

# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 26 November 2024



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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, 26 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 5:30PM**

**PRESENT:**

Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston (Chair)  
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Councillor Kim Farrar  
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Councillor Mick Palmer  
Councillor Peter Pangquee  
Councillor Ed Smelt  
Councillor Amye Un  
Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

**OFFICERS**

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

**APOLOGY:**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Councillor Morgan Rickard  
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

*Due to technical issues Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe was not able to hear the meeting via electronic means and was unable to vote.*

## 3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

### RESOLUTION ORD506/24

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:33 pm.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 APOLOGIES

### RESOLUTION ORD507/24

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the apology from Councillor Morgan Rickard and Councillor Vim Sharma be received.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

### RESOLUTION ORD508/24

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT it be noted the Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 29 October 2024 for the period 14 November to 28 November 2024.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

## 5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

### 5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

#### RESOLUTION ORD509/24

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

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 Rebecca Want de Rowe

**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

Nil

### 6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### RESOLUTION ORD510/24

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 October 2024 and the Special Council Meeting held on 5 November 2024 and 12 November 2024 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 8/0**

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 October 2024 be confirmed subject to an administrative amendment on item 19.2 – Nightcliff Jetty, that City of Darwin officers send a request to Northern Territory Police as intended by Councillor Ed Smelt.

## 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 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CITY OF DARWIN AND HO CHI MINH CITY

### RESOLUTION ORD540/24

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Memorandum of Understanding for the Establishment of a Friendship City Relationship between City of Darwin and Ho Chi Minh City be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse for City of Darwin officers to send a letter on behalf of the Lord Mayor to the Chair of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, inviting them to attend the Darwin Fusion event in May 2025 and to sign the Memorandum of Understanding as per **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 be moved into Open at the

end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## **28.2 SWIMMING NORTHERN TERRITORY PROPOSED TRAINING FACILITY AT PARAP POOL**

### **RESOLUTION ORD541/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Swimming Northern Territory Proposed Training Facility at Parap Pool be received and noted.
2. THAT Council provide in-principle support for Swimming Northern Territory's proposal to construct a training facility at Parap Pool.
3. THAT a further report be presented to Council seeking final approval for the proposal, detailing:
  - (a) The outcomes of stakeholder and community engagement
  - (b) Funding confirmation
  - (c) Detailed design and technical specifications, including accessibility elements and service upgrades
  - (d) Financial planning for ongoing maintenance and renewal
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 COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND 2 - 2024/25**

### **RESOLUTION ORD542/24**

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Community Grants Round 2 - 2024/25 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following eight projects for funding in the Community Grants Round 2 2024/25 for a total of \$50 000.

Applicant	Activity	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Football NT	Refugee World Cup: annual event celebrated on Australia Day where over 1000 Darwin locals from diverse backgrounds and with diverse attributes come together to play football. Held at Marrara Football Stadium in January, free event.	\$8 985	\$6 860



Workforce Plus	Sensory Community Garden: will be an inclusive and accessible outdoor space designed for people with dementia and people with disability. Established at Equal Grounds Café in Winnellie by June.	\$3 000	\$3 000
Desexing Assistance and Community Support	Doggy Desexing Month: working with vet clinics across the NT to support the community to desex and microchip their much loved family dogs and cats in Karama, Malak and Moil, where there are identified animal management issues. March, with follow up in April.	\$10 000	\$10 000
Sugarbag Incorporated	Sugarbag Festival Block Party: free arts and culture all-ages event in May that activates Austin Lane, in the heart of Darwin City. It provides a platform for the community to come together and celebrate local talents. Part of the LGBTSBQIA+ led Sugarbag festival that celebrates diversity.	\$10 000	\$10 000
Sri Lankan Australian Friendship Association	Sri Lankan New Year Festival: community-driven cultural event in The Gardens aimed at celebrating the rich traditions of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year in April. The festival will include a range of free public events such as cultural games, religious rituals, and cultural celebrations, all designed to showcase Sri Lankan heritage while promoting inclusion and harmony across diverse communities in NT.	\$10 000	\$9 500
Indian Orthodox Church Darwin Inc	Reconciliation Family Fest: family meet and greet in Leanyer that builds on the free breakfast program for homeless people that the church has run for 3 years. It will include entertainment programs to enjoy from the minority community and reconciliation programs.	\$3 000	\$2 500
NTAHC	Eat, Indulge, Connect: A series of supported social events for women living with HIV to connect over a meal, that aims to address some of the unique challenges faced by this community. Held in Darwin city.	\$5 044	\$5 044
Variety the Children's Charity	Community Celebration 25 Years: held during June school holidays in Jingili Watergardens to celebrate 25 years of supporting teenagers with disabilities. The event will offer an	\$7 010 +\$240 in kind	\$3 096 +\$240 in kind

	afternoon of fun-filled activities such as art and craft, basketball, dance and music.		
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 8/0			
28.4 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER			
RESOLUTION ORD543/24			
Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris			
Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris			
1.	THAT the report entitled Youth Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of Member be received and noted.		
2.	THAT Council appoint Anais Henry-Martin to the Youth Advisory Committee for two years from 27 November 2024 to 30 November 2026		
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 8/0			
28.5 2024/25 SPONSORSHIP UPDATE			
RESOLUTION ORD544/24			
Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris			
Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer			
1.	THAT the report entitled 2024/25 Sponsorship Update be received and noted.		
2.	THAT Council approve a variation to the sponsorship provided to the Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network under the 2024/25 Sponsorship Program, whereby \$20,000 will be provided to the 12 <sup>th</sup> Aboriginal Economic Development Forum instead of the World Indigenous Business Forum 2025.		
3.	THAT Council approve an out-of-round sponsorship to Proper Creative for the Darwin Street Art Festival After Dark for \$20,000.		
4.	THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .		
5.	THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.		
CARRIED 8/0			
28.7 SMITH STREET GREENING - DELIVERY PHASE			
MOTION			
Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston			

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the report entitled Smith Street Greening - Delivery Phase be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Smith Street Greening project to be progressed to the delivery phase.
3. THAT Council approve the rainbow markings at the Knuckey Street intersection to be renewed and updated to the "Inclusive Progress Pride Flag".
4. THAT Council support an increased ongoing annual operational budget to be referred to budget deliberations for the 2025/26 Financial Year.
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.

## AMENDMENT

### RESOLUTION ORD549/24

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Smith Street Greening - Delivery Phase be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Smith Street Greening project to be progressed to the delivery phase.
3. THAT a report be returned to Council with further information on maintenance, ongoing costs and product for the Inclusive Progress Pride Flag.
4. THAT Council support an increased ongoing annual operational budget to be referred to budget deliberations for the 2025/26 Financial Year.
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.

**EQUAL 4/4**

*There being an equality of votes for and against the motion, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Sam Weston, having voted in the Affirmative with his deliberative vote, exercised his Casting Vote to carry the Amended Motion.*

**CARRIED 4/4**

### RESOLUTION ORD550/24

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Smith Street Greening - Delivery Phase be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Smith Street Greening project to be progressed to the delivery phase.
3. THAT a report be returned to Council with further information on maintenance, ongoing costs and product for the Inclusive Progress Pride Flag.
4. THAT Council support an increased ongoing annual operational budget to be referred to budget deliberations for the 2025/26 Financial Year.
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.

In Favour: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Kim Farrar, Sylvia Klonaris, Peter Pangquee, Ed Smelt, Rebecca Want de Rowe and Sam Weston

Against: Member Mick Palmer

**CARRIED 7/1**

## **28.8 RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - EXTENSION OF TENURE**

### **RESOLUTION ORD551/24**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee - Extension of Tenure be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Roland Chin to be reappointed as a Community Member of the Risk Management and Audit Committee to 31 August 2025.
3. THAT Council endorse Roland Chin to be reappointed as Chair of the Risk Management and Audit Committee.
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**

## **29.1 ADVISORY AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **RESOLUTION ORD552/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Advisory and Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) 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**

## **30.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - NORTHERN TERRITORY DANCE COMPANY - LYONS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### **RESOLUTION ORD553/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Northern Territory Dance Company -

Lyons Community Centre 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* (NT).
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**

Nil

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe departed the meeting at 5:37 pm.*

## **14 ACTION REPORTS**

### **14.1 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD511/24**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

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

**CARRIED 8/0**

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe re-joined the meeting at 5:38 pm, however was unable to vote due to technical issues.*

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe departed the meeting at 5:42 pm.*

**14.2 PARKING IN THE DARWIN CITY CENTRE****RESOLUTION ORD512/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Parking in the Darwin City Centre be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a three-month trial for free on-street parking in the Darwin City Centre after 3:00 pm Monday to Friday, commencing Monday, 2 December 2024.
3. THAT Council approve a total budget variation of \$150,000 to reflect reduction of parking and infringement income, funded from the Off and On Street Parking Reserve.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**14.3 ELECTED MEMBER CASUAL VACANCY****RESOLUTION ORD513/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Elected Member Casual Vacancy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve to fill the Elected Member Casual Vacancy through the process outlined in this report.
3. THAT Council approve a preferential voting system through secret ballot for the appointment of the Elected Member Casual Vacancy.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**14.4 REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION PROCEDURE****RESOLUTION ORD514/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Procedure be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Procedure at **Attachment 2**.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**14.5 REVIEW OF FRAUD PREVENTION POLICY AND PROCEDURE****RESOLUTION ORD515/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Fraud Prevention Policy and Procedure be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Fraud Prevention Policy at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council receive and note the Fraud Prevention Procedure at **Attachment 3**.

**CARRIED 8/0****14.6 REVIEW OF CEO CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD516/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

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

**CARRIED 8/0****14.7 REVIEW OF CARETAKER POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD517/24**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

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

**CARRIED 8/0**

THAT an administrative amendment be made to the Caretaker Policy, if required, to include Federal Government under Section 3.1 Major Decisions in point three.

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe re-joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.*

**14.8 REVIEW OF ELECTED MEMBER PROTOCOLS AND INTERACTION POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD518/24**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Elected Member Protocols and Interaction Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Elected Member Protocols and Interactions Policy at **Attachment 2**.

**CARRIED 9/0****AMENDMENT****RESOLUTION ORD519/24**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Elected Member Protocols and Interaction Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Elected Member Protocols and Interactions Policy at **Attachment 2** with the revised wording under the section, Representation at external events, to read 'an alternate Elected Member may be selected to represent the Lord Mayor.

**LOST 3/6****14.9 1ST BUDGET REVIEW 2024/2025****RESOLUTION ORD520/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

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

**CARRIED 9/0***Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe was present however not visible at 6:14 pm.*



**14.10 REVIEW OF ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN – LAND****RESOLUTION ORD521/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Asset Management Plan - Land, be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind the Adopted Asset Management Plan – Land.
3. THAT Council endorse the Draft Asset Management Plan - Land at **Attachment 2**.

**CARRIED 9/0**

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe verbally advised their vote.*

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe was present and visible at 6:18 pm.*

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe departed the meeting at 6:20 pm.*

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe re-joined the meeting at 6:21 pm.*

*Councillor Amye Un departed the meeting at 6:21 pm.*

*Councillor Amye Un re-joined the meeting at 6:22 pm.*

**14.11 REVIEW OF ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES****MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind the Adopted Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures.
3. THAT Council endorse the Draft Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures at **Attachment 2** to the report entitled Review of Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures.
4. THAT Council note the financial information contained within this report in future budget deliberations.

**AMENDMENT****RESOLUTION ORD522/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind the Adopted Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures.
3. THAT Council endorse the Draft Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures at **Attachment 2** to the report entitled Review of Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures.

4. THAT Council note the financial information contained within this report in future budget deliberations.
5. THAT Council receive an update through the 2025-26 Budget Development process on the advantages and disadvantages of changing the service level for '2 - high' from Condition 5 to Condition 4.

**CARRIED 9/0**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD523/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind the Adopted Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures.
3. THAT Council endorse the Draft Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures at **Attachment 2** to the report entitled Review of Asset Management Plan - Buildings and Structures.
4. THAT Council note the financial information contained within this report in future budget deliberations.
5. THAT Council receive an update through the 2025-26 Budget Development process on the advantages and disadvantages of changing the service level for '2 - high' from Condition 5 to Condition 4.

**CARRIED 9/0**

#### **14.12 REVIEW OF MEETINGS POLICY**

##### **MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

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

##### **AMENDMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD524/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Meetings Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Meetings Policy at **Attachment 2** with the inclusion of the ability for Elected Members to ask questions in Section 3.6 Notice of Motion.

**CARRIED 9/0**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD525/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Meetings Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Meetings Policy at **Attachment 2** with the inclusion of the ability for Elected Members to ask questions in Section 3.6 Notice of Motion.

**CARRIED 9/0**

#### **14.13 ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD526/24**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Budget Recommendation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Installation of Tactile Ground Surface Indicators at the children's crossing at the front of Manunda Terrace Primary School, Karama, at an estimated cost of \$6000 to be funded from the 2024/2025 Disability Access Capital Budget.

**CARRIED 9/0**

#### **14.14 REVIEW OF INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD527/24**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Information Communication Technology Steering and Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Terms of Reference for:
  - (i) Information Communication Technology (ICT) Steering Committee Terms of Reference at **Attachment 2**.
  - (ii) Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference at **Attachment 4**.

**CARRIED 9/0**

### **15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**

#### **15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - OCTOBER 2024**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD528/24**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – October 2024 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**15.2 ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - WATERS WARD MULTIGENERATIONAL RECREATION SPACE****RESOLUTION ORD529/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the report entitled Engagement Outcomes - Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**15.3 ADVISORY AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) OPEN MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD530/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

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

**CARRIED 9/0**

**16 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****RESOLUTION ORD531/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

**17.1**

Councillor Kim Farrar was invited to sponsor the Stars End of Year Awards at Sanderson Middle School, an initiative founded by the Stars Foundation to celebrate and empower First Nations girls and young women. Councillor Kim Farrar expressed how fantastic it was to witness the recipients graduate from middle school, with many continuing on to senior school or stay involved with the Stars Foundation as mentors for the program. Councillor Kim Farrar also acknowledged the appreciation from attendees for City of Darwin's support of the event and emphasised the desire for more schools and Elected Members to back the Starts program.

**17.2**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris reported on attending the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Christmas party on Saturday, 23 November 2024. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris extended heartfelt thanks to the officers for organising the event on behalf of the Richardson Ward Councillors, calling

it one of the best events held in the Richardson Ward, with over 1,000 people in attendance. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris also expressed gratitude to the officers on the day, noting that attendees praised their efforts and indicated a desire to host another similar event at Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre before the Council Elections.

### **17.3**

Councillor Amye Un reported on attending the Brown's Mart 2025 program launch on Friday, 22 November 2024, as well as the Darwin City Brass Band Christmas party and awards night. Councillor Amye Un also attended the opening at Nightcliff Library of Santa's Village Christmas event on Thursday, 21 November 2024. Councillor Amye Un extended thanks to all involved.

### **17.4**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on attending the A Very Darwin Christmas Pageant on Saturday, 16 November 2024, expressing gratitude to all the officers involved for making it such an outstanding event. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris also attended the Darwin City Brass Band Christmas Party and awards night alongside Councillor Kim Farrar and Councillor Amye Un, where they had the honour of presenting the Lord Mayor's Award on behalf of the Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis, who was unable to attend. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris commended the Darwin City Brass Band for their dedicated service to the Darwin community and noted their hope that City of Darwin will continue to support the work they do.

### **17.5**

Councillor Ed Smelt attended the opening of the new home for COOLmob Darwin and Environment Centre NT in the Nightcliff Village on Saturday, 16 November 2024. Additionally, Councillor Ed Smelt attended the Rapid Creek Landcare Group's 50th anniversary celebration of mangrove recovery along Rapid Creek following Cyclone Tracy and historical land clearing. Councillor Ed Smelt expressed gratitude to the Rapid Creek Landcare Group for organising the event and for their unwavering commitment and dedication to protecting the mangroves.

### **17.6**

Deputy Lord Mayor, Sam Weston reported on attending the A Very Darwin Christmas Pageant on behalf of the Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis. The Deputy Lord Mayor, Sam Weston thoroughly enjoyed the event and praised officers for their outstanding efforts, commending them for going above and beyond in their roles. Additionally, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Sam Weston attended the Young Territory Author Awards presentation at the Territory Netball Stadium in Marrara on Monday, 4 November and shared a letter received from a member of the public afterward, thanking and commending City of Darwin library officers for the event. Lastly, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Sam Weston participated in an International Men's Day walk for men's health alongside Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris on Saturday, 23 November 2024.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****18.1 JINGILI CEMETERY****RESOLUTION ORD532/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired about the tree maintenance schedule for the Jingili Cemetery, particularly regarding the mahogany trees and damage from falling branches. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris also mentioned a recent Click and Fix submission requesting a tree inspection of the area after a near-miss involving a family member and asked for confirmation that an inspection of the site had been done following the recent wet weather.

**Response**

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr confirmed there is a tree maintenance schedule for all council-owned land in the municipality. Regular inspections are conducted on mahogany and at-risk trees, with maintenance performed as needed throughout the year. The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr will confirm the date of the last inspection at the Jingili Cemetery and provide details on any upcoming works for the area.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**18.2 MALAK GREENBELT ACCESS GATES****RESOLUTION ORD533/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Kim Farrar requested clarification on whether contractors or officers are responsible for locking the access gates in the Malak Greenbelt, following reports of the gate being left unlocked from nearby residents. Councillor Kim Farrar also inquired about the reasons for the gate being left unlocked.

**Response**

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised PowerWater are currently working in the area and responsible for locking the gate after daily operations. The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy noted officers will follow up with PowerWater, to ensure the gate is locked daily.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**18.3 BETTER SUBURBS PROGRAM UPDATES RICHARDSON WARD****RESOLUTION ORD534/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the 2024-25 Better Suburbs program works in the Richardson Ward, specifically how each project is tracking and whether any milestones have been met at this stage.

**Response**

The Executive Manager Infrastructure, Nik Kleine provided an update on the five projects: The portable smart pole trial is ongoing, with the trailer procurement completed with delivery expected by the end of October, though the trailer has not yet arrived. Early engagement with oval users for the Nakara Oval storage shed has begun. The Alawa toilet mural project is still in the planning stage. Design work for the Muirhead dog park upgrades is underway, and negotiations with Sentinel Property Group regarding the landscaping contribution for Bradshaw Terrace medians are still ongoing.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**18.4 MALAK GREENBELT NINJA PARK SHADE SAIL****RESOLUTION ORD535/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Kim Farrar requested an update on the procurement of shade sails for the Malak Greenbelt Ninja Warrior obstacle course, as part of the Better Suburbs Program for the Waters Ward.

**Response**

The Executive Manager Infrastructure, Nik Kleine advised the procurement of the shade sails is expected to be issued within the next two weeks, with the aim of delivering the shade sails by early 2025.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**19 GENERAL BUSINESS****19.1 CONFIDENTIAL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING APOLOGY****RESOLUTION ORD536/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Councillor Amye Un advised the Chair and Elected Members that she will not be in attendance for the Confidential section of the Ordinary Council Meeting this evening due to personal commitments.

**CARRIED 9/0**

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2024, 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 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 2019*:

**28.1 Memorandum of Understanding for the Establishment of a Friendship City Relationship between City of Darwin and Ho Chi Minh City**

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 Swimming Northern Territory Proposed Training Facility at Parap Pool**

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 Community Grants Round 2 - 2024/25**

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.

**28.4 Youth Advisory Committee Recommendation - 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.

**28.5 2024/25 Sponsorship Update**

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.

**28.6 Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space - Functional Return Brief**

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 Smith Street Greening - Delivery Phase**

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 Risk Management and Audit Committee - Extension of Tenure**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(a) 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.

**29.1 Advisory and Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) 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.

**30.1 Incoming Correspondence - Northern Territory Dance Company - Lyons Community 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.

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

### **RESOLUTION ORD537/24**

Moved:      Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:51pm.

**CARRIED 9/0**

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 8:45 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 3 December 2024.**

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**CHAIR**