

# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 27 May 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, 27 MAY 2025 AT 5:30PM**

**PRESENT:**

Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer (Chair)  
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Councillor Kim Farrar  
Councillor Mirella Fejo  
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Councillor Peter Pangquee  
Councillor Morgan Rickard  
Councillor Ed Smelt  
Councillor Amye Un  
Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe  
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:**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Councillor Vim Sharma

**GUESTS:**

Nicole Brown – Following in Their Footsteps

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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 ORD217/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 APOLOGIES

#### RESOLUTION ORD218/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the apology from Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis and Councillor Vim Sharma, be received.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

#### 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

**RESOLUTION ORD219/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis for the period 24 June 2025.
2. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris for the period 24 June 2025.
3. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Peter Pangquee for the period 24 June 2025.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### 5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

##### 5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

**RESOLUTION ORD220/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

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

- Amye Un
- Kim Farrar

**CARRIED 11/0**

##### 5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

## 6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

#### RESOLUTION ORD221/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Mirella Fejo declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.5 Proposal for Land.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Sam Weston, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 14.4 Darwin RSL Sub Branch Plaque Proposal at the Eternal Flame.
3. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Kim Farrar, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.4 2025/26 Out of Round Sponsorship Application.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### RESOLUTION ORD222/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 April 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 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 DRAFT ACCESS STRATEGY 2025-2030****RESOLUTION ORD250/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Draft Access Strategy 2025-2030 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the text version of the Draft Access Strategy 2025-2030 at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the Local Government Act 2019.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**28.3 PARAP POOL TRAINING FACILITY****MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Parap Pool Training Facility be received and noted.
2. THAT Council provide approval for Swimming NT to construct a training facility at Parap Pool, subject to the following:
  - (a) That a City of Darwin representative be part of the Project Control Group.
  - (b) That appropriate approvals for construction and certification requirements are obtained for the building and connecting pathway.
  - (c) That on practical completion and certification of the building, the training facility at Parap Pool become an asset of City of Darwin and that a property agreement is established with Swimming NT for use of the facility.
3. THAT Council refer an amount of \$2,500 for the maintenance of the Parap Pool Training Facility to the 2026/27 Budget deliberations.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the Local Government Act 2019.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**AMENDMENT****RESOLUTION ORD252/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Parap Pool Training Facility be received and noted.
2. THAT Council provide approval for Swimming NT to construct a training facility at Parap Pool, subject to the following:



- (a) That a City of Darwin representative be part of the Project Control Group.
  - (b) That appropriate approvals for construction and certification requirements are obtained for the building and connecting pathway.
  - (c) That on practical completion and certification of the building, the training facility at Parap Pool become an asset of City of Darwin and that a property agreement is established with Swimming NT for use of the facility.
3. THAT Council advocate to Swimming NT for the inclusion of an accessible toilet within the new project in a future stage.
  4. THAT Council refer an amount of \$2,500 for the maintenance of the Parap Pool Training Facility to the 2026/27 Budget deliberations.
  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, Mirella Fejo, Sylvia Klonaris, Morgan Rickard, Ed Smelt and Rebecca Want de Rowe

Against: Members Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Amye Un and Sam Weston

**CARRIED 7/4**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD253/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Parap Pool Training Facility be received and noted.
2. THAT Council provide approval for Swimming NT to construct a training facility at Parap Pool, subject to the following:
  - (a) That a City of Darwin representative be part of the Project Control Group.
  - (b) That appropriate approvals for construction and certification requirements are obtained for the building and connecting pathway.
  - (c) That on practical completion and certification of the building, the training facility at Parap Pool become an asset of City of Darwin and that a property agreement is established with Swimming NT for use of the facility.
3. THAT Council advocate to Swimming NT for the inclusion of an accessible toilet within the new project in a future stage.
4. THAT Council refer an amount of \$2,500 for the maintenance of the Parap Pool Training Facility to the 2026/27 Budget deliberations.
5. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the Local Government Act 2019.
6. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### **28.4 2025/26 OUT OF ROUND SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD254/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled 2025/26 Out of Round Sponsorship Application be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve sponsorship of \$40,000 cash and \$2,000 in-kind support to be provided to the Christmas in Darwin Association for 2025/26 and \$35,000 cash and \$2,000 in-kind for 2026/27.
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**

## **28.5 PROPOSAL FOR LAND**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Land be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the letter available at **Attachment 2**.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate deeds of agreement as per the details in this report.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

### **AMENDMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD255/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Land be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the letter available at **Attachment 2**, with the option for freehold position to be removed.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate deeds of agreement as per the details in this report.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0**

### **AMENDMENT**

**RESOLUTION ORD256/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Land be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the letter available at **Attachment 2**, with the option for freehold position to be removed.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate deeds of agreement as per the details in this report, and in accordance with **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT a further report be returned to Council with the outcome.
5. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
6. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0****RESOLUTION ORD257/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Land be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the letter available at **Attachment 2**, with the option for freehold position to be removed.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate deeds of agreement as per the details in this report, and in accordance with **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT a further report be returned to Council with the outcome.
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, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Amye Un, Rebecca Want de Rowe and Sam Weston

Against: Members Morgan Rickard and Ed Smelt

**CARRIED 8/2****28.7 COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND 1 AND NAIDOC 2025 RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026 PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS 2025/26****RESOLUTION ORD261/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Community Grants Round 1 and NAIDOC 2025 Reconciliation Week 2026 Program Recommendations 2025/26 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following eight projects for funding in the Community Grants

## Program Round 1 2025/26, for a total of \$50,000.

	Applicant	Activity	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
1	Disability Sports Northern Territory	Abilities Unleashed Multi Sports Day: A series of sport days that offer individuals with disabilities the chance to engage in a variety of sports in an inclusive, safe, and fun environment.	\$3,500	\$3,500
2	Playgroup association of the Northern Territory	St Johns Caring for Kids First Aid Course for Families: Playgroup NT together with St John's will hold a Caring for Kids First Aid course at Marrara Playgroup House. This course is designed to equip parents and carers with basic first aid knowledge specific to children up to the age of seven.	\$3,680	\$3,680
3	Top End Pride	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Day: An event in Raintree Park to celebrate 40 years of Pride in the NT. This milestone event will include guest speakers, entertainment, community health services and other activities.	\$10,000	\$10,000
4	Brother to Another LTD	Brother to Another Holiday Program: A comprehensive school holiday program during the late June/ July school holidays with a broad range of wellbeing activities for young people (8-24 yrs old) facing vulnerabilities and/ or at risk of the Youth Justice and Out of Home Care systems.	\$9,500	\$9,500
5	Bus Stop Films	Inclusive Filming and Showcase Darwin: An event to showcase the film project created through the Accessible Filmmaking Program that supports young adults with intellectual disability or autism to learn filmmaking skills in a supportive environment.	\$10,000	\$10,000
6	Darwin Triathlon Club	International Men's Day Multi Sport event: A Multi-sport event to celebrate International Men's Day, followed by BBQ with resources provided to support men's mental health.	\$4,250	\$4,250
7	NT Cricket	2025 Multicultural Cup: A Cricket Cup where local multicultural grassroots cricket teams represent their cultural communities and countries of origin to celebrate a shared passion for cricket, culture and community.	\$7,500	\$7,000
8	Speedcubing Australia Inc	NT Rubik's Cube Championship: A competition in solving twisty puzzles	\$2,599	\$2,070

		of various shapes and sizes, including the Rubik's Cube. The event will focus on the social aspect of competitions, bringing many like-minded people together to connect, help each other, and provide support.		
3. THAT Council approve the following six projects for funding in the NAIDOC 2025 Reconciliation Week 2026 for a total of \$50,000.				
	Applicant	Activity	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
1	CAAPS AC	Community Cultural and Family Fun Days for NAIDOC Week 2025 and Reconciliation Week 2026: These days will also serve as a Mini-Expo for the Darwin NT ATSI/ACCO Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD), Mental Health and Wellbeing (MHWB), Homelessness, Family Support and other Human Service providers to provide at-risk people with culturally appropriate celebrations and access to assistance to navigate Human Services.	\$10,000	\$10,000
2	TRACKS Care Pty Ltd	Next Gen on TRACK: NAIDOC Leadership & Career Breakfast: A leadership and career breakfast during NAIDOC Week 2025, aligning with this year's NAIDOC theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy." This event will empower the next generation of Indigenous leaders, including those with disability, by fostering career development, cultural pride, and meaningful connections with employers and mentors.	\$5,000	\$5,000
3	North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service	2025 First Nations Future Leaders Gathering: A First Nations future leaders gathering, panel discussion and networking event for the Greater Darwin region that celebrates the achievements of young leaders and everyday heroes who are working tirelessly, often as quiet achievers, to shape the future for Indigenous people.	\$9,518	\$9,518
4	Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation	NAIDOC @ YISSA: A Family Fun Day which will include Larrakia Welcome To Country, a smoking ceremony, Children's Activities, Arts and Craft, Story Telling, with a quiet area for elders to tell stories and share their knowledge, and a lunch for 600	\$10,000	\$10,000

		people.			
5	Deadly Enterprises Pty Ltd Trading As Deadly Vision Centre	Deadly Cup Rugby League Carnival 2025: The Deadly Cup Rugby League Carnival is a free community health promotion event and is one of the largest NAIDOC Week celebrations in the Northern Territory.	\$10,000	\$9,000	
6	Xhale Events	Threads & Yarns: A sewing workshop for First Nations women to come together, celebrate culture, and learn new skills. Held during NAIDOC Week 2025, this initiative will provide a safe, supportive space for participants to engage in a culturally enriching experience while learning to sew skirts using Northern Territory Aboriginal fabrics.	\$9,700	\$6,482	

4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## **29.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **RESOLUTION ORD262/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

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 10/0**

## **29.2 ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - DRAFT MUNICIPAL PLAN 2025/26**

### **RESOLUTION ORD263/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

1. THAT the report entitled Engagement Outcomes – Draft Municipal Plan 2025/26 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 this report and attachments and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## **9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

## **10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

## **11 PETITIONS**

### **11.1 PETITION**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD223/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer will present the Petition.

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to the Community Gardens, be received and noted.
2. THAT in accordance with By-Law 12, the Petition regarding Community Gardens be referred to the Innovation Hub's, Growth and Economic Development Team for consideration.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

### **12.1 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD224/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the Welcome to Country delivered by Nicole Brown, be received and noted.
2. THAT the performance by the Darwin Beach Choir, be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## 14 ACTION REPORTS

### 14.1 NOMINATION TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE

#### RESOLUTION ORD225/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

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 Mirella Fejo to LGANT as the representative on the Northern Territory Place Names Committee.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 14.2 NOMINATION TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

#### RESOLUTION ORD226/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination to the Northern Territory Subdivision Development Guidelines Management Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of Alice Percy to LGANT as the representative on the Northern Territory Subdivision Development Guidelines Management Committee.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 14.3 PERCENTAGE FOR ARTS POLICY

#### RESOLUTION ORD227/25

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Percentage for Arts Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Percentage for Arts Policy at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 11/0**

*Councillor Sam Weston departed the meeting at 5:56 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.*



**14.4 DARWIN RSL SUB BRANCH PLAQUE PROPOSAL AT THE ETERNAL FLAME****RESOLUTION ORD228/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin RSL Sub Branch Plaque Proposal at the Eternal Flame be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the installation of a plaque at the Eternal Flame.
3. THAT Council note that Darwin RSL Sub Branch will be responsible for the costs of production and installation of the plaque.

**CARRIED 9/1**

*Councillor Sam Weston re-joined the meeting at 5:59 pm.*

**14.5 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD229/25**

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Fees and Charges Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Fees and Charges Policy No. 0019.100.E.R at **Attachment 2**.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**14.6 CONCURRENT PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - MURRABIBBI STREET AND LEANYER DRIVE, LEANYER****RESOLUTION ORD230/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Concurrent Planning Scheme Amendment - Murrabibbi Street and Leanyer Drive, Leanyer be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the submission to Lands Planning provided at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2025****RESOLUTION ORD231/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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

**CARRIED 11/0**

*Councillor Kim Farrar departed the meeting at 6:13 pm.*

*Councillor Kim Farrar re-joined the meeting at 6:14 pm.*

**15.2 ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - PARAP POOL TRAINING FACILITY PROPOSAL****RESOLUTION ORD232/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Engagement Outcomes - Parap Pool Training Facility Proposal be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**15.3 POLICY MANAGEMENT - 23RD COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE****RESOLUTION ORD233/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Policy Management - 23rd 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 31 July 2025.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**15.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD234/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

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

**CARRIED 11/0**

**16 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****RESOLUTION ORD235/25**

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

**17.1**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported attending several community events over the past month, including the launch of the 2025 Darwin Festival Hospitality Packages on 1 May, a democracy sausage sizzle at Sanderson Middle School over the election weekend, the Anula Park Native Plant Giveaway, and the Mother's Day Heart Foundation Breakfast walk at Anula Playground.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris attended a community forum at Wagaman Oval with MLA Jinson Charls and the blessing of the new St Savvas of Kalymnos Greek Orthodox Parish NT performed by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, followed by a welcome dinner hosted by Greek Honorary Consulate General Mr John Christopher Anictomatis.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris attended Darwin Fusion events, including the Business Networking Dinner and the Garramilla International Food Fair held from the 22 to 23 May. Furthermore, represented City of Darwin at the 23rd anniversary of Timor-Leste's Restoration of Independence, attended the 84th anniversary wreath-laying for the Battle of Crete with Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, and the breakfast launch of the Red Shield Appeal.

**17.2**

Councillor Ed Smelt attended the Jingili Water Festival on 17 May 2025, alongside Councillors, Peter Pangquee, Mirella Fejo, Sam Weston, Amye Un and the Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis. The event drew over 4,000 attendees and regarded as a great success. The strong turnout is a testament to community interest in free, family-friendly events. Councillor Ed Smelt expressed support for making the festival an annual event and expanding it beyond the Chan Ward to other areas of the municipality. Thanks to officers for organising and supporting the event

**17.3**

Councillor Amye Un attended the Launch of the Darwin Fringe Festival at Browns Mart theatre alongside, Councillor Kim Farrar.

**17.4**

Councillor Mirella Fejo represented the Lord Mayor at the International Delegate Saltwater Welcome Ceremony on the 21 May 2025, as part of the Darwin Fusion program. The ceremony was performed by representatives of Larrakia Nation. Councillor Mirella Fejo also attended Darwin Fusions closing event, the Garramilla International Food Festival held at Bicentennial Park, which was well attended and featured excellent food and performances.

**17.5**

Councillor Peter Pangquee attended the Jingili Water Festival at the Jingili Water Gardens on Saturday 17 May 2025, also thanking officers for their fantastic work.

**17.6**

Councillor Morgan Rickard attended the 20th anniversary of the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival, held from 9 to 11 May along the Nightcliff foreshore. Councillor Morgan Rickard encouraged Elected Members to visit the Tais, Culture & Resilience exhibition by East Timor Women Australia (ETWA), on display at Tactile Arts NT.

Councillor Morgan Rickard also attended the official launch of Saltwater Radio on 16 May, a visit to the OFFCUTS art exhibition by Don Whyte, and the launch of the Queer Community Exhibition at the Northern Centre for Contemporary Art, celebrating queer contemporary art in the Northern Territory.

**17.7**

Councillor Kim Farrar thanked officers involved in the recent run of events, noting the high level of organisation and the consistent friendliness and helpfulness. Furthermore, shared positive feedback received from attendees of both the Jingili Water Festival and the Native Plant Giveaway in Anula.

Councillor Kim Farrar also informed together with Councillors Sylvia Klonaris and Mirella Fejo, they will be hosting a coffee van pop-up in support of the Karama Community Gardens plant sale fundraiser.

**17.8**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris thanked the Northern Territory Government for its continued support of the annual Bass in the Grass Music Festival, recently held at Mindil Beach, noting the event's strong interstate appeal and positive impact on tourism.

Furthermore, attended several events as part of the 2025 Darwin Fusion program. It was an honour to host so many international delegations. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris spoke of discussions with sister city representatives, many visiting Darwin for the first time, which provided a key opportunity to showcase and strengthen economic ties. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris particularly thanked the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Anne Reynolds for her attendance at Darwin Fusion. Lastly, thanking officers for their outstanding efforts in delivering these events and hopes to see a bigger and better Darwin Fusion in 2026.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****18.1 STORMWATER SYSTEMS****RESOLUTION ORD236/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris advised officers of alleged vermin infestation in the stormwater drains surrounding the Anula Greenbelt, local residents have raised concerns due to the potential health risks. Additionally, concerns were raised about local wildlife deaths possibly linked to ingesting rat bait. Further inquired whether officers had received notification on issue and asked if an inspection could be conducted and queried processes for monitoring of vermin in the stormwater systems.

**Response**

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised officers are aware of the reports and camera footage from the stormwater has been reviewed. There is no evidence of vermin in the stormwater or area, suggesting the issue is likely occurring on private property. Furthermore, advising to contact the Department of Health or arrange private pest control.

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders confirmed pest control in public areas falls under the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government, and advised Cr Klonaris to report any suspected wildlife baiting to the Department of Health.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.2 FOOTPATHS IN COMMERCIAL ESTATES****RESOLUTION ORD237/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether City of Darwin has a footpath policy, citing safety concerns from residents in the Berrimah and Winnellie commercial area, particular Bowen Street, Coonawarra Road and Bennison Road. Further, does City of Darwin have any plans to develop footpath or cycling paths in the area to better improve connectivity.

**Response**

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr confirming when City of Darwin assumes responsibility for new areas, it considers subdevelopment guidelines to determine the necessary footpaths and access pathways. These guidelines help decide the appropriate types of footpaths for different development zones

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr took the question relating to any future plans to develop footpaths or access pathways on notice.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.3 SOLAR MOVEMENT SOLUTIONS POLE****RESOLUTION ORD238/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported receiving an email from a member of the public, expressing concerns about City of Darwin's solar movement solutions poles and their potential to collect data from mobile devices. The email sought clarification on the types of data collected, how data is used, what privacy protections are in place in the event of a data breach, and whether City of Darwin would consider updating its website to outline data collection practices.

**Response**

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed that QR codes are available on the solar movement solution poles, directing users to a website that provides information on privacy. General Manager Innovation reiterated that the poles only measure pedestrian movement and

counts, they do not collect images of the public, or gather data from mobile devices.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### **18.4 SEE CLICK FIX REQUESTS**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD239/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

##### **Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris advised community members that reported their requests submitted via the former See Click Fix app have not been actioned since the transition to Snap Send Solve, and queried the status of those outstanding requests.

##### **Response**

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed that all pending See Click Fix requests were transferred to City of Darwin's records and task management system, and tasked to the appropriate officers for action. Furthermore, requesting any outstanding issues to be forwarded to Councillor Support for follow-up and action.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### **18.5 SMITH STREET STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD240/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

##### **Question**

Councillor Sam Weston inquired on the completion date for Smith Street streetscape improvement works.

##### **Response**

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders confirmed the Smith Street streetscape improvement project will be carried out in stages. Phases one and two are scheduled to be completed by 20 June 2025, while phases three through seven are currently scheduled for completion by August 2025. Full schedule of works, has been provided to all impacted businesses.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### **18.6 COCONUT GROVE REGULATORY ISSUES**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD241/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

##### **Question**

Councillor Amye Un inquired whether City of Darwin has established procedures for handling residential noise complaints. Secondly, reporting that residents of Nation Crescent, Coconut Grove

have raised concerns regarding loitering and littering in Nation Crescent Park. Lastly, noting reports of two dogs found loose and wandering near Rapid Creek Bridge and requesting rangers inspect the area.

**Response**

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr informing noise complaints need to be reported to police and are outside the jurisdiction of City of Darwin. Regarding the issues reported in Nation Crescent, the General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advising the member to encourage residents to report instances of littering or loitering directly to City of Darwin by email or phone, so that rangers can arrange a patrol of the area. Similarly, if dogs are seen loose and wandering, residents are strongly encouraged to report sightings directly to City of Darwin.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.7 ANNUAL REPORT****RESOLUTION ORD242/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Amye Un requested an update on the current legal costs expended by City of Darwin.

**Response**

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised that all legal costs expended by City of Darwin are detailed in the Annual Report, which will be published later this year, with previous Annual Reports available on City of Darwin's website for transparency.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.8 IRRIGATION SCHEDULE****RESOLUTION ORD243/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Kim Farrar inquired what the dry season watering schedule is for public parks and greenbelts.

**Response**

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised public parks and greenbelts are watered year-round. Regarding the schedule for recently installed irrigation systems, General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr took the question on notice.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**18.9 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE****RESOLUTION ORD244/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the recent expression of interest process for the Casuarina Aquatic Leisure Centre cafe space. Also inquiring whether Elected Members can share the expression of interest with the public.

**Response**

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised that the expression of interest documentation has been finalised and will be advertised on City of Darwin's website and TenderLink later this week. A link will be provided to Elected Members via Councillor support for reference.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**19 GENERAL BUSINESS****19.1 DISABILITY PARKING SMITH STREET****RESOLUTION ORD245/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer raised concerns about inadequate signage at a designated disability parking bay on Smith Street established during the Federal election voting. Noting the existing signage was not clearly visible, potentially leading to members of the public receiving fines.

**CARRIED 11/0**

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 24 June 2025, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the Local Government Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.



**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

**28.1 Draft Access Strategy 2025-2030**

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.

**28.2 Draft Place and Liveability Plan**

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.

**28.3 Parap Pool Training Facility**

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 2025/26 Out of Round Sponsorship Application**

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 Proposal for Land**

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.

**28.6 Naming of a Place or Feature**

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.

**28.7 Community Grants Round 1 and NAIDOC 2025 Reconciliation Week 2026 Program Recommendations 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.

**29.1 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.

## **29.2 Engagement Outcomes - Draft Municipal Plan 2025/26**

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.

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

### **RESOLUTION ORD246/25**

Moved:      Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:56 pm.

**CARRIED 11/0**

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9:58 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 9:58 pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 June 2025.**

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**CHAIR**