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Meeting Date	Item Number	Report Title	Decision
27 February 2024	26.7	Karama Expression of Interest Submission	<p>RESOLUTION ORD095/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled Karama Expression of Interest Submissions be received and noted. 2. THAT Council note that the proposal received from Top End Aboriginal & Islander Child Care Agency to lease 42 Kalymnos Drive met all assessment criteria to enter a Lease Agreement with City of Darwin. 3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate and enter into a Lease Agreement with Top End Aboriginal & Islander Child Care Agency at a peppercorn rental. 4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>. 5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open once a lease has been finalised between the parties. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 11/0</p>
26 March 2024	26.2	Provision of Auditing Services Contract	<p>RESOLUTION ORD071/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled Provision of Auditing Services Contract be received and noted.

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			<p>2. THAT Council appoint Merit Partners as City of Darwin's Auditor to audit the Financial Statements under contract 2023-050 Provision of Auditing Services.</p> <p>3. THAT Council fix the term of appointment to Merit Partners for a four-year term for the Financial Statements 2023/2024 to 2026/2027, with a further option to extend one financial year.</p> <p>4. THAT Council fix the basis of the auditors remuneration as a lump sum pricing of the Financial Statements in accordance with Merit Partners tendered submission.</p> <p>5. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>6. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open on notification of the Tender outcome to contractors.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 10/0</p>
26 March 2024	26.3	Parking Tender	<p>RESOLUTION ORD072/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard</p> <p>1. THAT the report entitled Parking Tender be received and noted.</p> <p>2. THAT Council approve to proceed with Scenario 4 as detailed in the report.</p> <p>3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into open once a communications campaign has commenced.</p>

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16 April 2024	28.1	Strategic and Priority Projects Plan 2030	<p>RESOLUTION ORD121/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled Strategic and Priority Projects Plan 2030 be received and noted. 2. THAT Council endorse the Draft Strategic and Priority Projects Plan 2030 at Attachment 1 to proceed to graphic design. 3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>. 4. THAT this decision be moved into Open once the final Priority Projects Plan 2030 document is adopted at a future meeting of Council. <p>CARRIED 10/0</p>
30 April 2024	28.6	Christmas Pageant	<p>RESOLUTION ORD154/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled Christmas Pageant be received and noted. 2. THAT Council approve the date of 16 November 2024 for the Darwin Christmas Pageant. 3. THAT Council approve that the Christmas Pageant is a partnership project with the Northern Territory Government through Activate Darwin.

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28 May 2024	28.1	Tripartite Agreement for the Darwin Entertainment Centre	<p>RESOLUTION ORD202/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris</p> <p>1. THAT the report entitled Tripartite Agreement for the Darwin Entertainment Centre be received and noted.</p> <p>2. THAT Council approve a new five-year Tripartite Funding Agreement, 2024/2025 to 2028/2029, with the Northern Territory Government and the Darwin Performing Arts Centre for the operation and annual programming of the Darwin Entertainment Centre.</p> <p>3. THAT Council approve the following amounts for City of Darwin's funding contribution for the Tripartite Funding Agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) \$680,000 per annum for operation and annual programming (ii) \$120,000 per annum for repairs maintenance contribution

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			<p>4. THAT Council approve the following conditions to be incorporated into new 5-year Tripartite Funding Agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Annual indexation for CPI, based on the December quarter, be applied to City of Darwin's funding contribution for operation and annual programming. (ii) City of Darwin retains the right to apply an efficiency adjustment (reduction), to its funding contribution in any year. <p>5. THAT Council note that the final conditions of the Tripartite Funding Agreement are subject to negotiations with the Northern Territory Government and the Darwin Performing Arts Centre.</p> <p>6. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to finalise and sign the new five-year tripartite agreement with the Northern Territory Government for the Darwin Entertainment Centre from 2024/25 to 2028/29.</p> <p>7. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>8. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the adoption of the 2024/25 Municipal Plan.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 9/0</p>
30 July 2024	27.1	Notice of Motion - Outdoor Advertising	<p>MOTION</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis</p> <p>1. THAT Council reconsider and endorse for City of Darwin officers to commence an expression of interest process for community and commercial advertising billboards on City of Darwin land.</p>

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			<p>3. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open when the expression of interest is launched.</p> <p><i>Councillor Morgan Rickard proposed an amendment and with the consent of the mover, the amendment was accepted.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION ORD303/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis</p> <p>1. THAT Council reconsider and endorse for City of Darwin officers to commence an expression of interest process for community and commercial digital advertising billboards on City of Darwin land and a report returned to Council.</p> <p>2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>3. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open when the expression of interest is launched.</p> <p><u>In Favour:</u> Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Vim Sharma, Kon Vatskalis and Sam Weston</p> <p><u>Against:</u> Members Kim Farrar, Sylvia Klonaris, Brian O'Gallagher, Morgan Rickard and Ed Smelt</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 6/5</p>
27 August 2024	30.3	Outgoing Correspondence - Heritage Council Northern Territory	<p>RESOLUTION ORD380/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer</p>

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled Outgoing Correspondence - Heritage Council Northern Territory be received and noted. 2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>. 3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision remains confidential unless Council decides otherwise by resolution. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 6/0</p>
5 November 2024	16.1	City of Darwin Annual Report 2023/24	<p>RESOLUTION SPE483/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled City of Darwin Annual Report 2023/24 be received and noted 2. THAT Council adopt the 2023/24 City of Darwin Annual Report, inclusive of the Audited Financial Statements for 2023/24. 3. THAT the 2023/24 City of Darwin Annual Report, be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government no later than 15 November 2024. 4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>. 5. THAT the report remains confidential and the decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting. 6. THAT the document be moved into Open after it has been delivered to the Minister. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 10/0</p>

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26 November 2024	28.6	Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space - Functional Return Brief	<p>RESOLUTION ORD545/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space - Functional Return Brief be received and noted. 2. THAT Council endorse the key design principles of the Functional Return Brief that will guide the design for the Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space as identified in the report entitled Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space - Functional Return Brief. 3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>. 4. THAT the documents remain confidential and the decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting. 5. THAT the report and Functional Return Brief be moved into Open once the Functional Return Brief is released as part of the design tender. <p><u>In Favour:</u> Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Kim Farrar, Sylvia Klonaris, Peter Pangquee, Ed Smelt, Rebecca Want de Rowe and Sam Weston</p> <p><u>Against:</u> Member Mick Palmer</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 7/1</p>
16 April 2024	28.3	Lyons Community Centre	<p>RESOLUTION ORD123/24</p> <p>Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled Lyons Community Centre be received and noted.

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			<p>2. THAT Council support entering into a peppercorn lease agreement with Gary Lang Dance Company NT for Lyons Community Centre for five (5) years with an option for a further five (5) years.</p> <p>3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate and finalise the lease conditions.</p> <p>4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open once a lease is finalised and executed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 10/0</p>
16 April 2024	29.2	Civic Centre Redevelopment Centre	<p>RESOLUTION ORD128/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard</p> <p>1. THAT the report entitled Civic Centre Redevelopment Update be received and noted.</p> <p>2. THAT Council note that as part of evaluating the Expression of Interest further reports will be provided to Council for advice and decision.</p> <p>3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the conclusion of the procurement process.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 10/0</p>

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13 August 2024	16.1	Civic Centre Redevelopment – Progress Update	<p>COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RCOC033/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled Civic Centre Redevelopment - Progress Update be received and noted. 2. THAT Council approve the progression of the Civic Centre Redevelopment procurement process, including scheduled activities and costs, up to the next milestone in October 2024. 3. THAT Council note that we are still within the current procurement process, Stage 2, which includes the commencement of the Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) process. 4. THAT Council note the cost estimation provided by the proponent of \$1,697,882, to achieve a schematic design by early October 2024, and note that they are seeking \$998,219 contribution from City of Darwin towards this amount. 5. THAT Council note the staff and community workplace health and safety environment concerns raised within this report. 6. THAT Council note the prior project scope decisions made by Council on the redevelopment of the Civic Centre, being the redevelopment footprint on current carpark land space, and the progression of a joint development with the proponent where Council retains at least 51%. 7. THAT Council note guidance provided by Elected Members at the workshop on 6 August 2024, for the preference and allocation of public space elements including the Library, Café Function Area, Governance Area and Entry and Car Parking as detailed in this report. 8. THAT Council endorse the allocation of 500 car spaces in the Civic Centre Redevelopment process to enable the process to continue for base build.

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			<p>9. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>10. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the conclusion of all project agreements relating to the Civic Centre Redevelopment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 8/</p>
13 August 2024	16.3	Civic Centre Redevelopment Update	<p>COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RCOC039/24</p> <p>Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe</p> <p>1. THAT the report entitled Civic Centre Redevelopment Update be received and noted.</p> <p>2. THAT Council note that the 2024/25 Municipal Plan includes \$14.1 million transfer from the Sale of Land Reserves for Civic Centre Redevelopment.</p> <p>3. THAT Council note that the 2024/25 Municipal Plan includes \$26 million transfer from the CBD Carparking Shortfall Reserves.</p> <p>4. THAT a further \$4 million be funded from the CBD Carparking Shortfall reserves for a total transfer of \$30 million.</p> <p>5. THAT Council seek ministerial approval to borrow \$30 million for the Civic Centre Redevelopment project.</p> <p>6. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to pursue and execute borrowing arrangements with financial institutions for the Civic Centre Redevelopment project in accordance with the Ministerial application upon approval.</p> <p>7. THAT the total amount to be borrowed is \$30 million.</p>

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			<p>8. THAT \$30 million proposed borrowings will be undertaken with a Major Australian Banking institution on a competitive basis for a term of 30 years and that the facility may be either fixed or variable dependent on the competitive terms offered on quotation.</p> <p>9. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>10. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open only after any external loan borrowings are executed and only after a decision has been made by any Government Agency on prospective or pending funding commitments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 10/0</p>
24 September 2024	29.2	Civic Centre Redevelopment Update	<p>RESOLUTION ORD422/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis</p> <p>1. THAT the report entitled Civic Centre Redevelopment Update be received and noted.</p> <p>2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the conclusion of all project agreements relating to the Civic Centre Redevelopment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 9/0</p>

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29 October 2024	29.3	Civic Centre Redevelopment Update	<p>RESOLUTION ORD472/24</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled Civic Centre Redevelopment Update be received and noted. 2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>. 3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the conclusion of all project agreements relating to the Civic Centre Redevelopment. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 9/0</p>