

# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 28 April 2026



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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, 28 APRIL 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Nicole Brown

Councillor Shani Carson

Councillor Kim Farrar

Councillor Julie Fraser

Councillor Edwin Joseph

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Councillor Peter Pangquee

Councillor Patrik Ralph

Councillor Sam Weston

**OFFICERS:**

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr

Acting General Manager Corporate, Irene Frazis

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

**APOLOGY:**

Nil

**GUESTS:**

Nil

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We the members of City of Darwin acknowledge that we are meeting on Larrakia Country.

We recognise and pay our respects to all Larrakia people, Traditional Owners and Custodian Elders of the past and present.

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

We are committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

**2 THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Amen

*Councillor Kim Farrar and Councillor Nicole Brown were not present at the commencement of the meeting at 5:32 pm.*

**3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

<p><b>RESOLUTION ORD171/26</b></p> <p>Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris                  Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee</p> <p>The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:32 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 10/0</b></p>
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**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

Nil

**4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED**

Nil

## 5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

### 5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

#### RESOLUTION ORD172/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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 Nicole Brown
- Councillor Kim Farrar

**CARRIED 10/0**

### 5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

## 6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, during the Confidential Section of the Meeting, Councillor Shani Carson, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.3 – Extension of East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Member Terms.

### 6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

*Councillor Nicole Brown joined the meeting at 5:34 pm*

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### RESOLUTION ORD173/26

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 March 2026 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**

**28.2 TEMPORARY USE OF CAR PARK AND INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE**

**RESOLUTION ORD192/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
 Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Temporary Use of Car Park and Installation of Telecommunications Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note the carrier has given City of Darwin a written notice indicating that they intend to exercise their statutory rights to access the Conacher Street car park under the Land Access Process and as a 'low-impact facility' in the *Telecommunications Act 1997*.
3. THAT Council note that as per the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, Google as a licenced operator can access City of Darwin land and establish the infrastructure.
4. THAT Council note that community consultation was completed for the temporary use of the Conacher Street car park.
5. THAT Council do not object to the 'low-impact facility' being installed in the Conacher Street car park.
6. 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*.
7. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**28.3 EXTENSION OF EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER TERMS**

**RESOLUTION ORD193/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer  
 Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Extension of East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Member Terms be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve extension of the terms for the two current community representative members of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee (Lorraine Corowa and Ulrike Kachel)

by six months to 30 October 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 *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 NIGHTCLIFF OVAL CHANGEROOMS**

**RESOLUTION ORD195/26**

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph  
 Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Nightcliff Oval Changerooms be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve for the Nightcliff Oval Changerooms project to proceed to concept design and a Design and Construct tender to deliver the Nightcliff Oval Changerooms.
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**

**29.1 CORPORATE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT - JANUARY TO MARCH 2026**

**RESOLUTION ORD199/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston  
 Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Corporate Services Quarterly Report - January to March 2026 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 REVIEW OF NIGHTCLIFF / RAPID CREEK SHARED PATH LIGHTING**

**RESOLUTION ORD200/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee  
 Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Nightcliff / Rapid Creek Shared Path Lighting be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**29.3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION ORD201/26**

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Advisory Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 11/0**

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

Nil

**10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**11 PETITIONS**

Nil

**12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

*Councillor Kim Farrar joined the meeting at 5:53 pm.*

**13 NOTICES OF MOTION****13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL REQUEST TO COMMONWEALTH FOR A SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE DHA LEE POINT PROJECT**

I, Councillor Julie Fraser, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 April 2026, I will move the following motion:-

**RESOLUTION ORD174/26**

Moved: Councillor Julie Fraser  
 Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT Council approve the letter at **Attachment 3** to be sent to the Commonwealth Government. Including the following recipients;
  - (a) Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, Senator Murray Watt
  - (b) Federal Minister responsible for Defence Housing Australia, Matt Keogh MP
2. THAT Council approve to provide a copy of the letter to the following recipients;
  - (a) Member for Solomon, Luke Gosling MP
  - (b) Australian Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy
  - (c) Northern Territory Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro
  - (d) Northern Territory Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, Joshua Burgoyne

In Favour: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Nicole Brown, Kim Farrar, Julie Fraser, Edwin Joseph, Sylvia Klonaris and Patrik Ralph

Against: Members Shani Carson, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Peter Styles and Sam Weston

**CARRIED 7/5/**

*Administrative Amendment to the correspondence at Attachment 3 – to amend the wording under point 1 from ‘Defence land at Berrimah’ to ‘Defence Establishment Berrimah’.*

**14 ACTION REPORTS****14.1 APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - 159 MITCHELL STREET, LARRAKEYAH - PROPOSED CHILD CARE CENTRE****RESOLUTION ORD175/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
 Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT the report entitled Application for Exceptional Development Permit - 159 Mitchell Street, Larrakeyah - Proposed Child Care Centre be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission letter to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment provided at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**14.2 NOMINATION TO DARWIN REGIONAL WEEDS WORKING GROUP****RESOLUTION ORD176/26**

Moved: Councillor Edwin Joseph  
Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination to Darwin Regional Weeds Working Group be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of Councillor Julie Fraser to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory as the representative on the Darwin Regional Weeds Working Group.

**CARRIED 12/0****15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - MARCH 2026****RESOLUTION ORD177/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – March 2026 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0****15.2 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - JANUARY TO MARCH 2026 (Q3)****RESOLUTION ORD178/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston  
Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report – January to March 2026 (Q3) be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0****15.3 REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PAPERS****RESOLUTION ORD179/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston  
Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Review of Council Meeting Agenda Papers be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**15.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD180/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

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

**CARRIED 12/0**

**16 CORRESPONDENCE****16.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - HERITAGE COUNCIL NORTHERN TERRITORY - GUN TURRET EAST POINT****RESOLUTION ORD181/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Heritage Council Northern Territory - Gun Turret East Point be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****RESOLUTION ORD182/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

**17.1**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris attended the Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting on Thursday, 2 April 2026 which included the launch of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Initiative. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris advocated for further Hidden Disabilities training for Elected Members.

**17.2**

Councillor Sam Weston reported on attending the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) symposium held from 14 to 15 April 2026. Councillor Sam Weston commended Councillor Peter Pangquee for chairing the symposium in his capacity as president of LGANT. Also noting that the AGM did not see the any change to the LGANT Constitution.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****18.1 ROAD RESURFACING WORKS PROGRESS****RESOLUTION ORD183/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

**Question**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the progress of pothole repairs in the Northern Suburbs.

**Response**

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that recent dry weather has enabled good progress on road resurfacing works, addressing a prioritised list.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.2 MEETING PROCEDURE - QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD184/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

**Question**

Councillor Julie Fraser requested clarification on the Questions by Members process.

**Response**

The Lord Mayor Peter Styles responded and advised Councillor Julie Fraser to submit questions via email to Councillor support by 12.00 pm on the day of the Ordinary Council Meeting to allow time for officers to formulate a response.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.3 MEETING PROCEDURE - QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD185/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

**Question**

Councillor Patrik Ralph sought clarification on whether Elected Members could ask questions on the floor.

**Response**

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders reiterated that questions must be submitted by 12.00 pm to allow officers to provide responses, noting that the Lord Mayor may accept urgent and/or relevant questions from the floor.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.4 MEETING PROCEDURE - QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD186/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

**Question**

Councillor Kim Farrar queried whether any written advice had been sent to Elected Members regarding Questions by Members. Councillor Kim Farrar requested that any such written communication be circulated.

**Response**

The Lord Mayor Peter Styles responded, reiterating that questions will be tabled and minuted if submitted by email within the specified timeframe or if deemed urgent. The Lord Mayor Peter Styles further advised that discussion regarding Questions by Members be addressed in the confidential section of the meeting.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**19 GENERAL BUSINESS****19.1 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR****RESOLUTION ORD187/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

1. THAT Council appoint Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the period 2 May 2026 to 29 September 2026.
2. THAT Council note that the appointment of Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as Deputy Lord Mayor supersedes Resolution ORD076/26 at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 February 2026 to commence from 2 May 2026.

**CARRIED 12/0**

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 26 May 2026, at 5:30 pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**28.1 Draft Municipal Plan 2026/27**

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 Temporary Use of Car Park and Installation of Telecommunications Infrastructure**

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 Extension of East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Member Terms**

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.

**28.4 Kerbside Collection**

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.

**28.5 Nightcliff Oval Changerooms**

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 Chan Ward By-Election**

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 Friendship and Sister City Cooperation**

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

**29.1 Corporate Services Quarterly Report - January to March 2026**

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.

**29.2 Review of Nightcliff / Rapid Creek Shared Path Lighting**

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

**29.3 Advisory Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes**

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

on, any person.

**22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

**RESOLUTION ORD188/26**

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:44pm.

**CARRIED 12/0**

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 10:02 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 10:02 pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2026.**

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**CHAIR**