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**Ordinary Council meeting
Tuesday, 16 September 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MAREANUI, LEVEL 1 - 90
DEVONPORT ROAD, TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 9.30AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Barbara Dempsey (Acting General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure (City Ops & Spaces and Places), Nic Johansson (Acting General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure (Waters & Transport)), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth), Kathryn Sharplin (Acting COFO (Chief Financial Officer)), Andrew Mead (Head of City Planning & Growth), Cashy Ball (Principal Advisor to the Executive), Mike Naude (Portfolio Manager: Civic Development), Alison Law (Head of Spaces & Places), Ross Hudson (Manager: Strategic Planning & Partnerships), Cayley McLean (Principal Strategic Waste Planner), Wally Potts (Director of City Waters), Keren Paekau (Acting Head of Strategic Māori Engagement), Cynthia Hamel (Acting Team Leader), Ange Webster (Māori Engagement – City Waters), Anahera Sadler (Pou Mātauranga), Shawn Geard (Manager: Transport Systems Operations), Mike Seabourne (Head of Transport), Holly Riddell (Corporate Planner), Clare Sullivan (Senior Governance Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor).

EXTERNAL: Kaumatua Des Tata, Wi Piahana, Puhirake Ihaka and Ms Kura Martin, Spencer Webster (CEO – Ngā Pōtiki), Sam Toulon (Apollo).

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 16 September on the [Council website](#)

The Mayor opened the meeting and acknowledged that it was the 50th anniversary of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/1

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the apology for absence received from Cr Curach be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Timestamp: 4 minutes

Naming of Building – Mareanui

- Cr Rolleston welcomed kaumatua of Ngai Tamarāwaho and Ngati Tapu and members of the Otamataha Trust.
- Kaumatua Wi Piahana and Des Tata gifted the name Mareanui to the building at 90 Devonport Road. The name was the name of a pa site in this area. The name reflects the many mara (gardens) that were in the area and fed the 'multitudes of people' that occupied this space.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor advised that lunch would be taken at approximately 12.15pm.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Timestamp: 21 minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 August 2025

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/2

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 August 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

Timestamp: 23 minutes

11.1 Te Maunga Site - Council Activities and Ngā Pōtiki Relationship

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

External Spencer Webster, CEO – Ngā Pōtiki

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/3

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Te Maunga Site - Council Activities and Ngā Pōtiki Relationship".
- (b) Acknowledges the cultural and environmental concerns raised by Ngā Pōtiki regarding Council activities on the Te Maunga Site.
- (c) Recognises the relationship that Ngā Pōtiki has with its culture and traditions with respect to their ancestral lands and cultural landscapes and seascapes, and notes that this includes the Te Maunga site and Te Tāhuna o Rangataua.
- (d) Agrees to progress discussions with Ngā Pōtiki, with the view of developing a Memorandum of Understanding for the Te Maunga site and incorporating co-design principles for environmental and cultural restoration, site management, and community interface, where appropriate and practical. Technical design and operation of core infrastructure (e.g. wastewater treatment) will continue to be led by Council.
- (e) Notes that while many existing activities at Te Maunga cannot be practically or feasibly relocated due to significant prior investment, operational dependencies and regulatory or contractual constraints, some **solid waste facilities**¹ are nearing end of life and could be relocated as part of the future approach to the solid waste network (currently under review).
- (f) Endorses staff to:
 - (i) Progress and report back a Solid Waste Programme Business Case in the assessment of options with final decisions on preferred approaches to be made by Council.
 - (ii) Explore and progress opportunities for land acquisition and alternative sites to

enable the transition of “offensive” solid waste activities from Te Maunga.

(g) Notes that:

- (i) The definition of “offensive” solid waste activities will be informed by engagement with Ngā Pōtiki.
- (ii) Indicative timeframes for relocation of facilities and activity decisions will be incorporated into the Solid Waste Programme Business Case, which is expected to be presented to Council for consideration and approval in early 2026; with transition anticipated over 8-12 years.
- (iii) This applies only to **solid waste facilities** deemed appropriate to be relocated and does not include the closed landfill, wastewater or stormwater activities or Bay Venues activities on the Te Maunga site.

For the purposes of this report, **solid waste** refers to non-liquid materials such as general refuse, recyclables, green waste, construction and demolition materials, and special or hazardous solid wastes, consistent with the broad definition of waste under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. It excludes wastewater, stormwater, sewage, biosolids and other liquid discharges, which are managed under separate infrastructure and regulatory frameworks. The term **solid waste facilities** refer specifically to the land and associated infrastructure at Te Maunga currently occupied by the transfer station, Material Recycling Facility (MRF), untreated timber processing area, and the unused organic composting facility, as shown in **Attachment 1: Map of Waste Facilities at Te Maunga**.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Kevin Schuler and Cr Rod Taylor

Against: Cr Marten Rozeboom

CARRIED

At 10.40AM the meeting adjourned.

At 10.47AM the meeting reconvened.

Timestamp: 1 hr 18 minutes

11.2 Memorial Park Aquatic Centre Update

Staff Alison Law, Head of Spaces & Places
Mike Naude, Portfolio Manager: Civic Development

External Sam Toulon, Apollo

Action

- That the Chief Executive review and report back on the previous report and discussion at the Council meetings on 24 October 2024 and 12 November 2024 and any outstanding invoices for MPAC.

Key Points

Staff clarified the following points:

- Options 1 & 2 analysis outlining the key advantages and disadvantages for the location of the centre were from a previous report and not relevant to the Geotech report for the alternative location. The Geotech results for the alternative location over the existing pool were no worse than the current site.
- The Geotech report for the new site had similar findings as the Memorial Hall/QR2 site.
- There were advantages for traffic and parking with the new site with an entrance/exit off Devonport Road.
- The spend of \$4.7 million included invoices received after the report presented in October 2024 and was made up of \$1.64M Opex and \$3.1M Capex.

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/4

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Memorial Park Aquatic Centre update" with the corrections noted.
- (b) Receives the preliminary geotechnical report: Memorial Pool Aquatic Centre – Alternative Site Feasibility Study prepared by Apollo Projects dated 29 August 2025; and
- (c) Agrees to advance the Memorial Park Aquatics Centre project to concept stage with an in-principle decision that the Centre would be constructed over the current Memorial Pool. Noting the intention for construction to start in 2027/28 on a re-designed, value for money indoor and outdoor facility that can provide for lane swimming, aquatic sports, learn-to-swim, hydrotherapy and play.
- (d) Endorses the next steps being:
 - (i) Establish a Memorial Pool Aquatic Centre Project Steering Group including Elected Members (to be advised), to develop scope from the ground up and develop the engagement process.
 - (ii) Progression of the design, based on concept principles developed by the Steering group, through concept stage at a design fee of \$50,000 excl. GST.
- (e) Confirms the engagement of Apollo Projects to complete the Concept Design and Concept Estimate Stage of the Project.
- (f) Notes that in making an in-principle decision that the site of the existing Memorial Park pool is the preferred location for the Memorial Park Aquatic Centre, Council confirms its intention to retain the existing Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre and Memorial Hall facility, and instructs Bay Venues to identify the lowest investment required (capital and operational expenditure) to keep that facility operating until earthquake strengthening upgrades are required (currently 2041).

CARRIED

Timestamp: 2 hrs 2 minutes

11.3 Mount Parking Management Plan - Consultation Summary and Options

Staff Shawn Geard, Manager: Transport Systems Operations
Mike Seabourne, Head of Transport

Actions

- Staff to contact staff from Bay of Plenty Regional Council raising the idea of a hop-on-hop-off bus in the Mount Maunganui area for who it might be considered by discussed at the Joint Transport Committee.
- Staff to find and circulate feedback from the community from an engagement completed in 2020 on the Mount Maunganui plan.

Consideration on this item was paused to welcome and acknowledge Mr Mikaere Sydney at 12:08pm.

At 12.26pm the meeting adjourned.

At 1.14 pm the meeting reconvened.

The recommendations were taken in parts:

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/5

Part 1

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Mount Parking Management Plan - Consultation Summary and Options".
- (b) Requests staff to proceed with development of a detailed plan for implementation of:
 - (i) Salsbury Avenue/ The Mall bylaw changes to support cruise ship tour operator traffic management
 - (ii) Additional time restrictions for Victoria Road, Marine Parade, and The Mall, and development of an increased enforcement programme
 - (iii) Fixed License Plate Recognition enforcement along Mount Maunganui main street
- (c) Directs staff to proceed to community engagement on the Miro Street one-way with additional parking plan

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/6**Part 2**

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council

- (d) Requests staff to develop a Mount Maunganui Parking Management Plan to support future investment decisions including, but not limited to, options for:
 - (i) Angled parking on The Mall
 - (ii) Paid parking at TCC owned offstreet carparks
 - (iii) A new offstreet carpark in the vicinity of Coronation Park

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

Against: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/7**Part 3**

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council

- (d) Requests staff to develop a Mount Maunganui Parking Management Plan to support future investment decisions including, but not limited to, options for:
 - (iv) Development of a business plan supporting financially sustainable parking in Mount Maunganui

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Hēmi Rolleston Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler and Cr Rod Taylor

Against: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular and Cr Steve Morris

CARRIED

Timestamp: 4 hrs, 7 minutes

11.4 City Centre Parking - Short Term Incentive Options

Staff Shawn Geard, Manager: Transport Systems Operations
Mike Seabourne, Head of Transport

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "City Centre Parking - Short Term Incentive Options".
- (b) Requests Staff to proceed with:
 - (i) Status quo (recommended)Or
Alternatives (individually or a mix of):
 - (ii) Further assessment of financial impacts associated with 60 minutes free and paid thereafter
 - (iii) User engagement on price changes associated with Free after 3pm (off-street parking only)
 - (iv) Development a Dynamic pricing programme
 - (v) Implementation of an initial 30-minute free period through changing the provided no-payment grace time
 - (vi) Installation of additional 'P5' loading bays and mobility spaces, including business engagement on appropriate locations

A MOTION WAS PROPOSED:

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "City Centre Parking - Short Term Incentive Options".
- (b) Requests Staff to proceed with:
 - (v) Implementation of an initial 20-minute free period through changing the provided no-payment grace time
 - (vi) Installation of additional 'P5' loading bays and mobility spaces, including business and accessibility sector engagement on appropriate locations
 - (vii) Report back on options for parking validation including potential models, costs, and benefits.

AN AMENDMENT WAS MOVED:

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

- (i) Change the pricing in the City Fringe zone to \$1 per hour for the first 7 hours, with a daily maximum charge of \$7.

For: Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Steve Morris

Against: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Hēmi Rolleston
Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler and Cr Rod Taylor

Abstain Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

LOST

The substantive motion was put to the meeting:**RESOLUTION CO/25/24/8**

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "City Centre Parking - Short Term Incentive Options".
- (b) Requests Staff to proceed with:
 - (v) Implementation of an initial 20-minute free period through changing the provided no-payment grace time
 - (vi) Installation of additional 'P5' loading bays and mobility spaces, including business and accessibility sector engagement on appropriate locations
 - (vii) Report back on options for parking validation including potential models, costs, and benefits.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 5 hours:23 minutes

11.5 Transport Resolutions Report No.57

Staff Shawn Geard, Manager: Transport Systems Operations
Mike Seabourne, Head of Transport

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/9

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Transport Resolutions Report No.57".
- (b) Resolves to adopt the proposed traffic and parking controls associated with general safety, operational or amenity purposes as outlined in Appendix A, Attachments 7.1 7.2, 7.7, 7.9 ,7.11, 7.16 and 7.23. The changes are to become effective on or after the 16 September 2025 subject to installation of appropriate signs and road markings, where appropriate.

CARRIED

At 2.59pm the meeting adjourned.

At 3.05pm the meeting reconvened.

Timestamp: 5 hours: 36 minutes

11.6 Tauranga Eastern Link Tolling Submission

Staff Andrew Mead, Head of City Planning & Growth
Christine Jones, General Manager, Strategy, Partnerships & Growth

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/10

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Tauranga Eastern Link Tolling Submission".
- (b) Retrospectively approves Tauranga City Council's 'Tauranga Eastern Link Tolling' submission.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Hēmi Rolleston Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler and Cr Rod Taylor

Against: Cr Steve Morris

CARRIED

Timestamp 5 hours:45 minutes

11.7 Fees and Charges Review: Confirmation of scope

Staff Holly Riddell, Corporate Planner
Christine Jones, General Manager, Strategy, Partnerships & Growth

Action

- That staff provide Councillors with information on the review of certain fees and charges that will be a focus for the financial year 2026/27, for the purposes of discussing with constituents.

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/11

Moved: Cr Kevin Schuler

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Fees and Charges Review: Confirmation of scope".
- (b) Confirms the review of the following user fees and charges will be a focus for the 2026/27 financial year:
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Use of Council Land
 - Cemetery and Crematorium
 - Libraries
 - Baycourt
 - Animal Services
 - Alcohol Licensing
 - Trade Waste
 - Building Services.
 - Cost recovery for illegal dumping
 - Boat ramp parking
 - Overweight vehicle permits
 - Section 224 sign-off inspections

CARRIED

Timestamp: 5 hours 53 minutes

11.8 Status update on actions from prior Council meetings

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

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/12

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

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

CARRIED

12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Resolution to exclude the public

RESOLUTION CO/25/24/13

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 3.25 pm.

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 - Asset Realisation Reserve - Disposal of Surplus Properties	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

Confidential Attachment 2 - 11.8 - Status update on actions from prior Council meetings	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
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CARRIED

The meeting resumed in open from 3.56 pm.

14 CLOSING KARAKIA

Deputy Mayor Scoular led the Council in a karakia to close the meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.58pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 7 October 2025.

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Mayor Mahé Drysdale
CHAIR