

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 28 May 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, 28 MAY 2024 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Kim Farrar
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Brian O'Gallagher
Councillor Mick Palmer
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Morgan Rickard
Councillor Vim Sharma
Councillor Ed Smelt
Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders
General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr
Acting General Manager Corporate, Alex Vereker
General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

APOLOGY:

Councillor Amye Un

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 Mick Palmer and Rebecca Want de Rowe were not present at the commencement of the meeting at 5:32 pm.

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD170/24

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

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

CARRIED 10/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD171/24

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

THAT the apology from Councillor Amye Un be received.

CARRIED 10/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following Councillor(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Councillor Brian O'Ghallager
- Councillor Vim Sharma
- Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

Councillor Mick Palmer joined the meeting at 5:33 pm.

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

RESOLUTION ORD172/24

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the Lord Mayor declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 15.5 – Update on Code of Conduct Outcomes.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.2 – 2024/25 Sponsorship.

CARRIED 11/0

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

RESOLUTION ORD173/24

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 179 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 15.5 – Update on Code of Conduct Outcomes.

CARRIED 11/0

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD174/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024 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 2024/25 SPONSORSHIP****RESOLUTION ORD203/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled 2024/25 Sponsorship be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve funding to the 2024/25 sponsorship program applicants as follows:

Event/Project	Organisation	Amount \$	Years
Darwin Festival	The Darwin Festival Limited	150,000	3
Operating Sponsorship	RSPCA Northern Territory Inc.	120,000	3
Beach Lifeguard Service	Surf Life Saving Northern Territory	30,000	3
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair	Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Foundation	30,000	3
2024 Darwin Fringe Festival	Darwin Fringe Incorporated	12,500	3
Beercan Regatta 2024	Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta Inc	12,000	1
NT City2Surf 2025	Athletics Northern Territory	10,000	3
WTT Youth Contender Darwin 2024	Table Tennis NT	10,000	3
Million Dollar Fish, NRL, BASSINTEGRASS, Territory Day, BASSINTEGRASS, Darwin Triple Crown Supercars, AFL fixtures	Northern Territory Major Events Company	9,000	3
October Business Month	Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, NT Government	6,000	3
Top End Visitor	Tourism Top End Incorporated	90,000	3

Information Centre			
Darwin City Brass Band - Service Delivery - 'Music for the Community'	The Darwin City Brass Band Association Incorporated	30,000	3
ANZAC Day Dawn Service & City Parade	Returned & Services League of Australia SA Branch) Darwin Sub-Branch	28,000	3
World Indigenous Business Forum	NT Indigenous Business Network	20,000	1
Royal Darwin Show	The Royal Agricultural Society of Northern Territory Inc	15,000	3
Tactile Arts Makers Markets	Crafts Council of the Northern Territory	12,500	3
Urban Array: A Citywide Collaboration for Tech Innovation	The Array	10,000	1
Brown's Mart's annual programs and services including Performance, Arts & Community, and Hires	Brown's Mart Arts Ltd	10,000	3
Welcome to Multicultural Darwin Festival	Melaleuca Refugee Centre Torture and Trauma Survivors Service of the NT Incorporated	10,000	3
World Archaeological Congress Cultural Festival	Flinders University	8,000	1
Timor-Leste Festa	Skinnyfish Music Pty Ltd	8,000	1
Pipes and Drains campaign 2024/2025	Royal Life Saving NT	6,000	1
Native Flora, Fauna and Biodiversity Science Education Program	Landcare NT Incorporated	20,000	1
Nil	Darwin City Retailers Association	15,000	3
Amphitheatre Concert	Darwin Symphony Orchestra	10,000	3
NT Swimming Championships	Swimming Northern Territory Incorporated	8,000	3
2024 Darwin Harbour Clean-Up	Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	8,000	3
India at Mindil	Indian Cultural Society Darwin Inc	5,000	3
Too Much Stuff at the Trailer Boat Club	Darwin Trailer Boat Club Inc	4,000	3
Healthy Growth for Businesses	Two-Two One Mental Health Charity	1,500	1
Multicultural Dancing Festival	Australia China Friendship Society NT Branch	1,000	1
Total		\$709,500	

3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to approve the in-kind support for the sponsorship program applicants as per the In-Kind Support Policy.
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, INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) STEERING AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD204/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Advisory, Information Communication Technology (ICT) Steering 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 to Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 9/0

30.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - THE HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER - PROPOSED MONUMENT AT BUNDILLA BEACH**RESOLUTION ORD205/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

1. THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - The Honourable Chief Minister - Proposed Monument at Bundilla Beach 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

30.2 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET - SUPERANNUATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS**RESOLUTION ORD206/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

1. THAT the Incoming Correspondence - Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet - Superannuation for Council Members 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 to Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**10.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****RESOLUTION ORD175/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the following Public Questions and responses as tabled from Ms Lia Gill regarding the Community Gardens be received and noted.

Question 1

What documents were tabled for discussion with this motion and why are they still confidential?

Response

At the Ordinary Council meeting on the 27 February 2024, Council was provided with a confidential report on community gardens. Publicly disclosing this information would be in breach of the *Local Government Act*, as it contains confidential information about other individuals and organisations.

Question 2

Why the absolute lack of transparency in regard to this matter?

Response

Publicly disclosing confidential Council information would be in breach of the *Local Government Act*.

Question 3

How do councillors represent the people in their areas?

Response

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*, an Elected Member's duty is to represent the interest of all residents and ratepayers of the Council area, provide leadership and guidance, and facilitate communication between the Elected Members, the constituents and Council.

The Elected Members are to ensure:

- they are properly informed to enable participation in the deliberations of Council and community activities
- that the Council acts honestly, efficiently, and appropriately in carrying out its statutory responsibilities
- resources are used prudently and solely in the public interest and actively monitor the financial affairs of the Council.

An Elected Member of Council has a duty to act, at all times, in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of Council's constituency.

Question 4

In a recent conversation with a City of Darwin Council employee on a Facebook post I was informed that City of Darwin Council has spent over \$50,000 on the three community gardens on land under the care of the council.

Considering that the Jingili Water Gardens has been operating for around 30 years , the Lakeside Drive Community Garden was established 15 years ago and the Karama Community Garden has also been established for a couple of years now , and considering the value added to these previously unused spaces, the volunteer input that has seen these spaces transformed into beautiful educational tools and community hubs , it has to be recognised that the Council has got real value for money in any investments in these gardens.

I was wondering how these funds were allocated, for what purpose were they used and how much each garden had been allocated?

Response

All community gardens have been invited to apply for funding opportunities with City of Darwin. There are funding rounds throughout the year for grants and sponsorship. Organisations can also apply for in-kind support from City of Darwin during the year.

Jingili Community Garden has received fencing for the garden and sponsorship of \$25,000 for fruit trees since 1995. Karama Community Garden has received fencing, a mains water connection, a slab for the shed and approximately \$500 worth of mulch and soil. Lakeside Community Garden has received funding for a mains water connection of \$4,000 and a grant of \$13,270 for a composting project.

Question 5

On several occasions the Lord Mayor has claimed that around 20,000 trees have been planted by City of Darwin Council. That is an extraordinary amount. I was wondering if this number includes the thousands of plants the Council has handed out at Council plant give aways ?

Response

No, the amount does not include the 39,000 native plant giveaways trees that have been distributed since 2021.

Question 6

If so, how many plants has the City of Darwin Council actually planted and now maintain?

Response

Since Cyclone Marcus City of Darwin has planted 22,304 plants.

CARRIED 11/0

11 PETITIONS**11.1 PETITION**

Nil

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**12.1 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION**13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - RADGE COURT MALAK**

I, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 May 2024, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD176/24

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT Council approve a condition in the Deed of Agreement with Football Northern Territory for use of the facilities at Malak Oval which prevents any vehicle access to Malak Oval and associated facilities from Radge Court, Malak.

CARRIED 11/0

13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - NIGHTCLIFF / RAPID CREEK FORESHORE LIGHTING ASSESSMENT

I, Councillor Ed Smelt, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 May 2024, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD177/24

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT a lighting assessment is conducted of the Nightcliff / Rapid Creek Foreshore Off-Road Shared Path from Casuarina Drive / Hickory Street to Rapid Creek Road / Trower Road to identify additional lighting infrastructure or upgrades required to meet current standards and best practice.
2. THAT a report is presented to Council for review with the outcomes of the assessment and indicative costs to be considered for future Council budgets.

CARRIED 11/0

Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe joined the meeting at 5:52 pm.

13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - INSTALLATION OF FOOTPATHS ON BATTEN ROAD, MARRARA

I, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 May 2024, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD178/24

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT Council notes that City of Darwin seeks to maintain and provide a network of footpaths and shared paths for the community that is safe, provides equal access, and is fit for purpose to encourage cycling and walking.
2. THAT Council notes that City of Darwin provides and maintains footpaths and shared paths to ensure safety, accessibility, connectivity of spaces and to improve access for people of all ages and abilities.
3. THAT Council approve for the installation of a footpath on Batten Road, Marrara from Earhart Court to Amy Johnson Avenue.
4. THAT the installation of one footpath on Batten Road, Marrara from Earhart Court to Amy Johnson Avenue be referred to the 2024/25 budget for funding and prioritisation consideration.

CARRIED 11/1

14 ACTION REPORTS

14.1 INTERPRETIVE SIGN PROPOSAL - WWII FISH TRAP - NIGHTCLIFF FORESHORE

RESOLUTION ORD179/24

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the report entitled Interpretive Sign Proposal - WWII Fish Trap - Nightcliff Foreshore be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the installation of an interpretive sign along the Nightcliff foreshore interpreting a WWII fish trap.
3. THAT Council note the responsibility and costs for the production and installation of the interpretive sign be the proponents.

CARRIED 12/0

14.2 NOMINATION TO ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**RESOLUTION ORD180/24**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination to Animal Welfare Advisory Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of the Executive Manager Regulatory Services to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory as the representative on the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

CARRIED 12/0**14.3 REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD181/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Commercial Outdoor Activities Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Commercial Outdoor Activities Policy at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council rescind the Outdoor Dining Policy No. 0011.100.E.R at **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT Council rescind the Street Food Policy No. 0079.100.E.R at **Attachment 3**.

CARRIED 12/0**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2024****RESOLUTION ORD182/24**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

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

CARRIED 12/0

15.2 ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES POLICY**RESOLUTION ORD183/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the report entitled Engagement Outcomes - Commercial Outdoor Activities Policy be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.3 ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - DRAFT BUNDILLA BEACH MASTER PLAN**RESOLUTION ORD184/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Engagement Outcomes - Draft Bundilla Beach Master Plan be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.4 ADVISORY, INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) STEERING AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) OPEN MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD185/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Advisory, Information Communication Technology (ICT) Steering and Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis departed the meeting at 6:15 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders departed the meeting at 6:15 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.

15.5 UPDATE ON CODE OF CONDUCT OUTCOMES**RESOLUTION ORD186/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the report entitled Update on Code of Conduct Outcomes be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis re-joined the meeting at 6:22 pm.

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders re-joined the meeting at 6:22 pm.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION ORD187/24

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on attending the Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Awards of Excellence on behalf of the Lord Mayor. The awards recognise the contributions of members of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory and commend their efforts during the 2023 season. Additionally, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris participated in the 83rd Anniversary of the Battle of Crete dance event, hosted by the Cretan Association of Northern Territory. During this event, she accepted a plaque on behalf of the Lord Mayor. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris also provided an update on the participation of Waters Ward Elected Members for the Mother's Day Walk, in support of the Heart Foundation and thanked fellow councillors Kim Farrar and Brian O'Gallagher for their involvement in the lead up and on the day.

17.2

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris reported on attending the Bass in the Grass music festival held at Mindil Beach on Saturday, 18 May. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris extended his thanks to the NT Major Events team and City of Darwin staff who were involved in the organisation and expressed his desire to see more large-scale music events in Darwin.

17.3

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher reported on his attendance at the launch of the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal fundraiser on Friday, 23 May. He commented on the importance of the Red Shield Appeal and expressed that the charity is a great cause to donate to. Councillor Amye Un and the Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders were also in attendance.

17.4

Councillor Kim Farrar attended the Karama Community Gardens plant sale held on Saturday, 25 May. She stated her enthusiasm for the gardens and the installation of paved pathways, which have improved accessibility.

17.5

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis reported on a meeting between himself and the Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders with the NT Leader of the Opposition. Topics discussed included reviewing the current *Local Government Act*, particularly focusing on issues surrounding the code of conduct and rates. Additionally, talks involved the ongoing Civic and State Square Revitalisation project.

CARRIED 12/0

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher departed the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher re-joined the meeting at 6:29 pm.

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

18.1 DARWIN AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP

RESOLUTION ORD188/24

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Question

Councillor Mick Palmer requested an update on the negotiations between City of Darwin and the Darwin International Airport Development Group.

Response

The Executive Manager Corporate Services, Chris Kelly responded and advised that City of Darwin is actively engaging with relevant stakeholders, to resolve all outstanding debts and establish a new lease agreement with the Darwin Airport Development Group to avoid a similar situation arising in the future.

CARRIED 12/0

18.2 OPERATIONAL INQUIRIES

RESOLUTION ORD189/24

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Question

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher raised two questions. Firstly, requesting an update on behalf of Bayfield Road, Malak residents regarding ineffective irrigation for Holzerland Park. Secondly, requesting City of Darwin officers to look into concerns by the manager of Arley Rae Australia, 58 Mitchell Street, regarding a perceived fire hazard due to leaf litter.

Response

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr responded and advised to forward any relevant correspondence regarding these matters via email to be attended to operationally.

CARRIED 12/0

18.3 NORTHCREST DEVELOPMENT**RESOLUTION ORD190/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris requested an update on whether the Northcrest development in Berrimah, will be overseen by the City of Darwin or the City of Palmerston.

Response

The Lord Mayor responded and advised that it is our understanding that the Northern Territory Government will issue an expression of interest to all interested councils later this year.

CARRIED 12/0

18.4 TAMARIND PARK**RESOLUTION ORD191/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update and feedback in relation to anti-social behaviour reported at Tamarind Park and if Elected Members can expect a report from staff on this matter.

Response

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders, responded and advised additional monitoring by City of Darwin employees has been implemented and a formal request for additional CCTV in the area has been made to NT Police. In response, NT Police have advised that Tamarind Park is not considered a hotspot for anti-social behaviour or criminal activity and CCTV has not been implemented. Further, the Chief Executive Officer has requested that if Elected Members can provide any recent PROMIS numbers to Councillor Support, the Chief Executive Officer will liaise with NT Police on the matter.

CARRIED 12/0

Councillor Morgan Rickard departed the meeting at 6:31 pm.

Councillor Morgan Rickard re-joined the meeting at 6:35 pm.

18.5 MITCHELL STREET FOOTPATH WORKS**RESOLUTION ORD192/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Question

The Lord Mayor requested an update on the completion date for ongoing footpath works on Mitchell street opposite the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

Response

The Executive Manager Infrastructure, Nik Kleine responded and advised that the grass will be laid towards the end of the week and fencing will soon be changed from site fencing to pedestrian fencing aiming to facilitate improved pedestrian access to nearby businesses.

CARRIED 12/0

18.6 WUALGI OVAL**RESOLUTION ORD193/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris requested an update on the expected completion date of the storage shed at Wulagi Oval.

Response

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders responded and advised that City of Darwin is unable to provide an update at this time, as this project is budgeted and scheduled for 2024/25 year and the initial planning stages will commence in the upcoming financial year.

CARRIED 12/0

18.7 BAYFIELD PARK BOLLARDS**RESOLUTION ORD194/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris requested clarification on the spacing of recently installed bollards on Abrahams Court leading to Bayfield Park in Malak due incidents of illegal parking.

Response

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders responded and advised to send the query to Councillor Support to allow staff to provide accurate specifications on the bollards and inform the regulatory team to investigate illegal parking.

CARRIED 12/0

18.8 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE**RESOLUTION ORD195/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Question

Councillor Vim Sharma requested an update on the confirmed opening date of the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Response

The Lord Mayor responded and advised the opening date will be announced later in the week.

CARRIED 12/0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS**19.1 CONDOLENCES****RESOLUTION ORD196/24**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Kim Farrar expressed condolences on the passing of Larrakia elder Tony Duwun Lee and extended sympathies to his family and friends. The Lord Mayor advised that Council will send a formal letter to the family extending condolences. The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders further confirmed that City of Darwin had issued a formal notice in the NT News expressing condolences to the Lee family.

CARRIED 12/0

19.2 DARWIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**RESOLUTION ORD197/24**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar
Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Mick Palmer notified that he will seek to bring motion for the next meeting for a report on the procedures required to restrict Darwin International Airport from accessing services provided by the City of Darwin.

CARRIED 12/0**19.3 MALAK MARKETS****RESOLUTION ORD198/24**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar
Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris extended an invitation to Elected Members to attend the opening of the Malak Markets on Saturday, 1 June, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

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, 11 June 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 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 Tripartite Agreement for the Darwin Entertainment Centre

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 2024/25 Sponsorship

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, Information Communication Technology (ICT) Steering 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 - The Honourable Chief Minister - Proposed Monument at Bundilla Beach

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.

30.2 Incoming Correspondence - Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet - Superannuation for Council Members

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.

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD199/24

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:42 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 7:30 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 7:30 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 June 2024.

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CHAIR