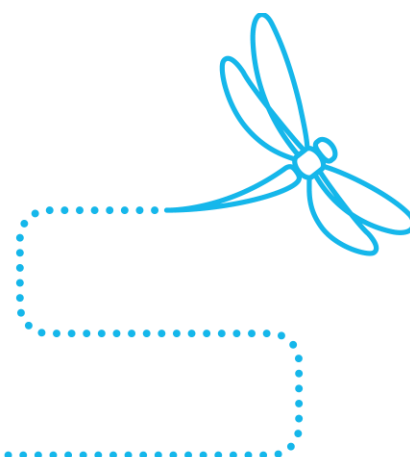


Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 25 November 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 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph
Councillor Nicole Brown
Councillor Shani Carson
Councillor Kim Farrar
Councillor Julie Fraser
Councillor Edwin Joseph
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Mick Palmer
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Ed Smelt
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 Jimmy Bouhoris

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 ORD523/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:36 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

RESOLUTION ORD524/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

THAT it be noted Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 28 October 2025 for the period 21 November 2025 to 1 December 2025.

CARRIED 12/0

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

RESOLUTION ORD525/25

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Edwin Joseph, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.2 – Community Grants Round 2 – 2025/26.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.2 – Community Grants Round 2 – 2025/26.

CARRIED 12/0

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD526/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 October 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 12/0

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 2026/2027 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION ORD564/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled 2026/2027 Budget Development be received and noted.
2. That Council endorse the Council Budget Timetable 2026/2027 provided at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council note the Draft Budget Assumptions 2026/2027 for the budget development provided at **Attachment 2**.
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 11/1

28.2 COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND 2 - 2025/26

RESOLUTION ORD565/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Community Grants Round 2 - 2025/26 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council approve the following six projects for funding in the Community Grants Round 2 - 2025/26 for a total of \$50 000.

Applicant	Activity	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Y Northern Territory	An eight-episode, youth-led video podcast capturing diverse Darwin voices. The project builds media skills, celebrates culture and launches with a free, fully accessible community screening.	\$10 000	\$10 000
St John Ambulance Australia NT Inc	Four custom-built medical response bags designed to fit securely in St John NT volunteer vehicles. These purpose-built bags provide consistent organisation, proper storage, and quick access to essential equipment during emergencies.	\$4 500	\$4 500
Foodbank SA – trading as Foodbank SA NT	Three pop-up events to promote the launch of a Mobile Food Hub (MFH) in Darwin, a grocery store on wheels providing free and discounted food to locals in need. 300 free referral vouchers will be distributed through partner charities.	\$7 500	\$7 500
Happy Yess	An event series that pairs First Nations performer/s with local performer/s to encourage collaboration, create audience diversity and gain maximum exposure for all artists. Young people will be mentored to work with the sound and lighting technicians to gain skills in live music production.	\$9 918	\$9 918
Tamil Association of the Northern Territory Inc	A celebration of the Tamil harvest festival that gives thanks for nature's bounty including traditional practices and demonstrations.	\$9 380	\$8 880
Indian Association of the Northern Territory Inc	A celebration of the Indian cultural event known as the Festival of Colours - a vibrant, inclusive, outdoor event that promotes cultural diversity, community engagement, and social cohesion.	\$10 000	\$9 202 + in kind venue
TOTAL			\$50 000

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 10/0

28.3	REQUEST FOR THIRD PARTY SIGNAGE - AKP HOLDINGS - LOT 3764 (90) ROSS SMITH AVENUE, FANNIE BAY
RESOLUTION ORD566/25 Moved: Councillor Sam Weston Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. THAT the report entitled Request for Third Party Signage - AKP Holdings - Lot 3764 (90) Ross Smith Avenue, Fannie Bay be received and noted.2. THAT Council does not endorse the proposal from AKP Holdings requesting for third party signage on private land in Fannie Bay provided 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 <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting. CARRIED 12/0	
29.1	DARWIN PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE UPDATE
RESOLUTION ORD568/25 Moved: Councillor Sam Weston Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. THAT the report entitled Darwin Performing Arts Centre Update be received and noted.2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting. CARRIED 12/0	
29.2	KERBSIDE COLLECTION AND RECYCLABLES PROCESSING UPDATE
RESOLUTION ORD569/25 Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. THAT the report entitled Kerbside Collection and Recyclables Processing Update be received and noted.2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting. CARRIED 12/0	
29.3	ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES
RESOLUTION ORD570/25	

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Advisory Committees 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 12/0

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

Councillor Shani Carson sought to raise a Lord Mayor Matter of Public Importance, which was not permitted in accordance with section 3.5 of City of Darwin's Meetings Policy. The chair advised the member to raise the matter during general business instead.

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMUNITY MEETINGS

I, Councillor Patrik Ralph, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 November 2025, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT Council support for Elected Members to arrange quarterly Community Meetings, rotating to one in each Ward per year, including:
 - (a) To be held within Council assets, where possible, up to a maximum of four meetings per year.
 - (b) That all Elected Members are encouraged to attend and participate.
 - (c) That specific dates and times are agreed and promulgated by Elected Members, with timings suitable for the community and Elected Members, considering other Council events and activities.
2. THAT Council note that further motions for, including but not limited to, additional subject

specific forums and/or initiatives can be brought forward in accordance with City of Darwin Meetings Policy.

3. THAT Council note that these Community Meetings are not official Council meetings, they are Elected Member constituent meetings and do not attract payment of any additional allowances.
4. THAT Council endorse for the additional costs for the hire of City of Darwin library or community centres, up to four meetings per year, be provided to Elected Members on a fee waiver basis.

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD527/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT Council support for Elected Members to arrange quarterly Community Meetings, rotating to one in each Ward per year, including:
 - (a) To be held within Council assets, where possible, up to a maximum of four meetings per year.
 - (b) That all Elected Members are encouraged to attend and participate.
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4. THAT Council endorse for the additional costs for the hire of City of Darwin library or community centres, up to four meetings per year, be provided to Elected Members on a fee waiver basis.
5. THAT Council support these meetings, publishing the schedule and posted on City of Darwin website and social media pages to encourage participation in the community.

CARRIED 11/1

RESOLUTION ORD528/25

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT Council support for Elected Members to arrange quarterly Community Meetings, rotating to one in each Ward per year, including:
 - (a) To be held within Council assets, where possible, up to a maximum of four meetings per year.
 - (b) That all Elected Members are encouraged to attend and participate.
 - (c) That specific dates and times are agreed and promulgated by Elected Members, with timings suitable for the community and Elected Members, considering other Council events and activities.
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4. THAT Council endorse for the additional costs for the hire of City of Darwin library or community centres, up to four meetings per year, be provided to Elected Members on a fee waiver basis.
5. THAT Council support these meetings, publishing the schedule and promoting on City of Darwin website and social media pages to encourage participation in the community.

CARRIED 12/0

14 ACTION REPORTS

14.1 1ST BUDGET REVIEW 2025/2026

RESOLUTION ORD529/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled 1st Budget Review 2025/2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council amend the 2025/2026 budget in accordance with Part 10.5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, as detailed in report titled 1st Budget Review 2025/2026 and associated attachments.

CARRIED 12/0

14.2 NOMINATION TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION ORD530/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination to the Northern Territory Place Names Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of Councillor Sylvia Klonaris to LGANT as the representative on the Northern Territory Place Names Committee.

CARRIED 12/0

14.3 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT TO THE LANDSCAPING PROVISIONS IN THE NT PLANNING SCHEME

RESOLUTION ORD531/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Planning Scheme Amendment to the Landscaping Provisions in the NT Planning Scheme be received and noted.

2. THAT endorse the draft submission to the Northern Territory Planning Commission provided at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 12/0

14.4 REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD532/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

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

CARRIED 12/0

14.5 DOMESTIC FAMILY VIOLENCE MEMORIAL PROPOSAL

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph

1. THAT the report entitled Domestic Family Violence Memorial Proposal be received and noted.
2. THAT Council support the proposal from Dawn House at **Attachment 1** subject to
 - i. Dawn House securing funding for this initiative
 - ii. Final design approval for artwork by City of Darwin
 - iii. Confirmation of appropriate safety, risk, traffic management and other requirements
3. THAT Council nominate _____ as the preferred location for this proposal.

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD533/25

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Domestic Family Violence Memorial Proposal be received and noted.
2. THAT Council support the proposal from Dawn House at **Attachment 1** subject to
 - i. Dawn House securing funding for this initiative
 - ii. Final design approval for artwork by City of Darwin
 - iii. Confirmation of appropriate safety, risk, traffic management and other requirements
3. THAT Council nominate Fannie Bay Foreshore and/or Sunset Park, Nightcliff Foreshore as the preferred location(s) for this proposal.

CARRIED 8/4

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD534/25

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Julie Fraser

1. THAT the report entitled Domestic Family Violence Memorial Proposal be received and noted.
2. THAT Council support the proposal from Dawn House at **Attachment 1** subject to
 - i. Dawn House securing funding for this initiative
 - ii. Final design approval for artwork by City of Darwin
 - iii. Confirmation of appropriate safety, risk, traffic management and other requirements
3. THAT Council nominate Fannie Bay Foreshore and/or Sunset Park, Nightcliff Foreshore as the preferred location(s) for this proposal, subject to approval from Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation.

CARRIED 12/0**RESOLUTION ORD535/25**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Julie Fraser

1. THAT the report entitled Domestic Family Violence Memorial Proposal be received and noted.
2. THAT Council support the proposal from Dawn House at **Attachment 1** subject to
 - i. Dawn House securing funding for this initiative
 - ii. Final design approval for artwork by City of Darwin
 - iii. Confirmation of appropriate safety, risk, traffic management and other requirements
3. THAT Council nominate Fannie Bay Foreshore and/or Sunset Park, Nightcliff Foreshore as the preferred location(s) for this proposal, subject to approval from Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation.

CARRIED 12/0**14.6 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE POOL HEATING****RESOLUTION ORD536/25**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Pool Heating be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse annual temperature control of the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre 50m pool to 28°C, for a four-month period each Dry-Season.
3. THAT the anticipated cost of \$10,000 for heating the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre 50m Pool in June 2026 be funded through existing pool operational budget.
4. THAT Council refer to the 2026/27 budget process ongoing operational budget of \$40,000 for annual seasonal heating of Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre 50m pool.
5. THAT Council refer to the 2026/27 budget process \$549,000 for the installation of additional solar PV and battery storage, and other energy efficiency measures at Casuarina Aquatic

and Leisure Centre.

CARRIED 12/0

14.7 FOOTBALL NORTHERN TERRITORY - BAGOT OVAL - REQUEST FOR FUNDING

RESOLUTION ORD537/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Football Northern Territory - Bagot Oval - Request for Funding be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve additional funding of \$9,204 to Football Northern Territory to complete the Bagot Oval change room project funded through the 2025/26 Sports Facilities Capital Projects Budget as outlined in the report.

CARRIED 12/0

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - OCTOBER 2025

RESOLUTION ORD538/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

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

CARRIED 12/0

15.2 INSTALLATION OF SHADE COVER IN GREBE PARK

RESOLUTION ORD539/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the report entitled Installation of Shade Cover in Grebe Park be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.3 MIRAWOOD ESTATE - PARK UPGRADE

RESOLUTION ORD540/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the report entitled Mirawood Estate - Park Upgrade be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.4 POLICY MANAGEMENT - 24TH COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE**RESOLUTION ORD541/25**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Policy Management - 24th Council Policy Review Schedule be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note the list of policies contained within the report which are scheduled for review and adoption at nominated meeting dates prior to 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 12/0

**15.5 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD542/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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

CARRIED 12/0

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD543/25**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Peter Pangquee reported on attending the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Annual General Meeting and conference held on the 18-19 November 2025. City of Darwin submitted a motion to LGANT to advocate for the Northern Territory Government to establish a centralised dog and cat registration. Although the motion was carried, there was a lot of debate on the matter due to the logistical challenges associated with implementing a centralised registration database across the remote communities.

17.2

Councillor Sam Weston reported on attending the LGANT Conference and Annual General Meeting and congratulated Councillor Peter Pangquee on his appointment as President to the LGANT Board.

CARRIED 12/0

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

18.1 SMITH STREET STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION ORD544/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar requested a list of the variations to the Smith Street Streetscape improvement project, with an explanation of the reasons for the variations.

Response

General Manager Natalie Williamson advised that the Monthly Financial Report has information on contractual variations. For additional information, Councillor Farrar was advised to send an email request to Councillor Support.

CARRIED 12/0

Councillor Sam Weston departed the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Councillor Kim Farrar departed the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Councillor Kim Farrar re-joined the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Councillor Sam Weston re-joined the meeting at 7:14 pm.

18.2 REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE FOOTPATHS

RESOLUTION ORD545/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris sought clarification on why City of Darwin continues to remove footpaths, following the decision by Council to suspend the obsolete footpath program at the 11 October 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting. Noting recent complaints by residents, who rely on footpaths to access their properties and inquired why removals are undertaken without consultation with residents or Elected Members.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that following the Council resolution to suspend the obsolete footpath program in 2022 and move to a risk based assessment model. Council subsequently resolved during the 2023/24 budget to rescind the program and redirect funding to the Capital Renewals for Footpaths budget.

Footpaths are now assessed solely on risk, with removals determined by serviceability and usability, and no formal removal program in place.

Once a footpath is assessed and approved for removal, nearby residents are notified in writing of the decision and its reasons. Elected Members are informed via the weekly 'Works Out in the Community' page on the Intranet. Copies of resident letters can also be provided through Councillor Support.

CARRIED 12/0

18.3 AUSTRALIA POST**RESOLUTION ORD546/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris stated Australia Post drives over newly seeded verges following a footpath removal and asked whether they received notification of works similar to residents.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr took the question on notice.

CARRIED 12/0

18.4 FLAME TREE IN WULAGI**RESOLUTION ORD547/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris requested confirmation on whether flame tree 00145 in Pitta Court, Wulagi, has been removed following property damage caused by a falling branch.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr confirmed that the tree has been removed.

CARRIED 12/0

18.5 WALKWAY 198**RESOLUTION ORD548/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired if the nighttime closure of walkway 198 in Kwinana Court, Karama, has been reinstated.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr took the question on notice.

CARRIED 12/0

18.6 BROKEN BENCH MALAK**RESOLUTION ORD549/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired if the bench reported broken in the greenbelt of Stapleton Court, Malak has been replaced.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr took the question on notice.

CARRIED 12/0

18.7 LETTER BOX DROP COSTING**RESOLUTION ORD550/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser requested information on how City of Darwin communicates upcoming works to residents without access to social media or the internet, and sought advice on the cost of a quarterly letterbox drop across the municipality.

Response

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised Councillor Fraser to email the query to Councillor Support.

CARRIED 12/0

18.8 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**RESOLUTION ORD551/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser requested information on behalf of a resident regarding a walkway recently upgraded with reflective lighting, noting that since installation the laneway has experienced increased anti-social behaviour, including rubbish and broken glass. Councillor Julie Fraser advised the resident to submit a Snap Send Solve request and sought further advice on the matter.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised Councillor Julie Fraser to email the query, along with details of the Snap Send Solve request, to Councillor Support.

CARRIED 12/0

18.9 WULAGI OVAL STORAGE SHED**RESOLUTION ORD552/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar inquired whether the new Wulagi Oval storage shed construction has been completed and the keys handed over.

Response

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

CARRIED 12/0

18.10 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING CORRESPONDENCE**RESOLUTION ORD553/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Shani Carson sought clarification on the types of correspondence appropriate for inclusion in Item 16 - Correspondence, at an Ordinary Council Meeting, and how people may submit correspondence to be tabled.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised that all correspondence that is submitted directly to City of Darwin via email, is registered in the internal records management system. However, any formal incoming and outgoing correspondence to and from City of Darwin will be tabled in the Correspondence section at an Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED 12/0

Councillor Mick Palmer departed the meeting at 7:26 pm.

18.11 FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE**RESOLUTION ORD554/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph sought clarification on what would be considered formal correspondence in an Ordinary Council Meeting

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised that formal correspondence includes matters requiring tabling at an Ordinary Council Meeting for Elected Members' consideration or noting.

CARRIED 11/0

18.12 NT SHELTER PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL**RESOLUTION ORD555/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether City of Darwin will formally invite the Chief Executive Officer of NT Shelter to present to Elected Members at the next Council Briefing.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised that if the presentation relates to a matter not currently being considered by Council, a Notice of Motion can be brought Council for consideration.

Lord Mayor Peter Styles advised Councillor Sylvia Klonaris that a meeting has been arranged with the Chief Executive Officer of NT Shelter to discuss specific issues, and that following the meeting the Lord Mayor will determine whether a presentation is necessary.

CARRIED 11/0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Mick Palmer re-joined the meeting at 7:29 pm.

19.1 POST-CYCLONE SUPPORT**RESOLUTION ORD556/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT Council recognises the incredible hard work of everyone involved in getting our community back on its feet after the impact of Cyclone Fina including local residents, City of Darwin staff, service providers and emergency services.
2. THAT Council requests the CEO to urgently provide advice on how we can support City of Darwin residents with household green waste removal, particularly for the most vulnerable members of our community.
3. THAT the Lord Mayor immediately advocates to the Northern Territory Government and Australian Government to seek emergency funding to support coordinated recovery efforts including household green waste removal.

CARRIED 12/0

19.2 SHOAL BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY**RESOLUTION ORD557/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Councillor Julie Fraser sought a brief update on why the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility (SBWMF) was closed to greenwaste following Cyclone Fina over the weekend.

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised residents were notified via media release, social media and website updates on Friday 21 November that the SBWMF would be closed to the public at 6pm on Friday until further notice. The facility remained closed to the public on Monday 24 November to prioritise disposal of putrescible waste through the regular kerbside collection and there was also to manage site safety constraints prior to opening. Green waste was redirected to an alternate site, with the Northern Territory Government establishing a disposal facility at Hidden Valley, which opened to the public on 24 November.

CARRIED 12/0

19.3 BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**RESOLUTION ORD558/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Peter Pangquee advised of his successful appointment as President of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Board, thanking Elected Members for their support, and expressed their intention to work with councils across the Northern Territory to advocate for local government and strengthen transparency between LGANT and the City of Darwin.

Further, Councillor Peter Pangquee congratulated Councillor Sam Weston on their appointment as LGANT Board Director – Municipal.

CARRIED 12/0

19.4 LORD MAYOR CONGRATULATIONS**RESOLUTION ORD559/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

On behalf of Elected Members of City of Darwin, Lord Mayor Peter Styles formally congratulated Councillor Peter Pangquee on his appointment as LGANT Board President.

CARRIED 12/0

19.5 POST-CYCLONE COMMUNICATIONS**RESOLUTION ORD560/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Shani Carson commended City of Darwin's clean-up efforts following Cyclone Fina but noted gaps in communication with Elected Members and the community around waste disposal, safety, and available support.

Councillor Shani Carson raised concerns about emergency communication protocols, escalation responsibilities, and briefing processes for Elected Members, highlighting discrepancies between City of Darwin's Greening Strategy and post-emergency green waste disposal. A report was requested outlining emergency communication protocols, briefing processes, and options for community support during severe weather events.

Lord Mayor Peter Styles advised Councillor Shani Carson that they will need to bring a Notice of Motion to Council if requesting a formal report.

CARRIED 12/0

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 2 December 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 the 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 2026/2027 Budget Development

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.

28.2 Community Grants Round 2 - 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 Request for Third Party Signage - AKP Holdings - Lot 3764 (90) Ross Smith Avenue, Fannie Bay

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 Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space Funding

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.

29.1 Darwin Performing Arts Centre Update

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.

29.2 Kerbside Collection and Recyclables Processing Update

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.

29.3 Advisory Committees 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 ORD561/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9:11 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 9:11 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 2 December 2025.

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CHAIR