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**Ordinary Council meeting
Tuesday, 2 June 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, 2 JUNE 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), Reneke van Soest (General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure), Gareth Green (Head of Mayoral Office), Craig Rice (Online) (COFO), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Community Services), Sarah Holmes (Team Leader: Governance & CCO Support Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor).

EXTERNAL: Ms Jan Gyngé, Ms Kim Raubenheimer, Mr Jim Merson, Ms Rosie Stevenson, Mr Dave Lathan, Ms Tracey Robins, Ms Kiri Randal, Mr Oliver Marriner, Mr Mark Blackham, Ms Matire Duncan, Mr Puhirake Ihaka and Ms Kura Martin.

Timestamps are included at the start of each item and signal where the agenda item can be found in the recording of the Council meeting held on 2 June 2026 at [Tauranga City Council YouTube Channel](#).

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hēmi Rolleston paid respects to Sir Hirini Moko-Mead and opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Timestamp: 4 minutes and 50 seconds

3.1 Mrs Jan Gyenges - Speaking to Agenda Items 11.1, 11.2, 11.5

Key Points

- Mrs Gyenges stated that Tauranga was the only community without confirmed Māori ward representation for future elections and strongly objected to the Mayor's request to defer decisions. She outlined that legislation required Council to decide by November 2026 and potentially hold a referendum by March 2027. She argued Council had not undertaken

sufficient public consultation prior to the Mayor's letter and questioned process integrity.

- She noted a Tangata Whenua Committee recommendation (moved by Whitiora McLeod, seconded by Councillor Hautapu Baker) to retain the Māori ward and advocate for deferral to 2028.
- The Mayor clarified the letter followed discussion with Ministers and was linked to wider representation reform (Head Start), noting that if reforms did not proceed, Council would need to comply with legislation and hold a referendum.

Timestamp: 13 minutes and 50 seconds

3.2 Ms Kim Raubenheimer and Mr Jim Merson - Speaking to Real Estate Signs

Key Points

- Noted the scale of signage stock and significant cost impacts of size changes, stating businesses owned large inventories.
- Ms Raubenheimer proposed adopting a flexible maximum (e.g., 2.2m²) rather than fixed dimensions, referencing Auckland City Council's bylaws.
- Mr Merson added that commercial properties required larger signage due to visibility and space constraints.

Timestamp: 22 minutes and 40 seconds

3.3 Ms Rosie Stevenson-Ford - Speaking to Real Estate Signs

Key Points

- Ms Stevenson-Ford supported previous presenters, highlighting cost impacts, reuse of materials, and inconsistencies with national standards.
- She reiterated preference for a 2.2m² standard and noted current sizes already align closely across providers.

Timestamp: 26 minutes

3.4 Mr Dave Lathan and Ms Tracey Robins - Speaking to Real Estate Signs

Mr Dave Lathan - Key Points

- Mr Lathan felt that the bylaw consultation process did not comply with Local Government Act Section 82, citing lack of engagement and low submission numbers. He stated industry bodies were not consulted and challenged the safety justification for size restrictions.
- He highlighted environmental impacts (non-recyclable waste) and estimated over \$1M cost to the industry. He requested withdrawal of the provisions and fresh consultation.

Ms Tracey Robins - Key Points

- Ms Robins stated smaller signage reduced visibility and could negatively impact property sales. She distinguished temporary real estate signage from permanent commercial signage and questioned the rationale for applying similar restrictions.
- She highlighted costs of replacing hundreds of signs and questioned whether complaints came from the public or competing agents.

Timestamp: 41 minutes and 30 seconds

3.5 Ms Kiri Randal and Mr Oliver Marriner – Submitter 2026/27 Fees and Charges – Funeral Homes**Key Points**

- Ms Randal outlined concerns about cemetery and cremation fees and lack of prior engagement. She stated reduced cremation fees would not significantly change behaviour as families compare total costs.
- She highlighted increasing burial costs and affordability challenges, noting families face financial strain. She explained funeral homes carry financial risk due to delayed estate payments and requested reconsideration of payment terms and administrative pricing.

Actions Requested:

That staff:

- Share modelling and cost information with funeral homes and work with them to review payment terms for cemetery and cremation services.
- Seek customer feedback from funeral homes regarding their working relationship with the cemetery.
- Establish a closer working relationship between Council and funeral homes to improve future engagement and decision-making.

3.6 Mr Mark Blackham - Submitter - Natural Burials

Did not attend.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

The following item was proposed for consideration at the meeting – Public Release of Attachment One to “Interim Mitigation Options to Reduce Impact on Adams Ave” report of the 26 May 2026 Council meeting.

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

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/1

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council:

- (a) Accepts the Late Item “Public Release of Attachment One to “Interim Mitigation Options to Reduce Impact on Adams Ave” report of the 26 May 2026 Council meeting.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Timestamp: 58 minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 May 2026

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/2

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

13.1 Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 May 2026

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/3

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the following corrections:

- (b) Correct a typo error for ‘decision’,
- (c) Remove multiple references to absence when members have left a meeting.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Nil

10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Mayor acknowledged the following recipients of the King's Birthday Honours.

New Zealand Order of Merit

Dr Mark Robert Fraundorfer (MNZM) – Mount Maunganui (Tauranga)
Services to health, particularly men's health

Ms Janice Kuka (MNZM) – Tauranga
Services to Māori health – who over the past 40 years has demonstrated commitment and leadership to Māori health and wellbeing.

Community & service honours

King's Service Medal

Mrs Kathleen Margaret "Kathy" Webb (KSM) – Tauranga

Services to the community – awarded a Kings Service Medal

Over 4 decades – Strengthening many volunteer networks across the City – one of her greatest achievements was co-founding Social Link in 2012 – which still today plays a crucial role connecting people and community groups across the Western Bay.

Mr Ian John Blunt – of Ōmokoroa (KSM)

Services to Fire & Emergency NZ and the community - awarded a Kings Service Medal

Russell George Lowe (ONZM) – Te Puke

Services to horticulture and the kiwifruit industry – notably awarded for his significant kiwifruit innovation which has transformed the global market and ensured the survival of the industry in New Zealand

Kings Service Order

Honourable Paul Davison KC – awarded to be a companion of the **Kings Service Order (KSO)**

11 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 1 hour and 6 minutes

11.1 Independent survey of the community

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

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/4

Moved: Cr Kevin Schuler

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Independent survey of the community".

CARRIED

At 10.59am the meeting adjourned.

At 11:12am the meeting resumed in open.

Timestamp: 1 hour and 42 minutes

11.2 Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 at June 2026

Staff Craig Rice, Chief Operating & Financial Officer
 Kathryn Sharplin, Head of Finance
 Tracy Hughes, Manager: Organisational Financial Performance and Corporate Planning
 Susan Braid, Finance Lead Capital Performance and Community Investment

Actions Requested:

That staff:

- Report back to Council with options for incorporating priority stormwater projects (including Daris Road and two in Welcome Bay) into the FY27 capital programme prior to annual plan sign-off.
- Report back in relation to the 2026-27 capital programme, and that a workshop is set to review value for money achievements and opportunities of 3 (or so) infrastructure projects over \$20m (excluding TMoTP and PEI) with the intention of making capital savings for 2026-27 without reducing delivery or scope.
- Provide demonstration at an infrastructure project level of what value for money achievements and or process change have been made since this Council was elected in 2024.
- Provide the quarterly financial reporting including the vacancy rate to date actuals and

anticipated remainder of the year compared to the turn factor in the draft Annual Plan.

The motion was taken in parts.

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/5

Moved: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 at June 2026".

CARRIED

That the Council:

- (b) Approves to be incorporated in the Annual Plan for adoption on 23 June 2026:

- (i) The Annual Plan 2026/27 financials including a rates requirement (excluding water by meter) of \$351 million, which is an increase of 7.4% after growth, with reduction coming from reduced funding of depreciation on Ōtūmoetai Pool to correct an over-estimate of Bay Venues Limited's proposed depreciation rate on that aquatic facility.

For: Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

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

EQUAL

The Mayor exercised his casting vote and voted against.

The motion was **lost**.

That the Council:

- (b) Approves to be incorporated in the Annual Plan for adoption on 23 June 2026:
 - (ii) the revised capital programme from **Attachment 3** of \$432m.

CARRIED

That the Council:

- (b) Approves to be incorporated in the Annual Plan for adoption on 23 June 2026:
 - (iii) a revised water-by-meter revenue increase assumption of 10.5%

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

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

CARRIED 6/4

That the Council:

- (c) Notes additional carry forward budget requirements for capital projects of

approximately \$18m are anticipated, which would bring the total capital programme for the year to \$450m.

- (d) Notes the financials do not meet the balanced budget requirement which the Local Government Funding Agency has included as a condition of its bespoke covenant with TCC (which includes growth interest but excludes development contribution revenue).
- (e) Notes Council will need to explain to the Board of Local Government Funding Agency the reasons this condition is not met.

CARRIED

That the Council:

- (f) Notes that the Sunday closures of Ōtūmoetai pool (\$26,000) and Papamoa library (\$50,648) and Greerton library (\$64,088) deliver rates savings of \$140,736 per annum, and directs staff to identify alternative operational savings of an equivalent amount, to allow them to remain open on Sunday.

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

Against: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler

CARRIED 7/3

That the Council:

- (g) Notes that Council would like to see greater reduction in Tauranga City Council running costs and during the 2026-27 year, Tauranga City Council will undertake reviews to identify further savings and efficiency changes across all activities; including to bring total personnel (including consultants) costs down, and plan and initiate actions to manage the \$9m stranded overheads.

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

Against: Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler

CARRIED 7/3

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/6

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

- (b) Approves to be incorporated in the Annual Plan for adoption on 23 June 2026:
 - (i) the Annual Plan 2026/27 Financials including a rates requirement of \$351m, excluding water by meter, which is an increase of 7.5% after growth of 0.5%.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 11.2 PowerPoint Presentation

At 12.46pm the meeting adjourned.

At 1.15pm the meeting resumed in open.

Timestamp: 3 hours and 48 minutes

11.5 Te Awanui Māori ward

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

External Puhirake Ihaka, Matire Duncan, Kura Martin

Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Ms Matire Duncan and Ms Kura Martin

Key Points

- Ms Duncan, representing Te Rangapū and the Tangata Whenua TCC Committee, presented a detailed case to the Council supporting the retention of the Te Awanui Māori Ward and advocated for a binding public referendum.
- Outlined Te Rangapū's position in favour of retaining the Te Awanui Māori Ward and proceeding with a binding referendum (option 1B), and emphasised that this approach upheld democratic principles, allowed the community to decide, and demonstrated Council leadership. The presentation highlighted the benefits of direct Māori representation, improved civic participation, and alignment with Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Ms Duncan critiqued option 1A (Council abolishing the Māori Ward) as undermining community input and damaging to Council and Tangata Whenua relationships, and option 1C (community survey) as an unnecessary delay that could create confusion and additional costs without substantive benefit, given the statutory requirement for a referendum.
- Ms Duncan noted that a letter had been sent to the Minister requesting deferral of the referendum to coincide with the 2028 election, which would provide more time for engagement and education efforts. The importance of clear communication and adequate preparation time was emphasised to ensure effective participation.

In response to questions

- Ms Duncan confirmed that Te Rangapū was developing a campaign strategy to increase civic participation among Māori and the wider community and recommended that Council co-design a civic education and engagement plan with Tangata Whenua to explain the purpose of the Māori Ward, correct misinformation, and encourage participation prior to any poll.
- Ms Duncan and colleagues discussed the prevalence of misunderstandings and misrepresentations regarding Māori wards, underscoring the need for targeted education to clarify the role and benefits of the ward and to address misinformation in the community.

MOTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Te Awanui Māori ward".

Te Awanui Māori ward

- (b) Approves
 - (ii) Option 1B: Hold a binding poll on whether to retain the Te Awanui Māori ward.

Timing of referendum

- (c) Approves
 - (ii) Option 2B: Hold the binding poll as late as possible (before 28 March 2027).
- (d) Notes while the above decisions are made in accordance with the Local Electoral Act, it is Council's preference that the legislation is amended such that if Tauranga City Council is approved to proceed as part of a Head Start reform process, a binding poll with regards to the current Tauranga City Council area is not legislatively required. This is in recognition that a poll will have no impact while costing the ratepayer significant expense. Any poll would be undertaken as part of a future representation arrangements discussions and decision process as part of the Head Start reorganisation.

At 1:58pm the meeting adjourned.

At 2:12pm the meeting resumed in open.

An amendment was proposed:

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

- (e) Supports the recommendation of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana to develop and implement a civic engagement and participation campaign with Te Rangapū to increase civic consciousness and understanding about the Māori Ward, subject to a meaningful poll requirement.

CARRIED

The substantive motion was taken in parts.

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/7

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Te Awanui Māori ward".

Timing of referendum

- (c) Approves Option 2B: Hold the binding poll as late as possible (before 28 March 2027).
- (e) Supports the recommendation of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana to develop and implement a civic engagement and participation campaign with Te Rangapū to increase civic consciousness and understanding about the Māori Ward,

subject to a meaningful poll requirement.

Abstained: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

CARRIED

Te Awanui Māori ward

- (b) Approves Option 1B: Hold a binding poll on whether to retain the Te Awanui Māori ward.
- (d) Notes while the above decisions are made in accordance with the Local Electoral Act, it is Council's preference that the legislation is amended such that if Tauranga City Council is approved to proceed as part of a Head Start reform process, a binding poll with regards to the current Tauranga City Council area is not legislatively required. This is in recognition that a poll will have no impact while costing the ratepayer significant expense. Any poll would be undertaken as part of a future representation arrangements discussions and decision process as part of the Head Start reorganisation.

For: Mayor Mahē Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Scoular, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Rick Curach

Against: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Abstained: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

CARRIED 8/1

Attachments

- 1 11.5 presentation Māori ward decisions 2 June

Timestamp: 5 hours and 14 minutes

11.3 Development Contributions Policy 2026/27 - consultation feedback and deliberations

Staff Andrew Mead, Head of City Planning & Growth

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/8

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Development Contributions Policy 2026/27 - consultation feedback and deliberations".
- (b) Approves the responses to external submissions received on the draft Development Contributions Policy 2026/27 (Attachment 1)
- (c) Notes that some minor corrections have been made to the Development Contributions Policy since it was notified for consultation and that these will be included in the final Policy for Council adoption.

- (d) Notes that the proposed final Development Contributions Policy 2026/27 will be reported to Council in June 2026 for consideration and approval.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 5 hours and 21 minutes

11.9 Remuneration for Tangata Whenua Appointed to Council Standing Committees and Water Organisation Joint Committee

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

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/9

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Remuneration for Tangata Whenua Appointed to Council Standing Committees and Water Organisation Joint Committee".
- (b) Approves remuneration for the Tangata Whenua representatives on the City Future Committee, the City Delivery Committee, the Audit and Risk Committee and the Water Organisation Joint Committee (Water Organisation Joint Committee subject to support by Western Bay of Plenty District Council) at \$1,118 per full day and \$559 per half day of meeting hours, effective from 2 June 2026.

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

Against: Cr Glen Crowther

CARRIED 9/1

At 3.30pm the meeting adjourned.

At 3:45pm the meeting resumed.

EXTENSION OF MEETING TIME

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/10

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council meeting extends past six hours.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 6 hours and 15 minutes

11.8 Temporary Road Closure Report for Events 2026 - 2027

Staff Shawn Geard, Manager: Transport System Operations

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/11

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Temporary Road Closure Report for Events 2026 - 2027".
- (b) Pursuant to Clause 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, approves the temporary closure of the roads listed in Attachment A to ordinary vehicular traffic, on the dates and during the times specified, to facilitate the safe and effective delivery of the events identified.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 6 hours and 16 minutes

11.4 User Fees and Charges 2026/27 - Hearings, Deliberations and Adoption

Staff Josh Logan, Team Leader: Policy & Corporate Planning
Ross Hudson, Manager: Strategic Planning and Partnerships, Spaces and Places
Amy Taylor, Team Leader: Planning
Reneke van Soest, General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure

The Motion was taken in parts

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/12

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That Council:

- (a) Receives the report "User Fees and Charges 2026/27 - Hearings, Deliberations and Adoption".
- (b) Receives the verbal submissions from those submitters that wish to speak to their submission.
- (c) Receives the written submissions on the Draft User Fees and Charges 2026/27 (**Attachment 1**).
- (d) Confirms the following approach to the User Fees and Charges 2026/27 schedule as a result of feedback from consultation and staff suggested changes:

Non-resident burial fee

- (i) Option 1: Remove non-resident burial fee

Display sign waiver

- (iii) Option 1: Retain status quo
- (e) Adopts the User Fees and Charges 2026/27 with amendments from resolution (e) contained in **Attachment 2**.
- (f) Approves Council's response to submissions relating to User Fees and Charges 2026/27 (**Attachment 1**).
- (g) Authorises the Chief Operations and Finance Officer to approve the final wording of the user fees and charges schedule with amendments from resolution (e) and responses to submitters before publication.

CARRIED

That the Council:

- (d) Confirms the following approach to the User Fees and Charges 2026/27 schedule as a result of feedback from consultation and staff suggested changes:

Cemetery and cremation fees

- (ii) Option 1: Retain proposed fees at full cost recovery

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

Against: Cr Steve Morris, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Glen Crowther

CARRIED 7/3

Timestamp: 6 hours and 44 minutes

11.6 Draft Amendment to the Street Use and Public Places Bylaw 2026

Staff Jane Barnett, Policy Analyst
Sarah Omundsen, General Manager: Regulatory & Community Services

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/13

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Draft Amendment to the Street Use and Public Places Bylaw 2026".
- (b) Approves the draft amendments to the Street Use and Public Places Bylaw 2026 (**Attachment One**) and associated Statement of Proposal (**Attachment Two**) for community consultation which proposes to:
 - (i) prohibit the lighting of fireworks in all public places owned, managed, maintained or controlled by Tauranga City Council without approval and
- (c) Agrees to consult on options for real estate sign dimensions up to 2.2 metres squared and resolves that the size limits adopted on 3 March 2026 will not come into force on 1 July 2026 until a further Council decision is made following consultation.

- (d) Resolves, in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, that the proposed draft amendments:
 - (i) are the most appropriate way to address public safety, nuisance, animal welfare and environmental risk associated with fireworks in council controlled public places;
 - (ii) are the most appropriate form of bylaw to address those risks; and
 - (iii) are not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, noting that any limitations are reasonable and demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society (**Attachment Three**).
- (e) Delegates the General Manager: Regulatory and Community Services to approve the final wording of the bylaw amendments and Statement of Proposal (as per Council direction) prior to consultation.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 7 hours and 6 minutes

11.7 Review of Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Transport Committee Terms of Reference

Staff Shawn Geard, Manager: Transport System Operations

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/14

Moved: Cr Rick Curach
Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Review of Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Transport Committee Terms of Reference".
- (b) Endorses changes to the Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Transport Committee Terms of Reference as attached, including:
 - (i) Changing the frequency of meetings to quarterly (or as required).
 - (ii) Increasing the Western Bay of Plenty District Council representation from one member to two, plus an alternate.
 - (iii) Amending the name of the committee from 'Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Transport Committee' to the 'Western Bay of Plenty Transport Committee'
- (c) Notes that the Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Transport Committee may further review its Terms of Reference, and that any additional changes would require the approval of all three partner councils.
- (d) Agrees that the Transport Systems Plan representative may be changed based on Transport Systems Plan Executive Steering Group (ESG) nomination, if supported by the Committee and approved by resolution of the Council acting as the administrative agent for the Committee.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 7 hours and 12 minutes

11.10 Status updates on actions from prior Council meetings**Staff** Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth**Actions Requested:**

- That staff come back to the Annual Plan with updated figures for savings targets

RESOLUTION CO/26/9/15

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Status updates on actions from prior Council meetings".
- (b) Attachment 2 is to remain in the public excluded section 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, and to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (as per s7(2)(b)(ii) and s7(2)(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987).

CARRIED

Timestamp: 7 hours and 18 minutes

11.11 Public Release of Attachment One to "Interim Mitigation Options to Reduce Impact on Adams Ave" report of the 26 May 2026 Council meeting.**Staff** Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth**RESOLUTION CO/26/9/16**

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Public Release of Attachment One to "Interim Mitigation Options to Reduce Impact on Adams Ave" report of the 26 May 2026 Council meeting"
- (b) Agrees to release to the public the public excluded Attachment 1 of the report.

CARRIED

12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

The late report item was discussed in the business part of the meeting.

13 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hēmi Rolleston closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 4:49pm.

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