

# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 24 June 2025



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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, 24 JUNE 2025 AT 5:30PM**

**PRESENT:**

Deputy Lord Mayor Morgan Rickard (Chair)  
Councillor Kim Farrar  
Councillor Mirella Fejo  
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Councillor Mick Palmer  
Councillor Ed Smelt  
Councillor Amye Un  
Councillor Sam Weston

**OFFICERS**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr  
General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson  
General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

**APOLOGY:**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Councillor Peter Pangquee  
Councillor Vim Sharma  
Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

**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 ORD271/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:34 pm.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 APOLOGIES

### RESOLUTION ORD272/25

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the apology from Councillor Vim Sharma and Councillor Rebecca. Want de Rowe be received.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

### RESOLUTION ORD273/25

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT it be noted Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 27 May 2025 for the period 24 June 2025.
2. THAT it be noted Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 27 May 2025 for the period 24 June 2025.
3. THAT it be noted Councillor Peter Pangquee is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 27 May 2025 for the period 24 June 2025.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

## 5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

### 5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

#### RESOLUTION ORD274/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 95 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following Councillor(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Amye Un

**CARRIED 8/0**

### 5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

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

### **6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD275/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Ed Smelt, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.6 – Northern Territory Government Roadworks.

**CARRIED 8/0**

### **6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF**

Nil

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD276/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## **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****28.1 INTEGRATED ART AND DESIGN - NEW CIVIC CENTRE****RESOLUTION ORD310/25**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Integrated Art and Design - New Civic Centre be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$424,478 in 2025/2026 for the proposed Integrated Art and Design Program for the new Civic Centre, funded as follows:
  - (i) Transfer \$170,911 from the Public Art Reserve.
  - (ii) Early carry forward of \$133,567 from the 2024/25 Public Art Capital Program.
  - (iii) Allocation of the \$100,000 2025/2026 Public Art Capital Program to the proposal.
  - (iv) Allocation of \$20,000 of operational budget from the Creative Strategy.
3. THAT Council refer a further amount of \$300,000 to the 2026/27 budget process for continuation of the proposed Integrated Art and Design Program for the new Civic Centre.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**28.2 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE GRANTS 2025/26****RESOLUTION ORD311/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled Environment and Climate Change Grants 2025/26 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following projects for funding under the Environment and Climate Change Grants Program 2025/26:

Applicant	Project Description	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Darwin Community Arts	Free community workshops focused on climate resilience and natural disaster preparedness for the Darwin context.	\$6,432	\$6,432
Waste Energy Benefits Us	Expansion to waste separation and management efforts at Nightcliff Market, including volunteer-monitored bin stations, and a shredder and worm farm to process compostable packaging and organic waste at Lakeside Drive Community Garden.	\$17,314	\$9,679



Charles Darwin University	Research into Darwin's native climbing plants for incorporating into native and modified vegetation areas to enhance biodiversity and canopy cover.	\$17,110	\$15,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,856</b>	<b>\$31,111</b>

3. THAT Council approve out-of-round sponsorship of \$16,000 to Territory Native Plants and \$20,000 to Landcare NT for the projects detailed in this report.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 8/0**

### **28.3 UNCLAIMED MONEY POLICY**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD312/25**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Unclaimed Money Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the Unclaimed Money Policy at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision and the Attachment be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 8/0**

### **28.5 DARWIN CITY HOTEL PROPOSED DROP OFF ZONE - SHADFORTH LANE**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD314/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin City Hotel Proposed Drop Off Zone - Shadforth Lane be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the proposed drop off zone and awning over the road reserve adjoining Lot 2407 (59) Smith Street, Darwin, on Shadforth Lane with conditions as detailed in this report.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2), delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to finalise an agreement for the proposed building elements over the road reserve.
4. THAT Council approve the removal of two (2) on-street parking bays and four (4) motorcycle bays along Shadforth Lane.
5. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
6. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 8/0****29.1 GENERAL RATES IN ARREARS FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS****RESOLUTION ORD318/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled General Rates in Arrears For More Than Two Years 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 *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 8/0****29.2 CIVIC CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE****RESOLUTION ORD319/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Civic Centre Project 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 *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 8/0****29.3 PROGRAMMING UPDATE - COMMUNITY INCLUSION****RESOLUTION ORD320/25**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Programming Update - Community Inclusion 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 *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 7/1****29.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD321/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Advisory Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes 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 *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## **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**

### **13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - INSTALLATION OF FOOTPATHS WINNELLIE**

I, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 June 2025, I will move the following motion:-

#### **RESOLUTION ORD277/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT Council is seeking to enhance the connectivity of footpaths and bicycle lanes to better support pedestrians and cyclists under the movement strategy:
  - (a) to maintain and provide a network of footpaths and shared paths for the community that is safe, provides equal access, and is fit for purpose to encourage cycling and walking.
  - (b) to maintain and provide footpaths and shared paths to ensure safety, accessibility and connectivity of spaces and to improve access for people of all ages and abilities.
2. THAT Council endorses and refers the construction of footpaths and micromobility lanes on Bowen Street, Coonawarra Road and Benison Road, Winnellie to the 2026/2027 budget process.

**CARRIED 6/2**

## 14 ACTION REPORTS

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr tabled the Certificate of Assessment Record and the Record of Rates in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* at 5:52 pm.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Morgan Rickard accepted the document at 5:52 pm.

### 14.1 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2025/2026

#### RESOLUTION ORD278/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2025/2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Certificate in terms of Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, provided in Attachment 1, regarding Assessment Record and Record of Rates, be received and noted.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 227(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act), adopts the Unimproved Capital Value (as it appears on the valuation roll prepared and maintained under the Valuation of Land Act 1963) as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the Darwin Municipality.
4. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 237 of the Act, declares that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$79,224,044 which will be raised by the application of differential valuation-based charges ("differential rates") with differential minimum amounts ("minimum amounts") being payable in application of each of those differential rates.

For the purposes of this paragraph 3, a "separate part or unit" means a part of or a unit on an allotment that is adapted for separate occupation or use as described in section 226(5) of the Act, whether for residential, commercial or industrial purposes, and the expression "separate parts or units" has a corresponding meaning.

Council declares the following differential rates and minimum amounts payable in the application of those differential rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2026:

- (a) 0.590967% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned LR, RR, R or RL under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,388.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (b) 0.590967% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned LMR, MR or HR under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,458.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (c) 0.430488% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned CV under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,388.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (d) 0.80108% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned CB under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,758.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (e) 1.167664% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned PS or CN under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (f) 0.598411% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned OR under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$574.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (g) 0.590967% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned FD, SU, CP, CL, RD or U under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,458.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (h) 0.758356% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned C, or SC under the *NT Planning Scheme* other than those classes of allotments described in paragraphs (m) and (n) below, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (i) 0.586897% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned TC or HT under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (j) 0.551019% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned LI under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (k) 0.478602% of the assessed value of all rateable land (other than the small allotments identified in paragraph (l) below) within those parts of the municipality zoned GI or DV under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (l) Council considers the following classes of allotments within the municipality zoned GI to be a different class of allotments and small allotments for the purposes of section 226(3)(b) of the Act and the example given at the foot of that section:
  - (i) Units 1 to 3 and Units 5 to 98 comprised in Unit Plan No. 95/95;
  - (ii) Units 101 to 216 in Unit Plan 97/112;
  - (iii) Units 17 to 32 comprised in Unit Plan 98/32;
  - (iv) Lots 6244 to 6285 Hundred of Bagot; and
  - (v) Lots 6330 to 6336 Hundred of Bagot.Council considers that an inequity would result if the minimum amount declared in respect of rateable land within Zone GI were applied to these small allotments, and accordingly, Council declares a lesser minimum amount, being \$361.00, to be payable in respect of each of these small allotments.
- (m) 1.281162% of the assessed value of those classes of allotments within the municipality zoned C or SC under the *NT Planning Scheme* with a parcel area equal to or greater than 40,000m<sup>2</sup> and being allotments on which there is situated a major shopping centre, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (n) 0.758356% of the assessed value of those classes of allotments within the municipality zoned C or SC under the *NT Planning Scheme* with a parcel area less than 40,000m<sup>2</sup> and being allotments on which there is situated a major shopping centre, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (o) 0.590967% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within the municipality not otherwise described above, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,388.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.

5. Pursuant to Section 240 of the Act and Regulation 84 of the *Local Government (General)*

*Regulations 2021* (the **Regulations**) Council imposes the following municipal parking rate for land in Central Darwin as defined in Regulation 83 of the Regulations (the **Parking Rate**):

- (a) The amount to be raised by the imposition of the Parking Rate is \$1,149,324.
- (b) The Parking Rate is to be an amount of \$284.24 per parking space which will be calculated, assessed, levied and payable in accordance with the Regulations.
- (c) The parking usage schedule 2025/2026 has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 86 of the Regulations and has been notified on City of Darwin's Website and in the Northern Territory News on 2 June 2025 in accordance with Regulation 87 of the Regulations. A person may inspect the parking usage schedule free of charge.
- (d) An application for a review in relation to an entry in the parking usage schedule may be made in accordance with regulation 88 of the Regulations. An application for a review must be made no later than 1 July 2025.
- (e) The Parking Rate will be applied by Council to the trading fund established pursuant to Regulation 85 of the Regulations.

6. *Pursuant* to Section 239 of the Act, Council declares and imposes the following charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2026 for the purpose of enabling or assisting Council to meet the cost of the garbage collection and recycling collection services and the waste disposal services it provides for the benefit of residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land and declares that it intends to raise \$10,396,613 by the imposition of such charges:

- (a) A charge of \$364.37 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of kerbside garbage and recycling collection services and a waste disposal service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality other than a residential dwelling as described in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the Schedule below and the occupiers of such land.

The services are:

- (i) a kerbside garbage collection service of one visit per week with the collection of waste contained in a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per garbage collection visit; and
- (ii) a kerbside recycling collection service of one visit per fortnight with the recycled items contained in a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per recycling visit; and
- (iii) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time.

- (b) A charge of \$339.84 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of non kerbside (communal) garbage and recycling collection services and a waste disposal service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality where the number of residential dwellings (as the case may be) exceeds three (3).

The services to be provided by Council are as described in Part 1 of the Schedule below and in Parts 2 & 3 of the Schedule below where the facilities in and about the residential dwellings meet the requirements of the Council for the purposes of providing the services, and Council has not approved of an alternative regular garbage and recycling collection service.

- (c) For the purposes of this paragraph 0:
  - (i) "residential dwelling" means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self contained residential unit or building on residential land and includes a unit within

the meaning of the *Unit Titles Act* and the *Unit Title Schemes Act*;

- (ii) “residential land” means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling); and
- (iii) “Shoal Bay” means the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility located at Lot 3952 Town of Sanderson.

### **SCHEDULE**

### **CITY OF DARWIN**

### **GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES**

#### **PART 1 –**

#### **Communal Services for more than 3 residential dwellings**

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week,

with the collection of waste and recycled items contained in the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below; and

- (c) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 240 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 240 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER 240 LTR BINS
4	1	1	2
5-6	2	1	3
7-8	2	2	4
9-12	3	2	5
13-16	4	3	7
17-18	5	3	8
19-20	5	4	9
21-24	6	4	10
25-28	7	5	12
29-30	8	5	13
31-32	8	6	14
33-36	9	7	16
37-40	10	7	17
41-44	11	8	19
45-48	12	8	20



**PART 2 –****Communal Services for more than 12 residential dwellings which have facilities that meet the requirements of Council**

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week,

with the collection of waste and recycled items contained in the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below; and

- (c) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 1,100 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 240 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER MIXED BINS
13-16	1	3	4
17-18	2	3	5
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 1,100 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 1,100 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER 1,100 LTR BINS
19-24	2	1	3
25-32	2	2	4
33-48	3	2	5
49-64	4	3	7
65-71	5	3	8
72-80	5	4	9
81-96	6	4	10
97-112	7	5	12

**PART 3 –****Communal Services for more than 40 residential dwellings which have facilities that meet the requirements of Council**

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week

with the collection of waste and recycled items contained in the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below; and

- (c) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	3 CUBIC METRE GARBAGE BIN	RECYCLING BINS 1,100 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER MIXED BINS
41-48	1	2	3
49-50	1	3	4
51-71	2	3	5

7. The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 245 of the Act at the rate of 18.0% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

8. Rates and charges declared under this declaration may be paid by four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:-

- (a) First Instalment: 30 September 2025
- (b) Second Instalment: 30 November 2025
- (c) Third Instalment: 31 January 2026
- (d) Fourth Instalment: 31 March 2026

Instalments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.

9. Details of due dates and specified amounts will be listed on the relevant Rates Notice.

10. Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rates Notice.

A ratepayer who fails to abide by such conditions may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties, and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges. If rates are payable by the owner of the land and are not paid by the due date, they become a charge on the land to which they relate, except within an Aboriginal community living area. In addition, Council may apply to register its charge over the land and sell the land to recover unpaid rates and charges.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 14.2 ADOPTION OF 2025/26 MUNICIPAL PLAN

### RESOLUTION ORD279/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled adoption of 2025/26 Municipal Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the 2025/26 City of Darwin Municipal Plan, provided at **Attachment 1**, noting that it includes:
  - (a) City of Darwin's annual service delivery plan as the basis of deliverables to the Darwin municipality for 2025/26
  - (b) the 2025/26 Annual Budget to be effective from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.
3. THAT Council adopt the 2025/26 Fees and Charges as provided at **Attachment 2**, to be effective from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**14.3 3RD BUDGET REVIEW 2024/2025****RESOLUTION ORD280/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled 3rd Budget Review 2024/2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council amend the 2024/2025 budget in accordance with Part 10.5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, as detailed in report titled 3rd Budget Review 2024/2025 and associated attachments.

**CARRIED 8/0****14.4 SHADING NIGHTCLIFF FORESHORE****RESOLUTION ORD281/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Shading Nightcliff Foreshore be received and noted.
2. THAT Council refer an amount of \$1,275,000 to the 2026/27 Budget deliberations for the provision of artificial shade to assets along the Nightcliff foreshore as identified in the body of the report entitled Nightcliff Foreshore Shade Petition.
3. THAT Council refer an amount of \$42,500 to the 2026/27 Budget deliberations for the provision of tree planting along the Nightcliff foreshore as identified in the body of the report entitled Nightcliff Foreshore Shade Petition.

**CARRIED 8/0****14.5 REVIEW OF LAND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD282/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Morgan Rickard

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the revised Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy at **Attachment 2**.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 14.6 NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING COMMISSION - STRATEGIC PLANNING POLICY

### RESOLUTION ORD283/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Northern Territory Planning Commission - Strategic Planning Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Letter of Submission at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

### 15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 2025

#### RESOLUTION ORD284/25

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – May 2025 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

### 15.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

#### RESOLUTION ORD285/25

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the report entitled Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 16 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

**17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****RESOLUTION ORD286/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

**17.1**

Councillor Ed Smelt reported on attending the Bundilla Beach opening to mark completion of stage one of the Bundilla Beach coastal reserve Masterplan on Friday, 20 June. Noting the remarkable transformation of the area and the excellent turnout during the afternoon. After years of planning and development, it is exciting to see the successful completion of stage one, and look forward as the project moves through stages two to six.

**17.2**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris attended several community events over the past month, including the St. John Ambulance investiture and awards ceremony at Government House, the monthly Happy Families dinner in Malak hosted by CatholicCare NT and the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory, and the community planting day at East Point Reserve.

Together with Councillor Kim Farrar, they hosted a mobile pop-up at Robin Lesley Park to gather feedback during the 2025/2026 Municipal Plan consultation. Also attending the Sugarbag Festival Bloc Party in Austin Lane, celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community and sponsored by City of Darwin.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris attended the launch of the Darwin Festival at Deckchair Cinema, volunteered at the GlENti Festival, and travelled to Palmerston for a site visit to SWELL with the Palmerston Lord Mayor. Further, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris attended the Native Plant Giveaway at Mindil Beach and the opening of the Malak Community Markets.

**17.3**

Councillor Amye Un attended the native plant giveaway at Mindil Beach on 14 June and thanked City of Darwin officers for their organisation and support. Also attending the Bundilla Beach opening night, noting the positive feedback from attendees. Additionally, Councillor Amye Un attended the opening reception of the 10th World Archaeological Congress at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory on 22 June.

**17.4**

Councillor Kim Farrar reported on the Bundilla Beach opening event, thanking officers for their efforts in organising the event and completing the first stage of the Bundilla Beach Masterplan. Councillor Kim Farrar also attended the Indian Musical Extravaganza hosted by the Tamil Society of NT on 7 June at Harmony Hall in Malak, alongside Councillor Mirella Fejo. Both also attending the opening of the Malak community markets, with Councillor Kim Farrar encouraging Elected Members to attend the markets this season.

**17.5**

Deputy Lord Mayor Morgan Rickard attended the Darwin Symphony Orchestra's One Hit Wonders concert at the Darwin Amphitheatre, as well as the Garrmalang Retrospective on 21 June at the Darwin Entertainment Centre, marking the 10th anniversary of the Garrmalang Festival. In their capacity as Deputy Lord Mayor, they also hosted two citizenship ceremonies.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****18.1 NICHOLS STREET CARPARK****RESOLUTION ORD287/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Mick Palmer asked why many of the reserved parking bays in the Nichols Street carpark appear to remain unused during the day, and whether City of Darwin could consider making them available to the public if not in regular use.

**Response**

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy responded and took the question on notice.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**18.2 PUBLIC PARKING PARAP MARKETS****RESOLUTION ORD288/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Sam Weston queried whether the parking spaces reserved for police vehicles near the Parap Markets could be reallocated for public use, given the closure of the Parap Police Station.

**Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr advised Councillor Weston to send his request via email to Councillor Support to be triaged to the technical services team for consideration.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**18.3 WATERS WARD COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY****RESOLUTION ORD289/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired if any community planting days are planned for the Waters Ward, particularly within the greenbelt areas.

**Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr confirmed that community planting days are scheduled in the coming year for the Waters Ward greenbelt areas, as part of the 2030 Greening Darwin Strategy. The exact locations and scope of the planting days are yet to be determined.

**CARRIED 8/0**

THAT at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 July 2025, Resolution ORD354/25, Council resolved an administrative amendment on item 18.3 – Waters Ward Community Planting Day, to incorporate the wording ‘2025/26 greening program.’

#### **18.4 PARKING IN DISABLED PARKING SPACES**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD290/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

##### **Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether City of Darwin could issue a public announcement through social media to remind residents of the legal consequences of parking in disabled bays without displaying a valid permit. Further, could officers compile a list of permit holders within each ward for Elected Members to review.

##### **Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr confirmed that public communication can be shared on City of Darwin website and social media channels. However, compiling a list of disability parking permit holders issued by City of Darwin alone would not provide be a complete list, as they are also issued by other municipal councils across the Northern Territory and Australia. The information would be incomplete, given that many permit holders reside outside the municipality but visit the area.

**CARRIED 8/0**

#### **18.5 NAKARA OVAL**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD291/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

##### **Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether City of Darwin officers will consider placing some disabled parking bays at Nakara Oval.

##### **Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer Matt Grassmayr advised that when officers assess car parking designs for new buildings or upgrades to existing ones, disabled parking spaces are typically placed close to key amenities.

**CARRIED 8/0**

THAT at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 July 2025, Resolution ORD354/25, Council resolved an administrative amendment on item 18.5 – Nakara Oval, to incorporate the wording ‘placing sufficient parking bays.’

**18.6 PRIVATE CARPARKS****RESOLUTION ORD292/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether City of Darwin parking rangers can issue fines in private car-parks.

**Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr responded and advised that in order for City of Darwin rangers to issue fines for private car-parks, there needs to be a signed agreement between City of Darwin and the landowners.

**CARRIED 8/0**

THAT at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 July 2025, Resolution ORD354/25, Council resolved an administrative amendment on item 18.6 – Private Carparks, to add the wording ‘for people parked in disabled parking bays.’

*Councillor Sam Weston departed the meeting at 6:36 pm.*

*Councillor Sam Weston re-joined the meeting at 6:37 pm.*

**18.7 BARKING DOG COMPLAINTS****RESOLUTION ORD293/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris requested clarification on the process for dealing with barking dog complaints. Further, does City of Darwin advocate for issuing barking collars.

**Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr advised that when a barking dog complaint is reported to City of Darwin, the process starts with consolidation of evidence. Rangers will attend the residence at a specified time, typically at the time of the alleged offence occurring. Evidence is required in the form of either a barking diary to log the dates and times of the offending or approval to install a monitoring device at the property. If there is a specific individual case, the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr advised Councillor Sylvia Klonaris to submit request via email to Councillor Support. City of Darwin does not advocate for or issue barking collars to residents.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**18.8 SHARPS CONTAINERS****RESOLUTION ORD294/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston



**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether City of Darwin collects and manages the disposal of sharps containers in public spaces. Further, will City of Darwin consider installing sharps containers in public parks, playgrounds and ovals in the municipality.

**Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr confirmed City of Darwin is responsible for the collection and disposal of sharps containers located in City of Darwin libraries and public amenities. This process is carried out in accordance with Work Health and Safety requirements. Also confirmed that sharps containers are available in all public amenity blocks within parks, playgrounds, and ovals managed by City of Darwin.

**CARRIED 8/0****18.9 WOOLWORTHS CARPARK****RESOLUTION ORD295/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Kim Farrar inquired whether City of Darwin rangers issue fines in the section of the Woolworths carpark adjacent to Searcy Street.

**Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr confirmed City of Darwin has a signed agreement with Woolworths authorising rangers to patrol the entire carpark and issue fines when necessary.

**CARRIED 8/0****18.10 REMOVAL OF FOOTPATHS****RESOLUTION ORD296/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Kim Farrar sought clarification on the decision-making process for the removal of footpaths within the municipality, following concerns raised by residents in the Malak area.

**Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr advised that the removal of old or non-compliant footpaths was carried out under the former obsolete footpath program. Since the program's discontinuation, footpath removal is now determined through a risk assessment process following requests from the community. Officers will inspect the reported area, and if the footpath shows signs of deterioration, trip hazards, serves no practical purpose or replacement is not financially viable, a decision may be made to remove it.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**18.11 AMENITIES IN DOG PARKS****RESOLUTION ORD297/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Amye Un requested if City of Darwin can provide dog waste bags and dispensers in dog parks and dog walking areas in the municipality.

**Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr advised City of Darwin already provides dog-waste bags and dispensers in dog parks and popular dog walking areas in the municipality.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**18.12 CITY OF DARWIN VEHICLE PARKING****RESOLUTION ORD298/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Amye Un inquired why City of Darwin vehicles are being parked at the Darwin Waterfront.

**Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer Matt Grassmayr advised City of Darwin has an agreement with the Waterfront Corporation for the use of paid parking spaces during the development of the new Civic Centre. These spaces are allocated for both City of Darwin and officers vehicles. City of Darwin has paid for the use of these spaces.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**18.13 CODE OF CONDUCT****RESOLUTION ORD299/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Amye Un requested clarification on the legal costs involved for a recent Code of Conduct dispute.

**Response**

Deputy Lord Mayor Morgan Rickard advised Councillor Un that as the question relates to confidential legal information, that the question be raised in the confidential section of the meeting as per regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations*.

**CARRIED 8/0****18.14 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY****RESOLUTION ORD300/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Ed Smelt inquired when the last City of Darwin community satisfaction survey was completed.

**Response**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr responded and took the question on notice to confirm the exact date.

**CARRIED 8/0****18.15 BAYFIELD PARK UPGRADES****RESOLUTION ORD301/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired about the current upgrades being undertaken at Bayfield Park in Malak. Additionally, how do officers determine which playgrounds receive shade cover and which do not.

**Response**

Executive Manager Infrastructure, Nik Kleine advised that the playground in Bayfield Park is being replaced following the asset renewal process as determined under City of Darwin's asset management policy. The works will include the replacement of play equipment, shade and softfall.

Under City of Darwin's Play Space Strategy, all playgrounds managed by City of Darwin are required to have shade. When playground equipment reaches the end of its life and is scheduled for replacement, a shade structure will be installed if one does not already exist. Council does not install new shade structures over aging playgrounds, as this would create a mismatch between the lifespan of the new shade structure and of the existing equipment.

**CARRIED 8/0****18.16 GREBE PARK UPGRADES****RESOLUTION ORD302/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris sought confirmation on when upgrades would be taking place at Grebe Park in Wulagi as the park does not currently have any shade structures.

**Response**

Executive Manager Infrastructure, Nik Kleine responded and took the question on notice.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**19 GENERAL BUSINESS****19.1 PARAP POOL ACCESSIBLE TOILETS****RESOLUTION ORD303/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

Councillor Mick Palmer provided Elected Members with a brief update on the use of accessible toilets at the Parap Pool. Councillor Mick Palmer noted that current usage appears to be minimal and confirmed that the existing accessible toilets will be adequate to accommodate users of the proposed Swimming NT training facility.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**19.2 FEDERAL FUNDING COMMITMENT****RESOLUTION ORD304/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

Councillor Kim Farrar informed Elected Members about a recent radio interview between Mr Luke Gosling MP and journalist Katie Woolf regarding federal funding commitments for the construction of a new childcare centre in Karama. Councillor Kim Farrar read a portion of the interview transcript in which Mr Gosling confirmed the federal government's commitment to fund the development of a new early childhood education centre in Karama.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**19.3 DARWIN FESTIVAL AND COMMUNITY BATTERIES UPDATE****RESOLUTION ORD305/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

General Manager Innovation Alice Percy provided two updates for Elected Members:

First, the proposed production of Roller Coaster, which was to be part of the 2025 Darwin Festival Program, will no longer proceed. As City of Darwin approved funds to sponsor the event, funds will be returned and reallocated to the out-of-round sponsorship budget.

Second, discussions are ongoing between City of Darwin and PowerWater regarding potential

sites for the installation of community batteries within the municipality. PowerWater informed officers, before proceeding with installation, they intend to conduct community-focused group sessions to better understand community needs and concerns and to help determine suitable locations. They have also indicated that additional time and funding are required before the project can progress. Further updates from PowerWater are expected toward the end of 2025.

**CARRIED 8/0**

#### **19.4 CLOSING THE GAP NATIONAL AGREEMENT**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD306/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

Deputy Lord Mayor Morgan Rickard acknowledged the release of the Coalition of Peaks' Independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Led Review of the Closing the Gap National Agreement, published on Friday, 20 June 2025. The Deputy Lord Mayor highlighted one of the key findings which states that local governments need to strengthen their commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Morgan Rickard commended City of Darwin for the commitments it has met under its Reconciliation Action Plan but encouraged Elected Members and officers to consider the recommendations and ensure all obligations are continued to be met under both the Reconciliation Action Plan and the National Closing the Gap Agreement.

Following this, Councillor Mirella Fejo expressed support for a review of the current Reconciliation Action Plan for City of Darwin, with a focus on strengthening cultural safety and reconsidering the re-establishment of the Reconciliation Action Plan working group.

**CARRIED 8/0**

#### **20 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 29 July 2025, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

#### **21 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the Local Government 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 2019*:

**28.1 Integrated Art and Design - New Civic Centre**

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.

**28.2 Environment and Climate Change Grants 2025/26**

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.

**28.3 Unclaimed Money Policy**

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.

**28.4 Disbursements - Persons Authorised**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iii) 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 prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

**28.5 Darwin City Hotel Proposed Drop Off Zone - Shadforth Lane**

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.

**28.6 Northern Territory Government Road Works**

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.

**28.7 Proposed Expression 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.

**28.8 Kerbside Collections and Recyclables Processing Review**

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.

#### **29.1 General Rates in Arrears For More Than Two Years**

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.

#### **29.2 Civic Centre Project Update**

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.

#### **29.3 Programming Update - Community Inclusion**

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.

#### **29.4 Advisory Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes**

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.

## **22      ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

### **RESOLUTION ORD307/25**

Moved:      Deputy Lord Mayor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 pm.

**CARRIED 8/0**

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 8:12 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 8:12 pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 July 2025.**

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**CHAIR**