



# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 11 April 2023**

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY  
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON TUESDAY, 11 APRIL 2023 AT 5:30PM**

**PRESENT:**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Deputy Lord Mayor Kim Farrar  
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Councillor Brian O'Gallagher  
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Councillor Mick Palmer  
Councillor Peter Pangquee  
Councillor Morgan Rickard  
Councillor Amye Un  
Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

**OFFICERS:**

Simone Saunders (Chief Executive Officer)  
Matt Grassmayr (General Manager Community)  
Steve Thacker (General Manager Corporate)  
Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation)

**APOLOGY:**

Councillor Paul Arnold  
Councillor Ed Smelt

**NOT PRESENT:**

Councillor Vim Sharma

**GUESTS:**

Nil

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We the members of City of Darwin acknowledge that we are meeting on Larrakia Country.  
 We recognise and pay our respects to all Larrakia people, Traditional Owners and Custodian Elders of the past and present.  
 We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.  
 We are committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

**2 THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.  
 Amen.

**3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

**RESOLUTION ORD166/23**  
 Moved: Councillor Amye Un  
 Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer  
 The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.32 pm.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.0 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLUTION ORD167/23**  
 Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe  
 Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee  
 THAT the apology from Councillor Ed Smelt and Councillor Paul Arnold, be received.

**CARRIED 10/0**

#### 4.1 ABSENCE WITHOUT PERMISSION

**RESOLUTION ORD168/23**

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT is accordance with Section 47(1)(o) of the *Local Government Act 2019* Councillor Vim Sharma is absent from the meeting without permission.

**CARRIED 10/0**

#### 4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

#### 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

**RESOLUTION ORD169/23**

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for:

- Councillor Brian O'Gallagher for the period 23 April to 5 May 2023;
- Deputy Lord Mayor Kim Farrar for the period 18 May to 21 May 2023

**CARRIED 10/0**

#### 5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

##### 5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

##### 5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

**RESOLUTION ORD170/23**

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT Council note that the following member was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance at this Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 April 2023:

- Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**CARRIED 10/0**

**6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

**6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Nil

**6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF**

Nil

**7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION ORD171/23**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 March 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**8 MOVING OF ITEMS**

**8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

**8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN**

Nil

**8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

<p><b>26.2 STRATEGIC PROPERTY PLAN AND FRAMEWORK</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLUTION ORD184/23</b>                  Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard                  Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THAT the report entitled Strategic Property Plan and Framework be received and noted.</li> <li>2. THAT Council endorse the Strategic Property Plan at <b>Attachment 1</b>.</li> <li>3. THAT Council note that both documents are subject to further refinement as properties are reviewed and Strategic Property Plan actions are completed over time.</li> <li>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>.</li> <li>5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into open at the end of the meeting.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 10/0</b></p>
<p><b>27.1 PARKLETS UPDATE 2023</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLUTION ORD191/23</b>                  Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer                  Seconded: Councillor Amye Un</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THAT the report entitled Parklets Update 2023 be received and noted.</li> <li>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>.</li> <li>3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into open at the end of the meeting.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 9/0</b></p>

**9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

**10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**11 PETITIONS**

Nil

**12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

**13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**14 ACTION REPORTS**

**14.1 IMAGE MANAGEMENT AND CONSENT POLICY**

**RESOLUTION ORD172/23**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

1. THAT the report entitled Image Management and Consent Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Image Consent and Management Policy at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 10/0**

ITEM 14.1 - Administrative Change – FORM 1370.001.E.R – “*your image*”, replaced with “*image of your likeness*”

ITEM 14.1 Administrative Change – POLICY 1370.100.E.R – With Scope 2, an additional dot point added, “*Elected Members*”

**14.2 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

**RESOLUTION ORD173/23**

Moved: Councillor Brian O’Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Social Media Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Social Media Policy at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 10/0**



**14.3 REVIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD174/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Communications and Media Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Communications and Media Policy at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 10/0**

ITEM 14.3 Administrative Change – POLICY 1310.100.E.R – With Clause 3.2.2, dot point removed, “not reflect adversely on a decision of the Council”.

**14.4 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD175/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Community Engagement Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Community Engagement Policy at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council receive and note the Community Engagement Framework at **Attachment 2**.

**CARRIED 10/0****15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 DRAFT RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2023-2025****RESOLUTION ORD176/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Draft Reconciliation Action Plan 2023-2025 be received and noted

**CARRIED 10/0**

**16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****RESOLUTION ORD177/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

**16.18**

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher reported on attending the Citizenship Ceremony. It was an opportunity to express to the participants that we had three levels of Government, all united on welcoming them on taking on Australian Citizenships in the Northern Territory.

**16.2**

Councillor Amye Un attended the Kalyrnian Brotherhood Darwin Seniors Easter Lunch, it was amazing.

**16.3**

Deputy Lord Mayor Kim Farrar and Councillor Sylvia Klonaris also attended the Kalyrnian Brotherhood Darwin Seniors Easter Lunch. We gave out free tickets for prizes donated by the City of Darwin with four (4) seniors receiving vouchers. It was a hit.

**16.4**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris acknowledged attending the Senior Easter Lunch, and the question was asked if the City of Darwin could support or contribute towards the next senior lunch activity later in the year.

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis advised that they can apply for a community grant.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****17.1 CLICK AND FIX****RESOLUTION ORD178/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

**Question:**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris has had a request from a community member to access statistical information on Click and Flix. Can City of Darwin establish this on the platform to demonstrate how busy we are, and the type of work we are doing for the community?

**Answer:**

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis advised this is an operational domain, but as Councillors we can put in a motion for feedback.

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised Click and Fix does not have a visual platform / dashboard for the provision of this. As part of the IT infrastructure review the CRM system will have an enhanced environment, where all the data will be available in a transparent manner.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**17.2 EAST TIMOR | REQUEST FROM MEDIA****RESOLUTION ORD179/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

**Question:**

Councillor Amye Un asked about the Communication Policy in relation to a request by media in East Timor to make a follow up movie in Darwin.

**Answer:**

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis advised Councillor Amye Un to communicate with the Executive Manager Marketing, Communication and Engagement for advice.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**18 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**19 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 26 April 2023, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

**20 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act:

**26.1 Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Proposal for Development**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) and 51(d) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person and information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

**26.2 Strategic Property Plan and Framework**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

**26.3 City of Darwin Draft By-Laws 2023**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

**26.4 RV Opportunity**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**26.5 Glamping Opportunity**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**26.6 Expressions of Interest**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**27.1 Parklets Update 2023**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

**21.1 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**RESOLUTION ORD180/23**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6.02pm.

**CARRIED 10/0**

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 8.17pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 April 2023.**

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**CHAIR**