

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 29 September 2026



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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Nicole Brown
Councillor Shani Carson
Councillor Kim Farrar
Councillor Julie Fraser
Councillor Edwin Joseph
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan
Councillor Mick Palmer
Councillor Peter Pangqueue
Councillor Patrik Ralph
Councillor Sam Weston

OFFICERS:

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

APOLOGY:

Nil

GUESTS:

Donna Schakelaar

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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 Nicole Brown was not present at the start of the meeting at 5:34pm.

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD352/26

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:34 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED**

Nil

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD353/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 13.3 – Road Reserve Ludmilla.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Julie Fraser, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 14.3 – Update of Code of Conduct Outcomes and Item 28.3 – Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Descision.
3. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Kim Farrar, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 14.3 – Update of Code of Conduct Outcomes.
4. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Lord Mayor Peter Styles, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.3 – Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Descision.

CARRIED 12/0**6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF**

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD354/26**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 August 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 August 2026 be confirmed subject to administrative amendments requested by Councillor Patrik Ralph on item 17.1 and Councillor Julie Fraser on item 19.2.

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

27.3 ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLUTION ORD390/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Appointment of Chair be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint Tiffany Brown as Chair of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee from 5 November 2026 to 4 November 2028.
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 12/0

28.1 BRAND TOOLKIT

RESOLUTION ORD391/26

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Brand Toolkit 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 13/0**28.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD392/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

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 13/0**28.3 CODE OF CONDUCT PANEL SUMMARY OF DECISION****RESOLUTION ORD393/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

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 10/0**9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME*Councillor Nicole Brown joined the meeting at 5:41pm.***10.1 2026 PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN-UP****RESOLUTION ORD355/26**

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Julie Fraser

THAT the following Public Questions and responses as tabled from Rosemary Antonini regarding 2026 Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up be received and noted.

Question 1

Section 22(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)* identifies as a function of Council, carrying out measures to protect its area from natural and other hazards and to mitigate the effects of such hazards. In deciding to postpone the city-wide Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up until May 2027, what assessment did Council undertake of the impact of this decision on cyclone hazard reduction and

preparedness for the 2026–27 cyclone season, and how does Council consider the decision consistent with its function under section 22(1)(f)?

Response

Council considered the impact of postponing the city-wide Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up on cyclone preparedness and noted that only around 10% of material collected through the program is waste that could pose a cyclone hazard. Following significant post-Cyclone Fina recovery and clean-up activities across the municipality, Council did not have the internal capacity to deliver the 2026 program. In making its decision, Council considered that cyclone preparedness is a shared responsibility between Council and residents.

Question 2

On what date was the decision to postpone the 2026 Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up made, who authorised the decision and under what Council resolution or delegated authority was it made, and why were residents not advised of the postponement until August 2026, immediately before the service would ordinarily have commenced?

Response

Council considered the 2026 Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up and associated services from February to July 2026. The 2026/27 financial year delivery program was then confirmed within recent City of Darwin communications.

Question 3

Beyond access to Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility and the limited assisted pick-up service, what specific measures will Council undertake before the 2026–27 cyclone season to mitigate potential residential cyclone hazards. Will Council reconsider providing a city-wide pre-cyclone collection before the commencement of cyclone season?

Response

Council continues to support cyclone hazard reduction through free year-round access to the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility for residents with a tip tag, continued assisted waste collection services for eligible residents, and ongoing community education regarding cyclone preparedness. Council considers these measures provide residents with accessible options to remove potential cyclone hazards and are consistent with Council's function under section 22(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)*. The Northern Territory Government is the lead agency for cyclone preparedness, response, and recovery. The Secure NT website outlines these steps and responsibilities. The pre-cyclone clean-up has been deferred until; May 2027.

CARRIED 13/0**10.2 ITEM 27.3 - 2027 PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN-UP PROGRAM UPDATE – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING, 28 JULY 2026****RESOLUTION ORD356/26**

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph
Seconded: Councillor Julie Fraser

THAT the following Public Questions and responses as tabled from Donna Schakelaar regarding Item 27.3 - 2027 Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up Program Update” – confidential session, Ordinary Council Meeting, 28 July 2026 (closed under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(c)(i)).

Question 1

Why was Item 27.3 “2027 Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up Program Update” treated differently from the other confidential items closed on 28 July regarding the immediate release of the decision. Specifically, was a resolution to release it moved and omitted from the minutes, or was none moved at all?

Response

The release of decisions from confidential items is considered on a case-by-case basis, and the timing of release can vary depending on the circumstances and the nature of the information involved. Where a confidential item is considered by Council, a separate resolution may be moved to make the decision public immediately, or the matter may remain confidential until the reasons for confidentiality no longer apply. Those reasons can include ongoing operational planning, commercial considerations, legal matters, negotiations with third parties, or other circumstances where premature disclosure could prejudice Council's interests. The differing treatment of confidential items generally reflects the particular circumstances applicable to each matter and the Council's determination at the time as to whether the grounds for confidentiality continue to apply.

Question 2

Has Item 27.3 “2027 Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up Program Update” been added to the Confidentiality Review Register as per the Council's Confidential Information and Business Policy (No 1050.100.ER), and on what exact date is the first formal 6-monthly review scheduled to occur?

Response

The Confidential Information and Business Policy requires confidential matters to be included on the Confidentiality Review Register and reviewed at least every six months. The next formal review date would ordinarily be scheduled for January and every six months thereafter as recorded on the Register.

Question 3

Why was the agenda item titled “2027 Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up Program Update” rather than using terms that reflected its actual substance such as a proposed postponement of the 2026 program? Did Council consider separating the high-level policy question of postponement from any genuinely commercially sensitive detail so that ratepayers could be informed of and consulted on the decision to delay the program before it was finalised?

Response

The title of the confidential agenda item is considered appropriate having regard to the range of subject matter being reported to Council at the time.

CARRIED 13/0**11 PETITIONS****11.1 PETITION****RESOLUTION ORD357/26**

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Julie Fraser

Councillor Mick Palmer will present the Petition.

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to the 2026 Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up, be received and noted.
2. THAT the Petition regarding 2026 Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up be referred to Council for

consideration.

CARRIED 13/0

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

13 ACTION REPORTS

13.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY CALL FOR MOTIONS

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Julie Fraser

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Call for Motions be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 1 November 2026:

City of Darwin calls on LGANT to support ALGA Motion 92, adopted unanimously at the 2026 National General Assembly, and advocate to the Australian Government for its implementation, including:

- a) recognising the increasing and unsustainable financial burden climate impacts, adaptation, resilience and disaster recovery placed on local governments and communities;*
 - b) recognise the inequity where local governments and communities bear these costs despite not being responsible for the 75% of climate pollution generated by major coal, oil, and gas corporations*
 - c) establishing a National Climate Compensation Fund, including a dedicated funding stream for local governments commensurate with the scale of the financial risks identified in the 2025 National Climate Risk Assessment*
 - d) establish a Parliamentary Inquiry into the adequacy of the 2025 National Adaptation Plan, specifically addressing the lack of additional funding for local governments to deliver mandated adaptation responses.*
 - e) identifying adequate and sustainable revenue sources for the Fund, including taxes or levies on coal, oil and gas industries aligned with the climate damage their products cause.*
3. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 1 November 2026:
City of Darwin calls on LGANT to endorse the polluter pays principle that those responsible for climate pollution should contribute to the costs of responding to the impacts it causes; ensuring funding arrangements recognise the disproportionate climate risks and costs experienced by remote and regional communities and First Nations peoples, and enable First Nations communities to participate meaningfully in decisions about climate adaptation and resilience affecting their communities and Country.
 4. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government

Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 1 November 2026:

City of Darwin calls on LGANT to advocate for sustainable and predictable infrastructure funding mechanisms that enable local governments to proactively plan, renew, maintain and deliver infrastructure required to support population growth, community liveability and enable economic development, including funding models that recognise whole-of-life asset costs and provide for annual asset renewal and maintenance programs.

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD358/26

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Call for Motions be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 1 November 2026:

City of Darwin calls on LGANT to advocate for sustainable and predictable infrastructure funding mechanisms that enable local governments to proactively plan, renew, maintain and deliver infrastructure required to support population growth, community liveability and enable economic development, including funding models that recognise whole-of-life asset costs and provide for annual asset renewal and maintenance programs.

CARRIED 9/4

RESOLUTION ORD359/26

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Call for Motions be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 1 November 2026:

City of Darwin calls on LGANT to advocate for sustainable and predictable infrastructure funding mechanisms that enable local governments to proactively plan, renew, maintain and deliver infrastructure required to support population growth, community liveability and enable economic development, including funding models that recognise whole-of-life asset costs and provide for annual asset renewal and maintenance programs.

CARRIED 13/0

13.2 CARRY FORWARD BUDGET 2025/2026 AND RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

RESOLUTION ORD360/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Carry Forwards Budget 2025/2026 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt carry forward items listed in **Attachment 1** of report Carry Forwards Budget 2025/2026 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2026, totalling \$4,035,139 by their

inclusion in the 2026/2027 Annual Budget.

3. THAT Council adopt the Reserve Balances 2026 total of \$99,213,966 listed in **Attachment 2** of report Carry Forward Budget 2025-2026 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 13/0

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris departed the meeting at 5:59 pm due to a declared Conflict of Interest.

13.3 ROAD RESERVE ACQUISITION LUDMILLA

RESOLUTION ORD361/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Road Reserve Acquisition Ludmilla be received and noted.
2. THAT Council provides in-principle support for the proposed closure and disposal of approximately 344m² of road reserve adjacent to the Ludmilla Wastewater Treatment Plant to facilitate critical infrastructure upgrades by Power and Water Corporation.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2018* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to commence the statutory road closure and public consultation process.
4. THAT Council notes that a further report will be presented to Council following completion of the public consultation process to consider the outcomes of consultation and seek Council's determination on whether to proceed with the permanent road closure and disposal of the land.

CARRIED 12/0

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris re-joined the meeting at 6:02 pm.

13.4 APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION ORD362/26

Moved: Councillor Edwin Joseph

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT the report entitled Appointments to Council Advisory Committees be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Place, Liveability and Sustainability Advisory Committee** from the 30 September 2026 to 30 September 2027:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor Patrik Ralph
Councillor Julie Fraser;
Councillor Mick Palmer as Alternate
3. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Tourism, Business and International Relations Advisory Committee** from the 30 September 2026 to 30 September 2027:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor Kim Farrar;
Councillor Sam Weston

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris as Alternate

CARRIED 13/0

13.5 NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY BOARD

RESOLUTION ORD363/26

Moved: Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT the report entitled Nominations for Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Board be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination for Councillor Peter Pangquee to the LGANT Board as President.
3. THAT Council appoint the nomination for Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris as Board Director – Municipal, should Councillor Peter Pangquee be appointed as President.
4. THAT Council appoint the nomination for Councillor Peter Pangquee as Board Director – Municipal, should Councillor Peter Pangquee not be appointed as President.
5. THAT Council appoint the nomination for Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris to the LGANT Board as Director – Municipal, should Councillor Peter Pangquee not be appointed as President and be appointed as Board Director Municipal.

CARRIED 13/0

13.6 REVIEW OF MEMORIAL POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD364/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Memorial Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Memorial Policy at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 13/0

13.7 DOG PARK PETITION FOR DARWIN CBD

RESOLUTION ORD365/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Dog Park Petition for Darwin CBD be received and noted.
2. THAT an amount of \$295,000 be referred to the 2027/28 budget process for consideration to establish a dog park in the CBD.
3. THAT an amount of \$25,000 per annum be referred to the 2027/28 budget process for consideration of ongoing annual maintenance for a dog park in the CBD.

CARRIED 13/0

14 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

14.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - AUGUST 2026

RESOLUTION ORD366/26

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

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

CARRIED 13/0

14.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD367/26

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

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

CARRIED 13/0

Councillor Julie Fraser departed the meeting at 6:59 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.

Councillor Kim Farrar departed the meeting at 6:59 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.

14.3 UPDATE OF CODE OF CONDUCT OUTCOMES

RESOLUTION ORD368/26

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

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

CARRIED 11/0

Councillor Julie Fraser re-joined the meeting at 7:00 pm.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ORD369/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Australian Local Government Association be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

Councillor Kim Farrar re-joined the meeting at 7:01 pm.

16 NOTICES OF MOTION**16.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

I, Councillor Shani Carson, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 September 2026, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD370/26

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT Council note the strategic objectives contained within City of Darwin 2030: City for People, City of Colour and the Place and Liveability Plan 2050 to improve amenity, liveability and community wellbeing through high-quality public spaces.
2. THAT Council undertake a desktop assessment of irrigation infrastructure across Council-managed parks and public open spaces, including:
 - a) parks and open spaces currently serviced by irrigation infrastructure;
 - b) opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of existing irrigation systems through emerging technologies and infrastructure upgrades; and
 - c) top three priority locations where investment in irrigation infrastructure may provide enhanced community amenity and environmental benefits.
3. THAT a report be presented to Council by January 2027 outlining the findings of the assessment, including any identified opportunities, constraints and high-level costs associated with future irrigation enhancements.
4. THAT Council note that any proposed capital works arising from the assessment be considered through the 2027/28 budget development process.

CARRIED 13/0

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris departed the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris re-joined the meeting at 7:17 pm.

16.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUSTRALIAN COASTAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

I, Councillor Julie Fraser, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 September 2026, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD371/26

Moved: Councillor Julie Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT Council approve City of Darwin becoming a member of the Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc. for the 2027-28 financial year;
2. THAT Council note the costs and benefits contained within this motion including;
 - a) The annual membership fee is currently \$5,233.94 including GST;
 - b) Council can appoint an elected member as Council's representative to the Association, with the representative to be determined by Council;
 - c) Council can participate in the Association's National Survey on Coastal Hazards; and

- d) Council endorse to review the benefits and value of membership after 12 months, before renewing membership for a further year.

3. THAT Council refer the membership fee amount of \$5233.94 including GST to the 2027/28 budget process.

In Favour: Members Kim Farrar, Julie Fraser, Edwin Joseph and Patrik Ralph

Against: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Nicole Brown, Shani Carson, Sylvia Klonaris, Clarence McCarthy-Grogan, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Peter Styles and Sam Weston

LOST 4/9

Lord Mayor Peter Styles departed the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris resumed the role of Chair.

Lord Mayor Peter Styles re-joined the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Councillor Sam Weston departed the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Councillor Sam Weston re-joined the meeting at 7:57 pm.

16.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - BAGOT ROAD VEGETATION CLEARING

I, Councillor Julie Fraser, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 September 2026, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD372/26

Moved: Councillor Julie Fraser

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT Council note the substantial vegetation clearing alongside Bunnings Darwin.
2. THAT Council approve, in the following terms, the letter at **Attachment 1** to be sent to the Chief Executive Officer for Bunnings Group Limited and the Chief Executive Officer for Airport Development Group.

LOST 1/12

RESOLUTION ORD373/26

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

THAT in accordance with Meetings Policy No.0043.100.E.R section 3.12.1 that the motion be put.

CARRIED 10/3

Councillor Mick Palmer departed the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris departed the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Councillor Mick Palmer re-joined the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris re-joined the meeting at 8:06 pm.

16.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - CYCLONE TRACY MEMORIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AT EAST POINT RESERVE

I, Councillor Julie Fraser, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 September 2026, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD374/26

Moved: Councillor Julie Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Nicole Brown

1. THAT Council note the information contained within this Notice of Motion – Cyclone Tracy Memorial Infrastructure at East Point Reserve.
2. THAT an amount of \$100,000 be referred to the 2027/28 budget process for consideration to enhance the existing infrastructure, landscaping and accessibility at the memorial area, including consideration up to the referred budget amount, for options such as;
 - (a) suitable seating, including accessible seating and consideration of shade;
 - (b) a drinking-water bubbler or refill station, including water connection, drainage and servicing requirements;
 - (c) modest landscaping and beautification appropriate to the memorial's purpose and the East Point setting; and
 - (d) any minor access or supporting works required for safe and inclusive use of the area;
3. THAT an amount of \$20,000 per annum be referred to the 2027/28 budget process for consideration of ongoing annual maintenance of any approved capital infrastructure, duly adjusted as part of the budget for process to align capital and maintenance value, considering;
 - (a) estimated annual increase in operating, cleaning, horticultural and asset-maintenance costs for the existing memorial area and each proposed improvement;

In Favour: Members Julie Fraser, Edwin Joseph, Clarence McCarthy-Grogan, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee and Patrik Ralph

Against: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Nicole Brown, Shani Carson, Kim Farrar, Sylvia Klonaris, Peter Styles and Sam Weston

LOST 6/7

AMENDMENT**RESOLUTION ORD375/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT Council note the information contained within this Notice of Motion – Cyclone Tracy Memorial Infrastructure at East Point Reserve.
2. THAT an amount of \$100,000 be referred to the 2027/28 budget process within the better suburbs funding allocation, for consideration to enhance the existing infrastructure, landscaping and accessibility at the memorial area, including consideration up to the referred budget amount, for options such as;
 - (a) suitable seating, including accessible seating and consideration of shade;
 - (b) a drinking-water bubbler or refill station, including water connection, drainage and servicing requirements;
 - (c) modest landscaping and beautification appropriate to the memorial's purpose and the East Point setting; and
 - (d) any minor access or supporting works required for safe and inclusive use of the area;
3. THAT an amount of \$20,000 per annum be referred to the 2027/28 budget process for consideration of ongoing annual maintenance of any approved capital infrastructure, duly adjusted as part of the budget for process to align capital and maintenance value,

considering;

- (a) estimated annual increase in operating, cleaning, horticultural and asset-maintenance costs for the existing memorial area and each proposed improvement;

LOST 3/10

16.5 NOTICE OF MOTION - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ROAD SAFETY ASSESMENTS FOR WATERS WARD

I, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 September 2026, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD376/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT Council note the City of Darwin 2030: City for People, City of colour strategic plan to deliver best practice and sustainable infrastructure – supports safe, functional road networks and industrial access and the Place and Liveability Plan 2050 creating a safer, more connected and better functioning city.
2. THAT Council approve to undertake an assessment in accordance with the adopted City of Darwin Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) and Pedestrian Facility Guidelines to determine any local area traffic management and or pedestrian facility works for the following locations within Waters Ward:
 - a) Union Terrace, Wulagi;
 - b) Lee Point Road intersection precinct, Wulagi; and
 - c) Yanyula Drive, Anula/Wulagi.
3. THAT a report be presented to Council in January 2027 that provides the outcome of the LATM assessment including any recent incident summary, concept design options, associated cost estimates and any Black Spot funding eligibility.
4. THAT Council note that any proposed work will be prioritised against other identified LATM and or pedestrian crossing facilities projects for inclusion in a future works program and be referred to the 2027/28 budget process.

CARRIED 7/6

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION ORD377/26

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Julie Fraser

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Shani Carson noted that Tuesday, 29 September is National Police Remembrance Day. Councillor Shani Carson attended the memorial service at St Mary's Cathedral in Darwin with Lord Mayor Peter Styles, and Councillor Patrik Ralph. Councillor Shani Carson acknowledged the officers whose names were added to the National Wall of Remembrance this year, as well as those

who will be added in 2027. Further acknowledging the important work of police officers in supporting the community and the significance of National Police Remembrance Day in honouring their service and sacrifice.

17.2

Councillor Patrik Ralph reported on the Waters Ward Father's Day Movie night held at Anula Oval on Saturday, 5 September 2026. Thanking the Lyons Ward Councillors who donated lolly bags for attendees, officers, Garuda Football Club who ran the BBQ, Neighbourhood Watch NT, Darwin's Men's Shed and all community members who came together to support the event. It was well attended and a fantastic way to celebrate fathers, father figures and carers in our community and is looking forward to doing something similar next year and building on the event.

17.3

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris reported on officiating a citizenship ceremony on Thursday, 24 September on behalf of the Lord Mayor. The Deputy Lord Mayor formally thanked and acknowledged officers who organised and facilitated the ceremony for their professionalism and for delivering a successful event. Positive feedback was received from several attendees regarding the organisation of the event and the facilities at the Lyons Park Community Centre.

CARRIED 13/0

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**18.1 CHANGES TO PARKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISABILITY PERMIT PARKING HOLDERS****RESOLUTION ORD378/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar requested an update on the timeframe for the replacement of signage and the distribution of communications regarding changes to parking arrangements for disability permit holders, in accordance with the Notice of Motion – Accessibility and Free Parking for Disability Permit Holders, adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 31 March 2026.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised that a city-wide parking review is currently underway, with community workshops and stakeholder interviews completed and survey work to commence shortly. A parking engagement report is expected to be presented to Elected Members in late 2026 or early 2027 and signage will be all changed at the same time after Council received this report.

CARRIED 13/0

18.2 BICYCLE RACKS**RESOLUTION ORD379/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser requested information on the process and associated costs for installing bicycle racks within the municipality in response to requests from constituents.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised Councillor Julie Fraser to submit a Notice of Motion identifying the proposed location and budget for the installation of bicycle racks. Further noting that feasibility and installation costs would vary depending on the location.

CARRIED 13/0**18.3 RAPID CREEK POLLUTION****RESOLUTION ORD380/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser inquired which agency or governing body is responsible for managing and responding to pollution in Rapid Creek.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy took the question on notice.

CARRIED 13/0**19 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 27 October 2026, at 5:30 pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

27.1 Business Support

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.

27.2 City of Darwin Strategic and Priority Projects Review

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.

27.3 Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Appointment of Chair

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.

28.1 Brand Toolkit

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 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.

28.3 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.

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD381/26

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 pm.

CARRIED 13/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 10:22 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 10:22 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 October 2026.

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CHAIR