



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 26 April 2023**

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2023 AT 5:30PM**

- PRESENT:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, Councillor Mick Palmer, Councillor Peter Pangquee, Councillor Ed Smelt, Councillor Amye Un
- OFFICERS:** Simone Saunders (Chief Executive Officer), Matt Grassmayr (General Manager Community), Steve Thacker (General Manager Corporate), Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation)
- APOLOGY:** Deputy Lord Mayor Kim Farrar, Councillor Paul Arnold, Councillor Vim Sharma, Councillor Morgan Rickard and Councillor Brian O’Gallagher
- NOT PRESENT:** 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 ORD198/23

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.32 pm.

CARRIED 7/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD199/23

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the apology from Deputy Lord Mayor Kim Farrar, Councillor Paul Arnold, Councillor Vim Sharma, Councillor Morgan Rickard and Councillor Brian O'Gallagher, be received.

CARRIED 7/0

4.2 ABSENCE WITHOUT PERMISSION

RESOLUTION ORD200/23

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT in accordance with Section 47(1)(o) of the *Local Government Act 2019* Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe is absent from the meeting without permission.

CARRIED 7/0

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

RESOLUTION ORD201/23

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

That a Leave of Absence be Requested for:

A. Councillor Paul Arnold from 24 April to 24 May 2023.

B. Councillor Vim Sharma from 26 April to 3 May 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

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

Nil

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD202/23
 Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
 Seconded: Councillor Amye Un
 That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 April 2023 be confirmed.
CARRIED 7/0

8 MOVING OF ITEMS

8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

26.3 SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN 2023-24

RESOLUTION ORD214/23
 Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
 Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled Sister Cities Action Plan 2023-24 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Sister Cities Action Plan 2023-24 and the initiatives put forward by the Sister City Advisory Committee.
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 7/0

26.5 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

RESOLUTION ORD216/23
 Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
 Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Youth Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of New Members be received and noted.

2. THAT Council appoint Xavier Steele, Vivek Wilson, and Lucy Tinapple to the Youth Advisory Committee from 27 April 2023 to 30 April 2025.
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 7/0

27.1 CYCLONE TRACY SUBMISSION

RESOLUTION ORD218/23

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled Cyclone Tracy Submission 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 7/0

27.3 CITY SAFE PATROLS QUARTERLY REPORT – JANUARY TO MARCH 2023

RESOLUTION ORD220/23

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled City Safe Patrols Quarterly Report – January to March 2023 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 7/0

27.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT: JANUARY - MARCH 2023

RESOLUTION ORD221/23

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled Corporate Services Report: January – March 2023 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 7/0

28.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - HERITAGE COUNCIL NORTHERN TERRITORY - PROPOSED HERITAGE SITE

RESOLUTION ORD222/23

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the Incoming Correspondence – Heritage Council Northern Territory – Proposed Heritage Site 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 7/0

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

Late Item 26.6 - Confidential for Legal Privileged Reasons

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS

11.1 Petition

Nil

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

12.1

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14 ACTION REPORTS**14.1 REVIEW OF UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD203/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

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

CARRIED 7/0**14.2 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE BACOLOD CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, PHILIPPINES****RESOLUTION ORD204/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Friendship City Proposal with the Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse for officers to pursue a Friendship City relationship with Bacolod City.

CARRIED 7/0**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - MARCH 2023****RESOLUTION ORD205/23**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – March 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0**15.2 ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES 2023/24****RESOLUTION ORD206/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Elected Member Allowances 2023/24 be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

15.3 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD207/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

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

CARRIED 7/0

16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD208/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

16.1

Councillor Ed Smelt reported on ANZAC dawn service. Excellent service, great job with a strong attendance. Thank you to Returned and Services League of Australia and City of Darwin staff for supporting the event.

16.2

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis attended ANZAC dawn service, ceremony and parade. Significant presence of Darwin people, and the parade was impressive with many armour vehicles and helicopters. ANZAC and similar parades will get bigger following the announcement from the Government with the release of the Defence White paper. The City of Darwin should seek a briefing from the Defence Forces about the impact on the city, when the support industry personnel come to Darwin?

16.3

Councillor Peter Pangquee attended the LGANT General Meeting in Alice Springs, and raised a motion for LGANT to co-ordinate a response to the recent remuneration changes, which was addressed by the remuneration committee which was also in attendance. Some of the issues identified were remote travel and the impact on meeting attendance, using personal vehicles and low fuel compensation. Councillor Peter Pangquee informed the elected members that the minutes for the LGANT General Meeting are available for distribution.

CARRIED 7/0

17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**RESOLUTION ORD209/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

Question:

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris has received multiple enquiries from residences about the greenbelt mowing schedule. There are concerns that the greenbelts are not being mowed regularly, with residences complaining about their dogs getting grass seeds, and the children not being able to play in the parks. Is there a set schedule while in transition and filling in vacancies?

Answer:

The Executive Manager of Community and Cultural Service, Angela O'Donnell took the question on notice and will follow up request for schedule.

CARRIED 7/0

18 GENERAL BUSINESS**18.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET - GUIDELINE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN REMAINS****RESOLUTION ORD210/23**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the Incoming Correspondence - Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet - Guideline for the Management of Human Remains be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 16 May 2023, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

26.1 Draft 2023/24 Municipal Plan

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

26.2 Christmas Pageant

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

26.3 Sister Cities Action Plan 2023-24

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

26.4 Precinct Management Authority

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

26.5 Youth Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of New Members

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.

27.1 Cyclone Tracy Submission

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

27.2 Council of Capital City Lord Mayors April City Pulse Quarterly Report

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.

27.3 City Safe Patrols Quarterly Report – January to March 2023

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on

balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

27.4 Corporate Services Report: January - March 2023

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(a) and 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 about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual and information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

28.1 Incoming Correspondence - Heritage Council Northern Territory - Proposed Heritage Site

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.

21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

CLOSURE OF MEETING

RESOLUTION ORD211/23

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 5.55pm.

CARRIED 7/0

That the open section of the meeting resumed at 7.52 pm

That the chair declared the meeting closed at 7.52 pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 May 2023.

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CHAIR