

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 25 March 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, 25 MARCH 2025 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Kim Farrar
Councillor Mirella Fejo
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Morgan Rickard
Councillor Ed Smelt
Councillor Amye Un
Councillor Sam Weston

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders
General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr
General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson
General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

APOLOGY:

Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe
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

Councillor Ed Smelt was not present at the commencement of the meeting, however previously advised that he was an apology until 6.00pm.

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD103/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:32 pm.

CARRIED 10/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD104/25

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the apology from Councillor Vim Sharma be received.

CARRIED 10/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

RESOLUTION ORD105/25

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT it be noted Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 28 January 2025 for the period 4 March 2025 to 7 April 2025.

CARRIED 10/0

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

RESOLUTION ORD106/25

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis for the period 27 March 2025 to 17 April 2025.

CARRIED 10/0

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

RESOLUTION ORD107/25

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

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:

- Councillor Amye Un
- Councillor Kim Farrar
- Councillor Ed Smelt

CARRIED 10/0

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

RESOLUTION ORD108/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Sam Weston, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 29.1.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Amye Un, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 29.1.

CARRIED 10/0

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD109/25

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting and the Restricted Confidential Open Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 February 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/0

8 MOVING OF ITEMS

8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS

RESOLUTION ORD110/25

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

THAT item 14.7 - 2nd Budget Review 2024/2025 be considered as the last item of business.

CARRIED 10/0

8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**28.2 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER****RESOLUTION ORD140/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

1. THAT the report entitled Youth Advisory Committee Appointment of Member be received and noted.
2. THAT Council reappoint Lucy Tinapple to the Youth Advisory Committee for a two-year term from 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2027.
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 be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

28.3 2024/25 SPONSORSHIP VARIATION**MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

1. THAT the report entitled 2024/25 Sponsorship Variation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a variation to the sponsorship provided to the Darwin Festival under the 2024/25 Sponsorship Program, whereby \$30,000 cash will be provided for northern suburb activations and up to \$2,810 in-kind will be provided for venue hire.
3. THAT Council approve a variation to the sponsorship for The Array for replacing \$10,000 cash with in-kind support of \$10,800.
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.

AMENDMENT**RESOLUTION ORD141/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled 2024/25 Sponsorship Variation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a variation to the sponsorship provided to the Darwin Festival under the 2024/25 Sponsorship Program, whereby \$30,000 cash will be provided for northern suburb activations and up to \$2,810 in-kind will be provided for venue hire.
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 be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD142/25

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled 2024/25 Sponsorship Variation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a variation to the sponsorship for The Array for replacing \$10,000 cash with in-kind support of \$10,800.
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 be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD143/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled 2024/25 Sponsorship Variation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a variation to the sponsorship provided to the Darwin Festival under the 2024/25 Sponsorship Program, whereby \$30,000 cash will be provided for northern suburb activations and up to \$2,810 in-kind will be provided for venue hire subject to available budget funding.
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 9/2

RESOLUTION ORD144/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled 2024/25 Sponsorship Variation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a variation to the sponsorship provided to the Darwin Festival under the 2024/25 Sponsorship Program, whereby \$30,000 cash will be provided for northern suburb activations and up to \$2,810 in-kind will be provided for venue hire subject to available budget funding.
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 10/1**AMENDMENT****RESOLUTION ORD147/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled 2024/25 Sponsorship Variation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a variation to the sponsorship for The Array for replacing \$10,000 cash with in-kind support of \$10,000 to cover waiver for parking fees.
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 be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/2**RESOLUTION ORD148/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled 2024/25 Sponsorship Variation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a variation to the sponsorship for The Array for replacing \$10,000 cash with in-kind support of \$10,000 to cover waiver for parking fees.
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 be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/2**29.1 CODE OF CONDUCT PANEL SUMMARY OF DECISION****RESOLUTION ORD149/25**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments are not deemed confidential documents in accordance with Regulation 51(2)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.
3. THAT the decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0**29.2 UPDATE ON CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS****RESOLUTION ORD150/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Update on Code of Conduct Matters 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 11/0

29.3 LATM AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

RESOLUTION ORD151/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled LATM and Pedestrian Facilities 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 11/0

29.4 REVIEW OF SHARED PATH INTERSECTIONS AND SAFETY BARRIERS

RESOLUTION ORD152/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Shared Path Intersections and Safety Barriers 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 11/0

29.5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD153/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Advisory Committee and Risk Management and Audit 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 11/0**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

Nil

14 ACTION REPORTS**14.1 REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD111/25**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Investment Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Investment Policy 3301.100.E.R at **Attachment 2**

CARRIED 10/0**14.2 REVIEW OF TOURISM PROMOTION POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD112/25**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Tourism Promotion Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Tourism Promotion Policy 0013.100.E.R **Attachment 2**.

CARRIED 10/0

14.3 RELOCATION OF SMITH STREET ACCESSIBLE PARKING BAYS**RESOLUTION ORD113/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Relocation of Smith Street Accessible Parking Bays be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the relocation of the three Smith Street Accessible Parking Bays to Peel Street.

In Favour: Members Kim Farrar, Mirella Fejo, Sylvia Klonaris, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Morgan Rickard, Amye Un and Kon Vatskalis

Against: Members Jimmy Bouhoris and Sam Weston

CARRIED 8/2

AMENDMENT**RESOLUTION ORD114/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Relocation of Smith Street Accessible Parking Bays be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the relocation of the three Smith Street Accessible Parking Bays to Peel Street.
3. THAT Council investigate an additional Accessible Parking Bay on Knuckey Street and Edmunds Street with a report to Council.

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14.4 NOMINATION TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING COMMISSION**RESOLUTION ORD115/25**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination to the Northern Territory Planning Commission be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of the City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer for consideration by the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory to be the Local Government representative on the board of the Northern Territory Planning Commission.

CARRIED 10/0

14.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY CALL FOR MOTIONS

RESOLUTION ORD116/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

1. THAT the report entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Call for Motions be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 1 and 2 May 2025:

City of Darwin calls on LGANT to advocate for the Northern Territory Government to plan for recycling and advanced waste technology infrastructure, including waste to energy, at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility which is fundamental in processing aggregated wastes across the Territory and supporting regions diverting waste from landfill.

CARRIED 10/0

14.6 REVIEW OF ADVISORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD117/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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

CARRIED 10/0

14.7 2ND BUDGET REVIEW 2024/2025

RESOLUTION ORD118/25

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled 2nd 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 2nd Budget Review 2024/2025 and associated attachments.

CARRIED 10/0

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

Councillor Ed Smelt joined the meeting at 6:09 pm.

15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025**RESOLUTION ORD119/25**

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

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

CARRIED 11/0

15.2 ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES 2025/2026**RESOLUTION ORD120/25**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

THAT the report entitled Elected Member Allowances 2025/2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

15.3 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD121/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Advisory Committees and Risk Management and Audit Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

16 CORRESPONDENCE**16.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE - MEMBER FOR SOLOMON - ALGA FEDERAL ELECTION ADVOCACY****RESOLUTION ORD122/25**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the report entitled Outgoing Correspondence – Member for Solomon – ALGA Federal Election Advocacy be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD123/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on attending the Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony and Multicultural Women's Day Fashion Show on Saturday 22 March, at Harmony Hall in Malak. The event, organised by the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory, was part of Harmony Week celebrations. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris commended the vibrant and lively atmosphere, noting a full venue, a diverse selection of multicultural cuisine, and a stunning display of cultural fashion and traditional attire. It was truly a fantastic event for the community.

17.2

Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis reported on attending several Harmony Day events. On Wednesday 19 March, the 2025 Harmony Day reception at Parliament House, hosted by Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro, and the following day a Harmony Day event at Parliament House, hosted by Leader of the Opposition, Selena Uibo. Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis praised the impressive turnout at both events, highlighting the display of national dress and traditional dances that celebrated the multicultural spirit of Darwin.

On Sunday 23 March, Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis attended the 40th Annual International Food Fair at the Leanyer Buddhist Temple. Additionally, Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis conducted a special City of Darwin Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony on Friday 21 March. Notably, the Honourable Hugh Heggie, Administrator of the Northern Territory, attended the ceremony for the first time.

17.3

Councillor Amye Un reported on attending the Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony and Multicultural Women's Day Fashion show on Saturday 22 March at Harmony Hall in Malak along with Waters Ward Councillors Sylvia Klonaris, Kim Farrar and Mirella Fejo.

17.4

Councillor Kim Farrar also reported on attending the Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony and Multicultural Women's Day Fashion show on Saturday 22 March at Harmony Hall.

17.5

Councillor Mirella Fejo reported on attending the City of Darwin Harmony Day event held at the Malak Community Centre on Thursday 20 March 2025. Councillor Mirella Fejo commented on the impressive turnout, the wide variety of food available, and the abundance of activities for the children. Councillor Mirella Fejo expressed appreciation on the event, requesting that a thank you be extended to officers who attended and contributed on the day.

17.6

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris reported on attending the opening of Club Lime Gym at the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris expressed admiration for how well the

space was utilised and mentioned the positive feedback received from new members. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris also extended congratulations to officers for selecting a suitable and appropriate vendor for the space.

CARRIED 11/0

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

18.1 LITTLE MINDIL BEACH

RESOLUTION ORD124/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Question

Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer inquired about what actions City of Darwin has taken to address the maintenance of Little Mindil and the upkeep of the surrounding vegetation.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that the owners of Little Mindil have been issued a regulatory order to address the property's upkeep, with a deadline of 31 March 2025. Rangers visited the site on the morning of Tuesday 25 March 2025, and noted that no action had been taken by the owner to resolve the issue. Officers will now seek quotes for the necessary work to be carried out by an external contractor, should the owner fail to comply with the regulatory order. City of Darwin will pursue recovery of the maintenance costs from the owner.

CARRIED 11/0

18.2 SNAP SEND SOLVE

RESOLUTION ORD125/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris requested an update on the current number of active users of the Snap Send Solve app.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised the Snap Send Solve user data will be included in the Corporate Services Quarterly Report to be tabled at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

18.3 CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLUTION ORD126/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Question

Councillor Amye Un sought a response to correspondence sent regarding the request for an extension to the timeframe to appeal to a Code of Conduct matter.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised Councillor Amye Un that the correspondence in question was addressed to the Chief Executive Officer for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), with the Chief Executive Officer for City of Darwin in email copy only. Furthermore, Councillor Amye Un was advised the decision to grant such an extension lies with LGANT not City of Darwin.

CARRIED 11/0

18.4 OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

RESOLUTION ORD127/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris asked if an extension could be granted for the deadline to accept community feedback regarding the proposed advertising billboards at the corner of Gilruth Avenue and Gardens Road, noting that the feedback period officially closed on Friday 14 March 2025.

Furthermore, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris asked whether the request for community consultation had been shared on City of Darwin's social media pages. Additionally, inquiring if the Lord Mayor could mention the proposal during his radio and media commitments.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy responded and confirmed City of Darwin will still be accepting late feedback submissions until mid-April. Furthermore, informing Elected Members that a report on the community consultation will be presented at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

General Manager Innovation Alice Percy advised the letter requesting feedback was not shared on City of Darwin's social media pages. Advising officers followed the billboard communications plan which sought feedback from relevant stakeholders including nearby residents, businesses and user groups, not the wider Darwin community.

Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis reiterated that consultation was only sought from relevant stakeholders in the area most likely to be impacted.

CARRIED 11/0

18.6 MALAK MARKETS**RESOLUTION ORD128/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar inquired whether City of Darwin has been informed if the organisers of the Malak Community Markets will be continuing for another season

Response

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

CARRIED 11/0

18.7 OUTDOOR ADVERTISING**RESOLUTION ORD129/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Question

Councillor Ed Smelt requested confirmation on whether the Gardens Oval user groups and the Local Member of the Legislative Assembly for Fannie Bay, had been informed about the proposed advertising billboards and if any other consultation activities have been planned.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy responded noting letters had been sent to AFL Northern Territory and the Northern Territory Cricket to share with their respective clubs and teams.

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirming correspondence was sent to over 50 organisations known to use the current promotional banner site at Gardens Oval.

CARRIED 11/0

18.8 SMITH STREET MALL AND TAMARIND PARK**RESOLUTION ORD130/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Question

Councillor Amye Un inquired whether City of Darwin had any plans to re-invigorate the Smith Street Mall, citing low visitor numbers and struggling businesses. Additionally, queried why the public phone chargers have been removed from Tamarind Park.

Response

The Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis advised City of Darwin has implemented several initiatives to improve the visual aesthetic and attract visitors to the Smith Street Mall, such as art installations, information signage, music, lighting, and planter boxes. Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis noted, however, that City of Darwin does not directly address the issue of empty shops or reduced business hours, as those decisions are made by individual business or premise owners.

Regarding Tamarind Park, Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis advised the phone chargers were removed due to ongoing anti-social behaviour in the area.

CARRIED 11/0**18.9 SMITH STREET STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT****RESOLUTION ORD131/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Question

Councillor Sam Weston sought clarification on whether Smith Street would be closed during regular business hours as part of the Smith Street Streetscape Improvement project, set to begin at the end of the month.

Response

General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson took the question on notice.

CARRIED 11/0**19 GENERAL BUSINESS****19.1 PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION****RESOLUTION ORD132/25**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Councillor Ed Smelt advised Elected Members intention to bring a notice of motion to expand the community consultation process on the proposed advertising billboard location in The Gardens. Councillor Ed Smelt cited history of the process and his desire to see more community engagement on this issue as his reason for submitting the notice of motion.

CARRIED 11/0

19.2 SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION**RESOLUTION ORD133/25**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Councillor Morgan Rickard stated his support for Councillor Ed Smelt's forthcoming notice of motion.

CARRIED 11/0

19.3 GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY**RESOLUTION ORD134/25**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris wished the greek community of Darwin a happy Greek Independence Day, which is celebrated annually around the world on 25 March.

CARRIED 11/0

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 29 April 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 Karama Property 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.

28.2 Youth Advisory Committee Appointment of Member

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.

28.3 2024/25 Sponsorship Variation

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) 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 subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

29.1 Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(f) 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 subject to subregulation 51(2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

29.2 Update on Code of Conduct Matters

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(f) 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 subject to subregulation 51(2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

29.3 LATM and Pedestrian Facilities

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.

29.4 Review of Shared Path Intersections and Safety Barriers

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.

29.5 Advisory Committee and Risk Management and Audit 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 ORD135/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:32 pm.

CARRIED 11/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 8:14 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 8:14 pm.

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

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CHAIR