

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 29 April 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, 29 APRIL 2025 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders
Acting General Manager Community, Angela O'Donnell
General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson
General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

APOLOGY:

Councillor Morgan Rickard

GUESTS:

Nil

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

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

2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

Amen

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD168/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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

CARRIED 12/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD169/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

THAT the apology from Councillor Morgan Rickard, be received.

CARRIED 12/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED****RESOLUTION ORD170/25**

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

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:

- Vim Sharma
- Amye Un

CARRIED 12/0

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD171/25**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

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 28.6 Reconciliation Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of Community Members.

CARRIED 10/0

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD172/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 March 2025 and the Special Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 April 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 12/0

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 MUNICIPAL PLAN 2025/26****RESOLUTION ORD200/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Draft Municipal Plan 2025/26 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse officers to conduct a 21-day public consultation on the Draft Municipal Plan 2025/26, including the proposed 2025/26 Annual Budget.
3. THAT pursuant to Section 35 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations, the decision, report, and attachments, be held in-confidence until 30 April 2025 at which time the decision, report, and endorsed Draft Municipal Plan document will be published on Council's website.

CARRIED 8/0

28.2 HERITAGE SUBMISSION**RESOLUTION ORD201/25**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Heritage Submission be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the proposed submission (Attachment 3) to the Heritage Council.

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 decision be moved to Open at the end of the meeting and that the documents remain confidential until such time as they enter the public domain via submission.

In Favour: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Kim Farrar, Mirella Fejo, Sylvia Klonaris, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee and Amye Un

Against: Member Ed Smelt

CARRIED 7/1

28.3 DARWIN PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

RESOLUTION ORD202/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin Performing Arts Centre be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve for sponsorship benefits to be provided to the Darwin Performing Arts Centre for the naming rights of the Darwin Entertainment Centre, subject to City of Darwin reviewing and endorsing the agreement between Darwin Performing Arts Centre and the sponsor.
3. THAT Council note that there are sponsor obligations for Sporting and Entertainment Facility Naming Rights as per the Sporting and Entertainment Facility Naming Rights Sponsorship Prospectus and City of Darwin Funding Policy.
4. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to finalise the assessment of the sponsorship as per the Sporting and Entertainment Facility Naming Rights Sponsorship Prospectus and Funding Policy, and to endorse the agreement between Darwin Performing Arts Centre and the sponsor.
5. THAT Council note that a further report will be provided to Council to provide the outcome of the assessment and to provide information on any key issues following a review of the agreement between Darwin Performing Arts Centre and the sponsor.
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 8/0

28.4 ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISABILITY CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLUTION ORD203/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Disability Capital Works Budget Recommendations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve \$21,441 be transferred from the Disability Access Operational budget to the Disability Access Capital Project budget.
3. THAT Council approve the following priority projects be funded from the Disability Access

Capital Project budget:

Priority Order	Project
1 st	Nightcliff Foreshore delineation for driveway crossings
2 nd	Libraries - bubbler, returns chutes and collection signage
3 rd	Tactile indicators for Casuarina and Nightcliff Libraries
4 th	Wanguri Oval - Accessible upgrades – Accessible path & soft fall
5 th	Wanguri Oval - Accessible parking

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

CARRIED 8/0**28.5 TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD204/25**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Tree Advisory Committee - Appointment of Community Members be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve Greg Leach and Mike Clark as community members to the Tree Advisory Committee for a two-year term from 22 May 2025 to 22 May 2027.
3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0**28.6 RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD205/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of Members be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoints Adrian Rotumah and Alinta McGuire as community members to the Reconciliation Advisory Committee for a two-year term from 19 May 2025 to 19 May 2027.
3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

29.1 OUTCOMES OF BUDGET WORKSHOPS

RESOLUTION ORD206/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

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

CARRIED 8/0

29.2 CORPORATE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT | JANUARY TO MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION ORD207/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Corporate Services Quarterly Report | January to March 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0

29.3 CODE OF CONDUCT PANEL SUMMARY OF DECISION

RESOLUTION ORD208/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments are not deemed confidential documents in accordance with Regulation 51(2)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.
3. THAT the decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0

29.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD209/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Advisory Committees and Information Communication Technology Steering 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 8/0

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

9.1 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

RESOLUTION ORD173/25

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe
Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT Council appoint Councillor Morgan Rickard as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the Period 29 May 2025 to 28 September 2025.

CARRIED 12/0

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS

11.1 PETITION

RESOLUTION ORD174/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt
Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Ed Smelt will present the Petition.

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to shading Nightcliff Foreshore, be received and noted.
2. THAT in accordance with By-Law 12, the Petition regarding shading at the Nightcliff Foreshore be referred to the Corporate Hub for consideration and a report to return to Council.

CARRIED 12/0

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

Councillor Vim Sharma departed the meeting at 5:47 pm due to technical issues.

Councillor Vim Sharma re-joined the meeting at 5:48 pm.

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - OUTDOOR ADVERTISING - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

I, Councillor Ed Smelt, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 April 2025, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD175/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT Council acknowledge the diversity of community views regarding the proposed installation of large digital advertising billboards on City of Darwin-managed land at Barrett Park, Parap and Gardens Oval.
2. THAT City of Darwin undertake further community consultation on the proposal, including – but not limited to – a media release, social media posts, and an online survey via the ‘Engage Darwin’ platform, to deliver a ‘consult-level’ process in line with Council’s Community Engagement Policy.
3. THAT a report summarising community feedback be presented to Council at the June 2025 Ordinary Meeting.
4. THAT funding required for the consultation activities is reallocated from uncommitted funds in the Fencing Capital Projects account.

In Favour: Members Kim Farrar, Sylvia Klonaris, Ed Smelt and Amye Un

Against: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Mirella Fejo, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Vim Sharma, Kon Vatskalis, Rebecca Want de Rowe and Sam Weston

LOST 4/8

13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - INSTALLATION OF SAFETY BARRIERS

I, Councillor Kim Farrar, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 April 2025, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD176/25

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT Council note the City of Darwin Movement Strategy priority for infrastructure investment that supports people walking and cycling.
2. THAT pedestrian fencing is installed where the Wulagi greenbelt shared path meets Lee Point Road.
3. THAT funding for the fencing is reallocated from uncommitted funds in the Fencing Capital Projects account.

CARRIED 12/0

13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - SMITH STREET MALL MASTERPLAN

I, Councillor Sam Weston, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 April 2025, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston
Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT Council undertake an external community consulted master planning process for the rejuvenation of the Smith Street Mall in the Darwin CBD.
2. THAT Council refer the amount of \$250,000 for the development of a Smith Street Mall Masterplan to the next years 2026/27 budget.
3. THAT the Masterplan outcomes are costed and included in City of Darwins Strategic and Priority Projects Plan to assist with seeking funding for upgrades to the Smith Street Mall.

AMENDMENT

1. THAT Council undertake an external community consulted master planning process for the rejuvenation of the Smith Street Mall in the Darwin CBD.
2. THAT Council refer the amount of \$250,000 for the development of a Smith Street Mall Masterplan to the next years 2026/27 budget.
3. THAT the Masterplan outcomes are costed and included in City of Darwins Strategic and Priority Projects Plan to assist with seeking funding for upgrades to the Smith Street Mall.
4. THAT the Lord Mayor write to the Chief Minister and the Member for Port Darwin seeking to collaborate on scope and funding for the Masterplan.

Councillor Ed Smelt proposed an amendment and with the consent of the mover, the amendment was accepted.

RESOLUTION ORD177/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston
Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT Council undertake an external community consulted master planning process for the rejuvenation of the Smith Street Mall in the Darwin CBD.
2. THAT Council refer the amount of \$250,000 for the development of a Smith Street Mall Masterplan to the next years 2026/27 budget.
3. THAT the Masterplan outcomes are costed and included in City of Darwins Strategic and Priority Projects Plan to assist with seeking funding for upgrades to the Smith Street Mall.
4. THAT the Lord Mayor write to the Chief Minister and the Member for Port Darwin seeking to collaborate on scope and funding for the Masterplan.

CARRIED 12/0

14 ACTION REPORTS

14.1 COMMUNITY ADVERTISING NEXT STEPS

RESOLUTION ORD178/25

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Community Advertising Next Steps be received and noted.
2. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate and finalise a property permit for the successful tenderer to construct and manage two billboards on City of Darwin land, as detailed in this report.

In Favour: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Mirella Fejo, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Vim Sharma, Amye Un, Kon Vatskalis, Rebecca Want de Rowe and Sam Weston

Against: Members Kim Farrar, Sylvia Klonaris and Ed Smelt

CARRIED 9/3

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis departed the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Councillor Sam Weston departed the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Councillor Ed Smelt departed the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Councillor Ed Smelt returned to the meeting at 6:42 pm.

APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIR

RESOLUTION ORD179/25

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

THAT pursuant to Section 95 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer is appointed as Chair for the remainder of the Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

14.2 WATERS WARD MULTIGENERATIONAL RECREATION SPACE - FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN

RESOLUTION ORD180/25

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space - Final Concept Design be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space - Final Concept design to be progressed to detailed design.
3. THAT Council approve the Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space - Final Concept design to be released for public consultation to inform how the feedback has been incorporated into the design.
4. THAT Council note construction staging will be required to deliver the full scope of works due

to budget considerations.

CARRIED 9/1

RESOLUTION ORD181/25

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

AMENDMENT

1. THAT the report entitled Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space - Final Concept Design be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space - Final Concept design to be progressed to detailed design incorporating options for the development to be located in Holzerland Park.
3. THAT Council approve the Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space - Final Concept design to be released for public consultation to inform how the feedback has been incorporated into the design including detailed comparative costings of the two locations for carparking.
4. THAT Council note construction staging will be required to deliver the full scope of works due to budget considerations.

LOST 4/6

14.3 REVIEW OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD182/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Public Library Service Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Public Library Service Policy 0044.100.E.R **Attachment 2**.

CARRIED 10/0

14.4 APPOINTMENT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION ORD183/25

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee for the term 29 April 2025 until the Caretaker Period:
The Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor Peter Pangquee (Chan Ward);
Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer (Lyons Ward);
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris (Richardson Ward); and

Councillor Kim Farrar (Waters Ward).

CARRIED 10/0

Councillor Kim Farrar departed the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris departed the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Councillor Kim Farrar re-joined the meeting at 7:18 pm.

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION ORD184/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

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

CARRIED 9/0

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris re-joined the meeting at 7:18 pm.

15.2 THREE-MONTH PARKING TRIAL RESULTS

RESOLUTION ORD185/25

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the report entitled Three-month Parking Trial Results be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

15.3 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - JANUARY TO MARCH 2025 (Q3)

RESOLUTION ORD186/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report – January to March 2025 (Q3) be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

15.4 UPDATE ON CODE OF CONDUCT OUTCOMES

RESOLUTION ORD187/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

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

CARRIED 10/0

15.5 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD188/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the report entitled Advisory Committees and Information Communication Technology Steering Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD189/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Ed Smelt reported on attending the Darwin Beach Choir: Solid Rock event as part of National Reconciliation Week 2025. Attendees gathered at the Darwin Ski Club on Friday 11 April 2025 for a sing-along event where they performed the song Solid Rock by Goanna. The performance was filmed and submitted to Reconciliation Australia, where it will be included in a promotional video and advertised during National Reconciliation Week. It was a fantastic event, with a great turnout.

17.2

Councillor Amye Un reported on attending the 2025 St John Ambulance NT Youth Competition as part of St John Youth Centenary, held at the Hidden Valley Raceway showcasing the first aid, leadership and communication skills. Furthermore, Councillor Amye Un provided catering for participants. Councillor Amye Un also visited The Array in the Vic Arcade to see how the space promotes IT skills for year 12 students.

17.3

Councillor Kim Farrar reported on attending the 2025 Couch Surfing event held on Wednesday 16 April in Civic Park. Thank you to the LAUNCH team for organising yet another great edition of the popular annual event. Further, Councillor Kim Farrar attended MAGNIFY 2025, another LAUNCH event in the form of a festival which celebrates the creativity and talent of Darwin's young people with food, music and market stalls at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory. Councillor Kim Farrar also attended the Darwin K-Pop festival on Saturday 12 April 2025 at Harmony Hall in Malak. A fantastic event, sponsored by City of Darwin.

17.4

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris attended the ANZAC Day Commemoration Dawn service at the Darwin Cenotaph. Thank you to the Returned Services League of Australia and all those involved in organising the event. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris particularly noted the Welcome to Country address delivered by Richard Fejo, describing it as deeply moving. However, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris did voice disappointment in the apparent lack of activation in the CBD during the parade.

17.5

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on attending the Greek Independence Day event hosted by the Greek Orthodox Community of Northern Australia (GOCNA). The event was held on 25 March 2025, a wonderful day filled with Music and dance including attendance by the Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris also attended the Kalymnian Brotherhood's annual Seniors Easter Lunch in Marrara. Lastly, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on attending the Thailand Grand Festival in Civic Park on Saturday 26 April 2025.

17.6

Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer also attended the Thailand Grand Festival over the ANZAC Day long weekend. It was a wonderful day filled with traditional dance performances, cultural showcases, and plenty of Thai cuisine on offer.

CARRIED 10/0

Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe departed the meeting at 7:30 pm.

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**18.1 LITTLE MINDIL UPDATE****RESOLUTION ORD190/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar requested an update on the maintenance request for Little Mindil Beach to address the upkeep of the surrounding vegetation.

Response

Acting General Manager Community, Angela O'Donnell advised that the owners of Little Mindil have been issued a regulatory order to address the property's upkeep, with officers requesting works to be completed by the end of the week. It was confirmed that work has already begun to address issues.

CARRIED 9/0**18.2 BEAM MOBILITY****RESOLUTION ORD191/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar sought clarification on whether Beam Mobility has met its contractual commitments with the City of Darwin.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy responded confirming Beam Mobility is meeting all contractual obligations with the City of Darwin. In addition, monthly meetings are held with Beam Mobility representatives and City of Darwin officers to monitor public inquiries and discuss any issues.

CARRIED 9/0

18.3 GRAFFITI REMOVAL**RESOLUTION ORD192/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris sought clarification on the procedure to address graffiti removal requests. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris noted that a recent request to address graffiti on the toilet block at Anula Oval resulted in damage to the existing mural and queried if there were any plans to paint a new mural in the same location.

Response

Acting General Manager Community, Angela O'Donnell responded and advised the graffiti removal process is initiated through any requests submitted to the Council either via Snap Send Solve or the online webform on the website. Further, the Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders noted that City of Darwin's graffiti removal program is funded and delivered in collaboration with the Northern Territory Government, with graffiti removal requests assessed on a priority and case-by-case basis.

In response to the mural being painted over, Acting General Manager Community, Angela O'Donnell confirmed that the decision was made to remediate the significant damage caused by the graffiti. There are no current plans to reinstate the mural at Anula Oval. The Better Suburbs Program has allocated funds for the Alawa Oval toilet block.

CARRIED 9/0

18.4 LYONS COMMUNITY CENTRE AND CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE UPDATE**RESOLUTION ORD193/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the lease for the Lyons Community Centre and the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised discussions between City of Darwin and the Northern Territory Government are ongoing. City of Darwin is still seeking approval for additional funding to support the Gary Lang Dance Company to cover the utility costs for the space.

Regarding the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre, City of Darwin will seek to commence an Expression of Interest in May 2025.

CARRIED 9/0**18.4 JINGILI CEMETERY AND OUTDOOR DINING****RESOLUTION ORD194/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question

Councillor Amye Un requested confirmation on the cleaning schedule for Jingili Cemetery, citing complaints from members of the public. Additionally, Councillor Amye Un inquired whether they should approach City of Darwin or the Northern Territory Government to request an outdoor dining permit for the Laksa House in Stuart Park.

Response

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders responded and took the question relating to the Jingili cemetery cleaning schedule on notice. Further, encouraged Councillor Amye Un to advise members of the public to submit requests via Snap Send Solve if there are ongoing maintenance issues.

In response to the query for an outdoor dining permit, the Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised Councillor Amye Un that due to the Laksa House being located on Stuart Highway, they would need to speak with the Northern Territory Government to seek permission.

CARRIED 9/0

Councillor Amye Un departed the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Councillor Amye Un re-joined the meeting at 7:42 pm.

18.5 ASSERTIVE OUTREACH OFFICERS**RESOLUTION ORD195/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question

Councillor Peter Pangquee requested whether City of Darwin's Assertive Outreach officers could increase their presence and patrols in Nightcliff, following the passing of Linford Feick.

Response

Acting General Manager Community, Angela O'Donnell responded and advised that the Assertive Outreach Officers have and continue to spend a lot of time in the Nightcliff area following last

week's tragic event. Assertive Outreach Officers are also providing support to the Nightcliff Library officers. Additionally, while the Assertive Outreach officers work on a Monday to Friday basis, they also are available for certain out-of-hours calls as needed. The contact number is shared in certain circumstances and the team regularly respond to out-of-hours calls along with City of Darwin Public Places Rangers.

Acting General Manager Community, Angela O'Donnell also confirmed that appropriate City of Darwin officers will be in attendance at the meeting called by MLA for Nightcliff, Kate McNamara, to discuss how to improve safety in the area.

CARRIED 9/0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS

19.1 MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

RESOLUTION ORD196/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

On behalf of all Elected Members, Councillor Peter Pangquee extended heartfelt condolences to the Feick family following the tragic passing of Linford Feick. Mr Feick and his wife have long been cornerstone members of the Darwin community as owners of the Territory Friendly Grocer in Nightcliff. Councillor Peter Pangquee acknowledged the profound grief and anger being felt throughout the community.

CARRIED 9/0

20 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 27 May 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 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.

28.2 Heritage Submission

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) and 51(d) 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 and information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

28.3 Darwin Performing Arts 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.

28.4 Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Disability Capital Works Budget Recommendations

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 Tree Advisory Committee - Appointment of Community Members

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

28.6 Reconciliation Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of Community 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.

29.1 Outcomes of Budget Workshops

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.

29.2 Corporate Services Quarterly Report | January to March 2025

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.

29.3 Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(f) 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(2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

29.4 Advisory Committees and Information Communication Technology Steering 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 ORD197/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 pm.

CARRIED 9/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9:10 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2025.

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CHAIR