



MINUTES

**Extraordinary Council meeting
Friday, 15 August 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, L1, 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 2025 AT 8:03 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Mahé Drysdale (Chair), Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular (online via audio link for parts of the meeting), 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), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Gareth Wallis (General Manager: City Development & Partnerships), 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), Wally Potts (Head of City Waters), Clare Sullivan (Senior Governance Advisor), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor),

EXTERNAL: Ian Morton (Thames Coromandel District Council)
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 15 August 2025 at [TCC Website](#)

ONLINE ATTENDANCE

Due to online connection difficulties, Deputy Mayor Scoular was present for the vote on resolution (b) (i) but not present for any of the remaining votes (resolutions - parts 1 to 6) that made up the substantive motion.

1 OPENING KARAKA

Cr Rolleston opened the meeting with a karakia

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

At 8.06am the meeting adjourned.

At 8.09am the meeting reconvened.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Timestamp: 9

3.1 Cr John Grant - Thames Coromandel District Council

- Cr Grant noted that elected members and staff from Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC) had undertaken robust financial analysis on four options for a water services model. Consultation showed that 51% supported the lower cost model which would be a joint water services delivery plan.
- Financial analysis had shown that a Tauranga City Council (TCC)/Western Bay Of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC)/Thames Coromandel District Council Water Services model was in the best interests of their communities.
- TCDC had spent considerable time working through a proposed partnership with TCC and WBOPDC.
- Cr Grant, on behalf of TCDC, felt that the best solution for the three Councils was a joint Water Services Organisation.

4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

RECOGNITION

- The Mayor recognised the following staff who were leaving their employment at Tauranga City Council and thanked them for their contribution to the city during their employment: Ceilidh Dunphy, Coral Hair, Dan Smith and Paul Davidson. He acknowledged that Paul Davison had completed 20 years of service with Council.
- The Mayor also noted that Mr Nigel Tutt, Chief Executive of Priority One, was leaving to take up another position elsewhere.

5 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 22

5.1 Local Waters Done Well - Update Report

Staff Christine Jones, General Manager Strategy, Growth & Governance
Kathryn Sharplin, Manager; Finance
Charles Lane, Team Leader, Commercial Legal

External Jaron Shaw and Cameron Walker, Department of Internal Affairs
Ian Morton, Thames Coromandel District Council, Project Director

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Local Waters Done Well - Update Report".
- (b) After taking into consideration the information contained in this 'Local Waters Done Well – Update Report':

Either

- i) Reconfirms the resolution of 5 August 2025 that the Water Service Delivery Plan will be prepared for the duration to deliver through an in-house model.

Or

- ii) *Other ...*

A MOTION WAS PROPOSED

Moved: Cr Rolleston

Seconded: Cr Crowther:

That the Council:

- (b) After taking into consideration the information contained in this 'Local Waters Done Well – Update Report':
 - i) Reconfirms the resolution of 5 August 2025 that the Water Service Delivery Plan will be prepared for the duration to deliver through an in-house model.

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

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

EQUAL 5/5

The vote was declared a tie. Pursuant to Standing Order 19.3, the Mayor used his casting vote and voted **against** the motion.

LOST

A FURTHER MOTION WAS PROPOSED

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Local Waters Done Well - Update Report".
- (b) After taking into consideration the information contained in this 'Local Waters Done Well – Update Report':

- ii) Notes that the establishment of a multi-council water organisation will be subject to the partner councils being satisfied with the results of the due diligence process, and in particular that Western Bay of Plenty District Council is satisfied that the concerns expressed by iwi within the WBOPDC (WBOPDC) rohe area have been appropriately considered.
- iii) Receives the letter from Mayor James Denyer of 6 August 2025, outlining his view that WBOPDC is "not in a position to be able to submit a Water Services Delivery Plan by the 3 September deadline" and his request that Council considers a "multi-council CCO with WBOPDC with a stand-up date of 1 July 2027.
- iv) Receives the letter from Mayor Len Salt and members of the Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) Local Waters Done Well (LWDW) working group of 13 August 2025, outlining their view that a TCDC in-house delivery model "is not in the best long-term interest for our community."
- v) Notes that on 12 August, Mayor Denyer requested a Crown facilitator be appointed to WBOPDC and that members of the TCDC LWDW working group requested TCDC form part of the facilitator's remit.
- vi) Requests staff prepare a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) on the basis that services will be delivered through status quo arrangements until:
 - a. 30 June 2027
- vii) And thereafter through a three-waters multi-council CCO with
 - a. Western Bay of Plenty District Council
 - AND
 - b. Thames-Coromandel District Council
- viii) Notes that the WSDP includes stormwater, and that due to a combination of practical constraints and the statutory deadline for submission of the WSDP that
 - a. further work will be done to consider other aspects of stormwater management including assets, ownership, charging and following further information Council may, at a later date, decide to retain stormwater in-house.
- ix) Confirms the due diligence process will include detailed comparative analysis of in-house and CCO options.
- x) Requests a project plan on the implementation of these resolutions through until September 2028 for Council approval and that staff report quarterly to Council on engagement, progress against the project plan, what has been completed in the last quarter and what is proposed in the following. Reports will include tracking to budget and highlighting any risks.
- xi) Considers holding joint council meetings with partnering councils and meetings with iwi partners on decisions relating to subregional waters in the future.

The motion was taken in parts in the following order:

RESOLUTION CO/25/0/1

Part 1

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

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For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler and Cr Rod Taylor

Against: Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CO/25/0/2

Part 2

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

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CARRIED**RESOLUTION CO/25/0/3****Part 3**

Moved: Cr Steve Morris
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- vi) Requests staff prepare a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) on the basis that services will be delivered through status quo arrangements until:
 - b. 30 June 2027

CARRIED**RESOLUTION CO/25/0/4****Part 4**

Moved: Cr Steve Morris
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- vii) And thereafter through a three-waters multi-council CCO with
 - c. Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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

Against: Cr Glen Crowther, and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

CARRIED**RESOLUTION CO/25/0/5****Part 5**

Moved: Cr Steve Morris
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- viii) AND
 - d. Thames-Coromandel District Council

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler and Cr Rod Taylor

Against: Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CO/25/0/6**Part 6**

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

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- x) Requests a project plan on the implementation of these resolutions through until September 2028 for Council approval and that staff report quarterly to Council on engagement, progress against the project plan, what has been completed in the last quarter and what is proposed in the following. Reports will include tracking to budget and highlighting any risks.
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CARRIED

6 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Rolleston closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 11.38 am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary meeting of the Tauranga City Council held on 7 October 2025.

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Mayor Mahé Drysdale

CHAIR