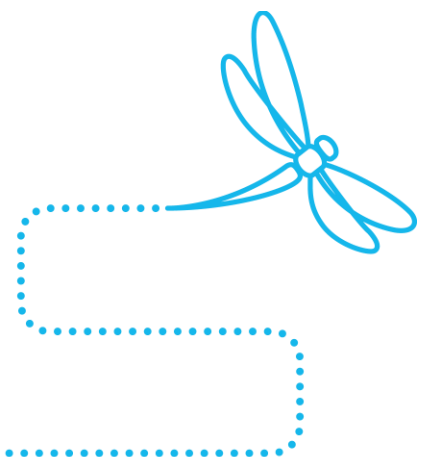


Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 29 October 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, 29 OCTOBER 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 Mick Palmer
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Morgan Rickard
Councillor Ed Smelt

OFFICERS

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

APOLOGY:

Councillor Amye Un
Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

NOT PRESENT:

Councillor Vim Sharma

GUESTS:

Nil

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

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

2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

Amen

Councillor Mick Palmer was not present at the commencement of the meeting at 5:32 pm.

Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe was not present at the commencement of the meeting at 5:32 pm however had notified the Lord Mayor.

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD435/24

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

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

CARRIED 8/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD436/24

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the apology from Councillor Amye Un be received.

CARRIED 8/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

RESOLUTION ORD437/24

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for The Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis for the period 14 November to 28 November 2024.

CARRIED 8/0

4.4 ABSENCE WITHOUT PERMISSION

RESOLUTION ORD438/24

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT in accordance with Section 47(1)(o) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Vim Sharma is absent from the meeting without permission.

CARRIED 8/0

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

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 ORD439/24

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

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 13.2 – Notice of Motion – Community Batteries.

CARRIED 9/0

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD440/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 September 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/0**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 AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024****RESOLUTION ORD464/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Draft Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Final Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024 be included in the Annual Report 2023/24.
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 9/0

28.3 OUTDOOR ADVERTISING**RESOLUTION ORD466/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Outdoor Advertising be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse for City of Darwin officers to commence community consultation on installing community and commercial advertising billboards on City of Darwin land as outlined in **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council note that a further report will be provided to Council following the community consultation to determine next steps.
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.

In Favour: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Kon Vatskalis and Sam Weston

Against: Members Kim Farrar, Sylvia Klonaris, Morgan Rickard and Ed Smelt

CARRIED 5/4

28.4 ENDORSEMENT OF FOOTBALL NT PROPOSED FACILITIES - BAGOT OVAL**RESOLUTION ORD467/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Endorsement of Football NT Proposed Facilities – Bagot Oval be received and noted.
2. THAT Council provide approval for Football NT to proceed with design and construction of the proposed facilities at Bagot Oval as detailed in **Attachment 2 and 3**, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) That a connecting pathway from the building to the existing path network be included in the final design.
 - b) That an assessment by City of Darwin's Arborist is undertaken during final design.
 - c) That appropriate approvals for construction and certification requirements are met for the building and pathway.
 - d) That City of Darwin representative/s are members of the Project Control Group.
 - e) That on practical completion and certification of the building structures, the facilities at Bagot Oval become assets of City of Darwin and that a property agreement is established with Football NT for use of the facilities.
3. THAT Council refer an amount of \$18,800 for the maintenance of Bagot Oval facilities to the 2025/26 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.

CARRIED 9/0**28.5 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOME - WALKWAY 170 - PATTERSON STREET TO DALWOOD CRESCENT MALAK****RESOLUTION ORD468/24**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Community Consultation Outcome - Walkway 170 - Patterson Street to Dalwood Crescent Malak be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the 24/7 closure of Walkway 170.
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.

In Favour: Members Kim Farrar, Sylvia Klonaris, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Morgan Rickard, Ed Smelt, Kon Vatskalis and Sam Weston

Against: Member Jimmy Bouhoris

CARRIED 8/1**29.1 CITY OF DARWIN DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24****RESOLUTION ORD470/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

1. THAT the report entitled City of Darwin Draft Annual Report 2023/24 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 9/0**29.2 CORPORATE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2024****RESOLUTION ORD471/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Corporate Services Quarterly Report – July to September 2024, 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 9/0

29.4 DOCTORS GULLY UPDATE**RESOLUTION ORD473/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

1. THAT the report entitled Doctors Gully Update 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 9/0

29.5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD474/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

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 9/0

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - PARKING IN THE DARWIN CITY CENTRE

I, Councillor Sam Weston, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 October 2024, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD441/24

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT Council provide in-principle support for a three or six-month trial, for free on-street parking in the Darwin City Centre after 3:00pm Monday to Friday commencing Monday, 2 December 2024.
2. THAT a report be returned to Council identifying any implications for consideration prior to approving the trial.

CARRIED 9/0

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris departed the meeting at 5:43 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.

13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMUNITY BATTERIES

I, Councillor Ed Smelt, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 October 2024, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD442/24

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

1. THAT Council requests the CEO to engage with the CEO of Power and Water Corporation to identify potential sites for community batteries within the City of Darwin as part of the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) Community Batteries Funding Round 1.
2. THAT a report on the outcome of the engagement with Power and Water Corporation and opportunities for collaboration on community batteries is presented to Council.
3. THAT representatives from Power and Water Corporation are invited to present to Council on the community battery program.
4. THAT a report is presented to Council providing an update on City of Darwin's pathway to net-zero Council-controlled emissions by 2030, including opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy and battery technologies to reduce emissions and costs to ratepayers.

CARRIED 8/0

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris re-joined the meeting at 5:52 pm.

14 ACTION REPORTS

14.1 PUBLIC ART AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD443/24

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Public Art and Cultural Development Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Public Art and Cultural Development Policy at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 9/0

14.2 REVIEW OF CUSTOMER CONDUCT POLICY AND CUSTOMER FEEDBACK POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD444/24

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Customer Conduct Policy and Customer Feedback Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Customer Conduct Policy at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council adopt the revised Customer Feedback Policy at **Attachment 3**.

CARRIED 9/0

14.3 REVIEW OF GIFTS AND BENEFITS POLICIES**RESOLUTION ORD445/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Gifts and Benefits Policies be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Gifts and Benefits Policy at **Attachment 2**.
3. THAT Council rescind the CEO Gifts and Benefits Policy at **Attachment 3**.

CARRIED 9/0**AMENDMENT****RESOLUTION ORD446/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Gifts and Benefits Policies be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Gifts and Benefits Policy at **Attachment 2**.
3. THAT Council approve the amendment of the nominal value in the Gifts and Benefits Policy from \$30 to \$50 at **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT Council rescind the CEO Gifts and Benefits Policy at **Attachment 3**.

LOST 4/5**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2024****RESOLUTION ORD447/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

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

CARRIED 9/0**15.2 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2024 (Q1)****RESOLUTION ORD448/24**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report - July to September 2024 (Q1) be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0

15.3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD449/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

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

CARRIED 9/0

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD450/24**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

The Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis reported on attending the OXI Day Memorial and wreath laying ceremony organised by the Greek Orthodox Community of North Australia on Monday, 28 October 2024, alongside Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris and Councillor Sylvia Klonaris. Further, the Lord Mayor attended as a guest of honour at the Indian Cultural Society of NT Diwali Celebrations in Malak on Sunday, 27 October 2024. The Lord Mayor expressed gratitude for living in such a multicultural city, where diverse nationalities coexist and celebrate cultures.

17.2

Councillor Ed Smelt reported on attending the opening of City of Darwin's Children's Week Artwork Exhibition on Saturday, 19 October 2024 at the Casuarina Library. Councillor Ed Smelt praised the day's activities, which featured live music and entertainment for the kids, highlighting how City of Darwin is working to activate libraries and encourage community participation. Councillor Ed Smelt congratulated officers for their efforts in organising the event.

17.3

Councillor Peter Pangquee advised Elected Members and offered congratulations regarding the recent appointment of Mary Watson as the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.

17.4

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on attending the Urban Development Institute of Australia – Northern Territory (UDIA NT) Gala Dinner and Awards for Excellence on 12 October 2024 at the Mindil Beach Casino. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris commended the award winners, especially highlighting the local businesses that received accolades, reflecting a positive outlook on current developments in the Northern Territory.

17.5

Councillor Morgan Rickard was present for Assistant Under-Treasurer Tim McManus' keynote speech on the Territory's Economic Outlook held at the Darwin Convention Centre on Monday, 28 October 2024. Councillor Morgan Rickard commented on the Treasury's commitment to developing a financial strategy aimed at ensuring transparency and accountability in government spending. Further noting the government's pledges to address various issues such as population growth, housing, and capital investment, expressing optimism about the potential benefits.

CARRIED 9/0**18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****18.1 FOOTPATHS AND BEAM MOBILITY IN MUNICIPALITY****RESOLUTION ORD451/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Mick Palmer sought confirmation regarding the construction of footpaths along Holmes Street in Fannie Bay, following a recent Council decision not to proceed with a trial closure of the Holmes Street and Playford Street intersection. Councillor Mick Palmer further inquired about the timeline for City of Darwin to construct footpaths along Harvey Street in the CBD.

Additionally, Councillor Mick Palmer asked about the service agreement between the City of Darwin and Beam Mobility to ensure that scooters are not left in random locations throughout the municipality. Specifically, restricting scooters from suburban and residential areas, including the Larrakeyah Barracks.

Response

Via the Lord Mayor, Council Officers took the question on notice.

CARRIED 9/0

18.2 MIRAWOOD ESTATE RESIDENTS**RESOLUTION ORD452/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired how City of Darwin can advocate for residents of the new Mirawood Estate in Berrimah to receive mail delivery from Australia Post. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris clarified that while some residents along Boulter Road can receive mail at their home addresses, others on the eastern end of Boulter Road are not able to receive door deliveries.

Response

Via the Lord Mayor, Council Officers took the question on notice.

CARRIED 9/0

18.3 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE**RESOLUTION ORD453/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris inquired whether temperature control had been installed in the 50 metre pool at the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Response

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr responded, noting that while the 25 metre pool at the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre is temperature controlled, the 50 metre pool is not. The 25 metre pool is used for programs like learn-to-swim and exercise classes, the 50 metre pool is not a competition pool, therefore does not have the same compliance requirements.

CARRIED 9/0

18.4 INCIDENT REPORTS CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE**RESOLUTION ORD454/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired into how many injuries had been reported by visitors to Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre after observing foot injuries caused by the pool ramp during a recent visit.

Response

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr responded and advised that the question about the number of recorded injuries would be taken on notice. The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr confirmed that all incident reports are logged by the Y NT as part of their management agreement and are flagged for officers to address any necessary rectification work.

CARRIED 9/0**18.5 INTERNATIONAL MENS DAY****RESOLUTION ORD455/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Sam Weston inquired whether City of Darwin is organising an event to recognise International Mens Day and if not, will this be a possibility for future years.

Response

Via the Lord Mayor, Council Officers took the question on notice.

CARRIED 9/0**18.6 CITY OF DARWIN RESPONSE TO NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT****RESOLUTION ORD456/24**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Ed Smelt requested an update on whether City of Darwin had been contacted for comment regarding the Territory Governments plans to appoint a Territory Coordinator.

Response

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised that City of Darwin was approached through the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory for comment. However, the timeframe for the response had already passed before it could be presented to Council. The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders noted that the Lord Mayor would provide feedback following the announcement and encouraged other Elected Members to provide feedback directly if given the opportunity.

CARRIED 9/0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS**19.1 POSITIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK****RESOLUTION ORD457/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Kim Farrar informed the General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr of positive feedback received on recent footpath repairs from a constituent in Boucaut Crescent, Malak. Additionally, Councillor Kim Farrar received correspondence commending City of Darwin on the announcement of the Haunted House Halloween community event in Malak, to which the resident also generously donated items to be used as prizes for the event.

CARRIED 9/0

19.2 NIGHTCLIFF JETTY**RESOLUTION ORD458/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Ed Smelt advised of a meeting between the Lord Mayor and Chan Ward Elected Members following the recent car thefts at Nightcliff Jetty. It was suggested the Elected Members send a request to the Northern Territory Police for mobile CCTV cameras in the area.

CARRIED 9/0

THAT at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024, resolution ORD510/24, Council resolved an administrative amendment on item 19.2 – Nightcliff Jetty, that City of Darwin officers send a request to the Northern Territory Police for mobile CCTV cameras in the area.

19.3 LGANT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**RESOLUTION ORD459/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

The Lord Mayor informed Elected Members about the upcoming Local Government Association of the Northern Territory November Conference and Annual General Meeting, scheduled to take place in Alice Springs from 6 to 7 November 2024.

CARRIED 9/0

19.4 ADVOCACY FOR LIGHTING ON SPORTING OVALS**RESOLUTION ORD460/24**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris updated Elected Members on a meeting with the Member for Wanguri, who discussed government advocacy for upgraded and new lighting across various ovals in the northern suburbs, including Wanguri Oval.

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, 26 November 2024, 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 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 Audited Annual Financial Statements for Year Ended 30 June 2024

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 Disbursements - Persons Authorised

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iii) 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 prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

28.3 Outdoor Advertising

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 Endorsement of Football NT Proposed Facilities - Bagot Oval

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 Community Consultation Outcome - Walkway 170 - Patterson Street to Dalwood Crescent Malak

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

28.6 Disposal of Surplus Property

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 City of Darwin Draft Annual Report 2023/24

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 - July to September 2024

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 Civic Centre Redevelopment Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) and 51(c)(iii) 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

29.4 Doctors Gully Update

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.

29.5 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 ORD461/24

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:19 pm.

CARRIED 9/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 7:39 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 7:39 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024.

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CHAIR