-of-Council strategic relationship matters which need to be addressed regardless of the water service delivery model chosen, and other matters are more appropriately considered through the Due Diligence and other processes associated with a Water Organisation where Tauranga City Council will also need to take into account the views of any partner Council/s.
- (e) Undertakes to provide a response to Tangata Whenua in respect of the matters raised.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CO/25/22/6

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the Council:

- (f) Based on the information and data currently available, and to ensure full engagement is undertaken with Councils across the region, and with iwi, approves the water services delivery model be delivered via an in-house business unit, with the intention of transitioning into a Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) for water and wastewater services, at the latest by 1 July 2028, with an option for Council to also include stormwater services.
- (g) In the meantime, notes a Water Service Delivery Plan (WSDP) will be prepared for the duration to deliver through an in-house model.
- (h) To welcome Western BOP District Council, Thames-Coromandel District Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, Kawerau District Council, Whakatane District Council, Opotiki District Council and Taupo District Council for open and inclusive discussions and participate in data and information sharing to explore the future of Bay of Plenty waters.

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

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

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Tabled Document - Tangata Whenua Position Paper on LWDW 31 July 2025

Timestamp: 4:25

11.4 City Centre Street Project - Public Engagement

Staff Emily McLean, Programme Lead: City Development

Shawn Geard, City Centre Infrastructure Lead
Clare Dowthwaite, Senior Engagement Advisor

RESOLUTION CO/25/22/7

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "City Centre Street Project - Public Engagement".
- (b) Approves community engagement on:
 - (i) the City Centre Movement Framework, and
 - (ii) the Draft City Centre Streetscape Implementation Plan.
- (c) Notes that final versions of both the City Centre Movement Plan and City Centre Streetscape Implementation Plan will be presented to council for approval by the end of 2025.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 4:45

11.5 Temporary Road Closures - Annual Events 2025 - 2026

Staff Nic Johansson, General Manager: Infrastructure
Jenna Quay, Event Facilitation Manager

RESOLUTION CO/25/22/8

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Temporary Road Closures - Annual Events 2025 - 2026".
- (b) Pursuant to Clause 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, grants approval to close the roads listed in Attachment A of this report to ordinary vehicular traffic on the dates and during the hours stated for the purposes of facilitating safe and successful operations during the identified events in Attachment A.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 4:48

11.6 Council-Controlled Organisations - Final Statements of Intent 2025/28

Staff Sam Fellows, Manager City Partnerships
Caroline Lim, CCO Specialist

At 2.24pm, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular withdrew from the meeting. At 2.26pm, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular re-entered the meeting. Deputy Mayor Scoular was not present for the vote on item 11.6

RESOLUTION CO/25/22/9

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Council-Controlled Organisations - Final Statements of Intent 2025/28".
- (b) Receives the final Statement of Intent 2025/28 for Bay Venues Limited, Tauranga Art Gallery Trust, Tourism Bay of Plenty, Te Manawataki o Te Papa Limited, Te Manawataki o Te Papa Charitable Trust, and Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared Services Limited, (**Attachments 1 to 6**).
- (c) Receives **Attachment 7** – Tourism Bay of Plenty's letter to Mayor Mahé Drysdale regarding its final Statement of Intent.
- (d) Notes that as joint shareholder of Tourism Bay of Plenty, Western Bay of Plenty District Council received Tourism Bay of Plenty's final Statement of Intent 2025/28 at their 26 June 2025 Council meeting.

CARRIED

11.7 Corrected Attachment to Report: Local Water Done Well - Preferred Water Service Delivery Model - Affordability, Lowest Income Groups

The attachment was tabled.

Attachments

- 1 Updated Attachment to Report: Local Water Done Well - Preferred Water Service Delivery Model - Low income affordability- correction

Timestamp: 4:58

11.8 City Centre Parking - Parking Permits

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

RESOLUTION CO/25/22/10

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "City Centre Parking - Parking Permits".
- (b) Proceeds with a parking permit payment option for the zone "City fringe paid"
(Attachment 1 – City Centre Parking Map)
 - (i) Existing residents of properties within the zone are able to apply for a 80% discount voucher, to be issued one voucher per rated property
 - (ii) General fees for this permit are to be set at:
 - (1) One Month: \$150
 - (2) Six Month: \$750
 - (3) 12 Month: \$1500

CARRIED**12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**Resolution to exclude the public****RESOLUTION CO/25/22/11**

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

At 3.11 pm the Council resolved 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 June 2025	<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>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</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>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>	
13.2 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 June 2025	<p>s6(b) - The making available of the information would be likely to endanger the safety of any person</p> <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>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)(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 - Clarification on Council-Controlled Organisation Board appointment	<p>s6(b) - The making available of the information would be likely to endanger the safety of any person</p> <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 - Bay of Plenty Housing Equity Fund - Appointment of members to the Board	<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>
13.5 - Harington Street carpark litigation - settlement recommendations	<p>s7(2)(g) - The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege</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>
Confidential Attachment 2 - 11.1 - Status update on actions from prior Council meetings	<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>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</p>

		reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
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CARRIED

14 CLOSING KARAKIA

The meeting resumed in open at 4.38 pm

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia at 4.39 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 August 2025.

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Mayor Mahé Drysdale

CHAIR