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**Ordinary Council meeting
Tuesday, 26 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, 26 AUGUST 2025 AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mahé Drysdale (Chair), 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, Partnerships & Growth), Nic Johansson (General Manager: Operations Infrastructure (Waters and Transport), Alastair McNeill (Acting Chief Operating and Finance), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Compliance), Jeremy Boase (Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate), Cathy Davidson (Manager, Directorate Services), Stephen Burton (Transformation Lead – Water Services), Kathryn Sharplin (Manager Finance), Charles Lane (General Counsel), Ross Hudson (Strategic Planning & Partnerships), Wally Potts (Director of City Waters), Mike Seabourne (Head of Transport), Chris Barton (Programme Director: Major Transport Projects), Richard O’Kane (Senior Project Manager), Jaimee Kinzett (Senior Strategic Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor),

EXTERNAL: Alister Jones, Chris Battershill (Uni Waikato)

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 26 August 2025 at [Council Website](#).

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hēmi Rolleston opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION CO/25/23/1

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the apologies for absence received from Cr Hautapu Baker and Deputy Mayor Scoular be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items but the Mayor noted there were two Supplementary Agendas, one in the open section and one in the public excluded section of the meeting that were distributed on Thursday 21 August 2025.

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair advised that:

- Item 11.3 would be addressed first, followed by item 11.1.
- The meeting would adjourn at 12.30pm for lunch and reconvene at 1pm, going straight into public excluded to address item 13.2. External presenter, Mr Will Peet, would be joining online to speak to item 13.2.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

TIMESTAMP: 0:05

7.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 August 2025

RESOLUTION CO/25/23/2

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 August 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Hēmi Rolleston noted a possible conflict of interest in relation to item 11.3 as he was related to the Director of University of Waikato.

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

TIMESTAMP: 0:10

9.1 Petition – Mr Rob Coe

External Mr Rob Coe

Key Points

- Mr Rob Coe presented and spoke to his petition, which expressed concerns around the fluoridation of City Waters.
- He acknowledged Council staff and Councillors for providing a public unfluoridated tap in Pāpāmoa.
- He noted that he had spoken to Council when the fluoridation paper was first presented.

RESOLUTION CO/25/23/3

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the petition.

CARRIED

10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil

11 BUSINESS

TIMESTAMP: 0:20:00

11.3 Concept Design for NZ Institute for Marine Futures

Staff Ross Hudson, Jaimee Kinzett

External Alister Jones, Chris Battershill (University of Waikato Tauranga Campus)

Actions

- That staff distribute the latest version of the NZ Institute for Marine Futures concept design to Elected Members.

RESOLUTION CO/25/23/4

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Concept Design for NZ Institute for Marine Futures".

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

Against: Cr Rick Curach

Abstained: Cr Glen Crowther

CARRIED 6/1

TIMESTAMP: 1:02:40

11.1 Local Water Done Well - Water Services Delivery Plan and Commitment Agreement

Staff Christine Jones, Charles Lane, Kathryn Sharplin

Meeting adjourned at 11:24am.

Meeting reconvened at 11:31am.

The resolutions were taken in parts.

RESOLUTION CO/25/23/5

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Local Water Done Well - Water Services Delivery Plan and Commitment Agreement".
- (c) Endorses the draft Commitment Agreement (Attachment 2).
- (d) Delegates authority to the General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships and Growth to make minor changes to the Water Services Delivery Plan prior to its submission, noting that these changes will be for minor editorial purposes only and the primary content of the Water Services Delivery Plan will remain unchanged from that approved by Council.
- (e) Delegates authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive to finalise and execute the Commitment Agreement, consistent with the draft Commitment Agreement noting that the final version may be subject to minor amendments following further feedback from Councillors and/or negotiations with Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION CO/25/23/6

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

- (a) Approves the Water Services Delivery Plan (Attachment 1) for submission to the Department of Internal Affairs

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Against: Cr Glen Crowther

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 2:10:40

11.2 Cameron Road Stage 2 Concept Options

Staff Chris Barton, Richard O’Kane

At 12.30pm the meeting adjourned.

At 1:21pm the meeting reconvened.

RESOLUTION CO/25/23/7

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Cameron Road Stage 2 Concept Options";
- (b) Confirms intent and commitment to deliver of the Cameron Road Stage 2 upgrade project from 17th Avenue to Maleme Street by 30 June 2030 to support housing intensification in the Te Papa peninsula area at or above the level described in the existing Te Papa IAF funding agreement timeframes; and
- (c) Endorse to progress to community engagement to seek feedback on the concept design for the Cameron Road Stage 2 corridor and options through Greerton village, subject to re-confirmation of current IAF funding availability resulting in a funding stack of \$185.5m comprised of:
 - Transport Components - \$98.8m
 - \$56.4m Crown grant via the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF)
 - \$20m via Transport System Plan Infrastructure Funding and Financing Levy (IFF)
 - \$22.4m of Developer Contributions (DC's)
 - Waters Components - \$86.7m as budgeted in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP)

CARRIED

12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**Resolution to exclude the public****RESOLUTION CO/25/23/8**

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

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 5 August 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)(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>	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
13.2 - Digital Programme FY25/26	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	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 - Litigation report	<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 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>
Confidential Attachment 3 - 11.3 - Concept Design for NZ Institute for Marine Futures	<p>s7(2)(b)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret</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>

CARRIED

MOTION

RESOLUTION CO/25/23/9

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
 Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That external presenter, Mr Will Peet, attend the Public Excluded part of the meeting for Item 13.2 as he was speaking alongside staff.

CARRIED

14 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Steve Morris closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 2:47pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 September 2025.

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 Mayor Mahé Drysdale
CHAIR