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**Ordinary Council meeting
Tuesday, 3 March 2026**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, L1, 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

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), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Community Services), Craig Rice (Chief Operating & Financial Officer), Jeremy Boase (Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate Resilience), Shawn Geard (Manager: Transport System), Jane Barnett (Policy Analyst), Vicky Grant-Ussher (Policy Analyst), Oscar Glossop (Team Leader: Animal Services), Clare Sullivan (Senior Governance Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor),

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 3 March 2026 on the [Council's YouTube channel](#)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker opened the meeting with a karakia.

Presentation to staff member

The Mayor made a presentation to Lance Barlow from the City Waters Wastewater Treatment Plant team on the occasion of his 40 years of service to Tauranga City Council. The Mayor noted that Mr Barlow had played a critical role in keeping the treatment plants and pump stations operating safely, efficiently and reliably at a time when the network had more than doubled in size. He also noted the positive influence Lance had on the wider City Waters team.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Jessica Walker from the SPCA will address their submission on the Draft Street Use & Public Places Bylaw

- Jessica represented SPCA in a national capacity as National Science Manager. She advised that SPCA urged Council to consider introducing clear restrictions on the use of fireworks in public places and in streets. Introducing restrictions would be an important step in addressing community concerns including nuisance, public safety, and fire risk.

- She noted that other councils had implemented a similar approaches. For example, Auckland Council prohibited the setting off of fireworks in public places without written approval.
- SPCA acknowledged that Council could not control the private use of fireworks on private property. She suggested that Tauranga could lead by example and by introducing stronger protections
- SPCA supported the continued use of controlled continued use of notified public displays, but remained concerned about the unregulated private use of fireworks, noting the significant safety and welfare issues that these posed.
- Jessical noted that fireworks regulation was a national issue. SPCA submitted on three petitions presented to parliament, advocating at a national level for a ban on the private sale and use of fireworks.

3.2 Hayden Duncan from Bower Real Estate will address their submission on the Draft Street Use and Public Places Bylaw

- Did not attend.

3.3 Residents from Nautilus Apartments

- Did not attend.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Nil

10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil

11 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 17 minutes

11.1 Street Use and Public Places Bylaw 2026 Deliberations

Staff Sarah Omundsen, General Manager: Regulatory & Community Services
Jane Barnett, Policy Analyst
Shawn Geard, Manager: Transport System

RESOLUTION CO/26/3/1

Moved: Cr Steve Morris
Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Street Use and Public Places Bylaw 2026 Deliberations".
- (b) Approves the following amendments to the draft Street Use and Public Places Bylaw:
 - (i) a maximum size requirement of 1200mm high x 800mm wide for real estate signs
 - (ii) open home and auction signs may only be displayed on the day of the open home or auction.
- (c) Resolves, in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 that the proposed Street Use and Public Places Bylaw (**Attachment One**):
 - (i) is the most appropriate way to help protect the community from public nuisance and offensive behaviour, protect public health and safety, and protect council-controlled public places and the environment from misuse
 - (ii) is the most appropriate form of the bylaw
 - (iii) is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, noting that any implications are considered reasonable and demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society as they are necessary to protect public safety, amenity and the rights of others using public places.
- (d) Adopts the final Street Use and Public Places Bylaw 2026, to come into force on 1 July 2026.
- (e) Authorises the General Manager: Regulatory and Community Services to make any necessary minor final edits to the Street Use and Public Places Bylaw 2026, prior to publication.
- (f) Directs staff to prepare a draft amendment to the bylaw to prohibit fireworks in all Council owned and or controlled public places.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 40 minutes

11.2 Draft Dog Management Bylaw and Policy and Keeping of Animals Bylaw for Adoption for Consultation.

Staff Sarah Omundsen, General Manager Regulatory & Community Services

Vicky Grant Ussher, Policy Analyst
 Oscar Glossop, Team Leader: Animal Services

RESOLUTION CO/26/3/2

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom
 Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Draft Dog Management Bylaw and Policy and Keeping of Animals Bylaw for adoption for consultation."
- (b) Agrees to the following approaches to be included in the draft Bylaws, Policy and Statement of Proposal for public consultation:

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| (i) | Issue 1 - Waterfront Area | Option A - Limit the leash restricted area to 1 Dive Crescent (the northern waterfront park entrance) to the base of the Matapihi bridge. |
| (ii) | Issue 2 – Shark Alley boundaries | Option B - Add dog restrictions to Shark Alley and encompass the adjacent dunes, grassed area, boardwalk and greenspace up to the kerb of Marine Parade opposite 31 Marine Parade |
| (iii) | Issue 3 – areas fenced for accessibility and inclusion | Option C - Prohibit dogs from specified fenced public places – fenced area, as well as tailored rules for exit, entry and transit specific to each space. |
| (iv) | Issue 4 – beach accessways | Option A – Require dogs to be on leash through designated beach accessways. |
| (v) | Issue 5 – Bee Regulation | Option B - Remove the specific bee provision and instead use the new general powers clause where this is necessary to manage bee issues. |

- (c) Agrees to adopt for consultation the attached draft Dog Management Bylaw (Attachment 1) and Policy (Attachment 2) and draft Keeping of Animals Bylaw (Attachment 3) and Statement of Proposal (Attachment 4).
- (d) Resolves, in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 (Attachment 5) that the draft Dog Management Bylaw and draft Keeping of Animals Bylaw:
 - (i) are the most appropriate ways to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally from dogs, and to protect public health and safety and minimise nuisance from the keeping of animals
 - (ii) are the most appropriate forms of the bylaw
 - (iii) are not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, noting that any implications are considered reasonable and demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society as they are necessary to protect public safety, amenity and the rights of others using public places.
- (e) Delegate to the General Manager: Regulatory and Community Services authority to make any amendments necessary to give effect to decisions in recommendation (b) and any minor or typographic changes required prior to public consultation.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 1 hour and 7 minutes

11.3 Elected Members' Expenses and Resources policy - Home Security Allowance

Staff Jeremy Boase, Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate Resilience

RESOLUTION CO/26/3/3

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Elected Members' Expenses and Resources policy - home security allowance".
- (b) Adopts the draft revised Elected Members' Expenses and Resources policy, incorporating the addition of the home security section. (**Attachment 1**).
- (c) Approves retrospective reimbursement of any home security eligible under the Elected Members Expenses and Resources Policy which was installed from 1 July 2025, being the date the Local Government Elected Members (2025/26) Determination 2025 came into force, where all requirements of the Policy have been met except for a security threat and risk assessment being authorised prior to the installation. The security threat and risk assessment must still be completed and conclude that a security system is needed for reimbursement to occur.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 1 hour and 8 minutes

11.4 Status update on actions from prior Council meetings

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

RESOLUTION CO/26/3/4

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Status update on actions from prior Council meetings".
- (b) **Attachment 2** is to remain in the public excluded section to maintain the privacy of natural persons (as per s7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987).

CARRIED

12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Resolution to exclude the public

RESOLUTION CO/26/3/5

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 10.49am.

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 |
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| 13.1 - CCO Board appointments - Bay Venues Limited and Te Manawataki o Te Papa Limited | 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 |
| 13.2 - University of Waikato MoU and Student Accommodation | 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 | 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 - Special litigation report | s6(a) - The making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons 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 s7(2)(f)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of Council members, officers, employees, and | 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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| | <p>persons from improper pressure or harassment</p> <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>Confidential Attachment 2 - 11.4 - Status update on actions from prior Council meetings</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> |

CARRIED

14 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 1.30pm on Thursday 26 March.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 April 2026.