



EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday 17 March 2026

Time: 12.45pm – 1.00pm (Election of Deputy Mayor)

Venue Large Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's YouTube page

Present **Chair:** Mayor McGrath

Members: Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Brownlie, Chrystal, Crown, Lawrence, Mawson, Morley, Price, Simpson, Isaac-Sharland, and Raihania

In Attendance Chief Executive (Louise Miller)
Executive Director Water Services (Russell Bond)
Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete)
Chief People Officer (Jill Coyle)
Communications, & Engagement Team Leader (Jessica Soutar-Barron)
Pou Whakarae, Director Māori Partnerships (Sam Hema)
Health and Safety Operations Manager (Andrew Wallace)
Governance Manager (Anna Eady)

Administration Governance Advisors (Carolyn Hunt and Jemma McDade)

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Karakia

The meeting opened with the Council karakia.

Apologies

Nil

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Announcements by the Mayor

Mayor McGrath advised that he had received and accepted a formal resignation from Roger Brownlie from the position of Deputy Mayor.

Announcements by the management

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

1. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Local Government Act 2002
<i>Document ID:</i>	1902338
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Anna Eady, Governance Manager

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

1.1 This report is to facilitate the election of a Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the 2025-2028 triennium, as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

At the meeting

The Governance Manager, Ms Eady spoke to the report and outlined the process to be undertaken for electing a Deputy Mayor. The meeting would need to determine the voting system to be used for the election, either System A or B.

System A – This system can have multiple rounds of voting and is most suited when there are multiple nominations; or

System B – There is only one round of voting. The successful candidate must receive a majority of votes. This system has been used predominantly in Hawke's Bay.

The meeting agreed to use Voting System B.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Councillors Lawrence / Isaac-Sharland

That Council:

- a. **Receives** the report titled Election of Deputy Mayor dated 17 March 2026.
- b. **Accepts** the resignation of Councillor Roger Brownlie from the position of Deputy Mayor, effective from 17 March 2026.
- c. **Notes** the Mayor has chosen not to use his power to appoint a Deputy Mayor under section 41A of the Local Government Act 2002.
- d. **Resolves** to use Voting System B for the election of the Deputy Mayor of Napier City Council, as set out in clause 25, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- e. **Resolves** that in the case of determination of Deputy Mayor by lot, if two candidates tie for the most votes under Voting System B, the method used shall be for the Governance Manager of Council to draw one name from a suitable container with the Chief Executive acting as scrutineer during this process. The candidate whose name remains in the container will be declared elected Deputy Mayor.

.Carried

Nominations for the Position of Deputy Mayor

The Chair, Mayor McGrath then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Taylor was nominated by Councillor Crown and seconded by Councillor Simpson.

Councillor Taylor accepted the nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor.

There being no further nominations and receiving a majority of votes in favour of the appointment, Councillor Taylor was declared Deputy Mayor for the remainder 2025-2028 triennium.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Councillors Crown / Simpson

That Council:

- f. **Declares** Councillor Taylor be duly elected as Deputy Mayor of Napier City Council, effective from 17 March 2026 for the remainder of the 2025-2028 triennium.

Carried

Councillor Taylor abstained from voting.

Councillor Taylor spoke to his appointment as Deputy Mayor, expressing gratitude for the support and trust shown by Council. He noted that the role was part of a team effort and emphasised the importance of all Councillors working together to achieve the best outcomes for the community and the district.

Minor matters

There were no minor matters to discuss.

The meeting closed with a karakia at 1.00pm

Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson

Date of approval