

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 3 December 2024



Reports, recommendations and supporting documentation can be accessed via the City of Darwin Website at www.darwin.nt.gov.au, or contact Customer Service on (08) 8930 0300.

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2024 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

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

APOLOGY:

Nil

GUESTS:

Nil

Order of Business

1	Acknowledgement of Country	4
2	The Lord's Prayer	4
3	Meeting Declared Open	4
4	Apologies and Leave of Absence	4
5	Electronic Meeting Attendance.....	5
6	Declaration of Interest of Members and Staff	5
7	Confirmation of Previous Minutes.....	6
8	Moving of Items	6
9	Matters of Public Importance / Lord Mayoral Minute	7
	Nil	
10	Public Question Time	7
	Nil	
11	Petitions	7
	Nil	
12	Deputations and Briefings	7
	Nil	
13	Notices of Motion.....	7
	Nil	
14	Action Reports	7
	Nil	
15	Receive & Note Reports	7
	Nil	
16	Correspondence	7
	Nil	
17	Reports of Representatives	8
18	Questions by Members	9
18.1	Snap Send Solve	9
18.2	Communications Plan Snap Send Solve	9
18.3	Mosquito Control	10
18.4	Free-Parking Trial and Rollout of Parking Meters	10
18.5	Touch and Go Smart Meters	11
19	General Business.....	11
19.1	Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor	11
20	Date, time and place of next Ordinary Council Meeting.....	11
21	Closure of Meeting to the Public	11
22	Adjournment of Meeting and Media Liaison	13

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 ORD561/24

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:33 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

RESOLUTION ORD562/24

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

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:

- Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis
- Councillor Amye Un

CARRIED 12/0

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis departed the meeting at 5:35 pm.

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

RESOLUTION ORD563/24

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Amye Un, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 29.1 – Update on Code of Conduct Matters.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 29.1 – Update on Code of Conduct Matters.

CARRIED 11/0

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

RESOLUTION ORD564/24

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 179 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 29.1 – Update on Code of Conduct Matters.

CARRIED 11/0

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD565/24

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 11/0

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis re-joined the meeting at 5:36 pm.

8 MOVING OF ITEMS

8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL

RESOLUTION ORD566/24

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT item 12.1 - Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal Deputation be moved and considered within the confidential section of the meeting at item 26.1 – Confidential Deputations and Briefings.

CARRIED 12/0

8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**29.1 UPDATE ON CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS****RESOLUTION ORD579/24**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

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

CARRIED 10/0

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

Nil

14 ACTION REPORTS

Nil

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

Nil

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD567/24**

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis provided an update to Elected Members on the Play Our Way Program grant application.

17.2

Councillor Kim Farrar reported on attending the Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary Commemoration event, held at the Darwin Ski Club on Saturday, 30 November 2024. Councillor Kim Farrar commended officers for their efforts in organising the event, highlighting several memorable aspects, including the photo exhibition at the entrance and the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and share stories with fellow survivors. Councillor Kim Farrar also acknowledged the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

17.3

The Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston reported on attending the City of Darwin Carols by Candlelight at the Gardens Amphitheatre on Sunday, 1 December 2024, noting a fantastic turnout with lots of families. The Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston also attended the DiversAbility Fun Day, on behalf of the Lord Mayor to present the winners of the 2024 Lord Mayor Awards.

17.4

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, along with Councillor Kim Farrar, were invited to attend the Helping People Achieve (HPA) Christmas event and award night at the Waterfront Precinct. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris noted that both were warmly welcomed on the night making it a wonderful and joyous evening for all in attendance.

CARRIED 12/0

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**18.1 SNAP SEND SOLVE****RESOLUTION ORD568/24**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired on when the transition from SeeClickFix to Snap Send Solve will be announced to the public.

Response

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed that email correspondence had been sent to Elected Members with details. Alice Percy also advised that postcards and business cards would be distributed to the Elected Members to share with the community. The transition from SeeClickFix to SnapSendSolve will begin on 1 January 2025.

CARRIED 12/0

18.2 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN SNAP SEND SOLVE**RESOLUTION ORD569/24**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question

Further to the above, Councillor Kim Farrar requested information on the communications plan for the transition from SeeClickFix to Snap Send Solve.

Response

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy responded and confirmed that a communication plan has been developed for the transition phase. An email will be sent out in December 2024 to all users of SeeClickFix and the an update will be provided on the website, advising of the transition to Snap Send Solve.

CARRIED 12/0

18.3 MOSQUITO CONTROL**RESOLUTION ORD570/24**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question

Councillor Amye Un asked whether City of Darwin plans to conduct spraying within the municipality to address the high mosquito population during this time of year.

Response

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that City of Darwin in conjunction with the Northern Territory Government, delivers an annual mosquito control program for areas flagged as mosquito breeding sites. Works that City of Darwin undertake include removing vegetation and silt, concreting, and upgrading of storm water drains. Mosquito spraying is managed by the Northern Territory Government Department of Health, Centre for Disease Control and contact details will be provided to the Elected Members.

CARRIED 12/0

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis departed the meeting at 5:43 pm.

18.4 FREE-PARKING TRIAL AND ROLLOUT OF PARKING METERS**RESOLUTION ORD571/24**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the communication rollout for the three-month trial of free-parking after 3pm in the city centre. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris also inquired whether the installation of touch and go meters in the city has been completed.

Response

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised that the touch and go meters would be installed on Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 December 2024, with the website being updated to reflect the new locations. Regarding the three-month free-parking trial, social media posts have already been published on City of Darwin's Facebook page and in the newspaper. Updated parking signage stickers have been ordered and will be installed in the coming weeks.

CARRIED 11/0

18.5 TOUCH AND GO SMART METERS**RESOLUTION ORD572/24**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar inquired whether Touch and Go parking meters will be installed along the side streets off Woods Street.

Response

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy responded, advising that some meters have already been installed in the area, but was unable to confirm the exact locations.

CARRIED 11/0

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis re-joined the meeting at 5:44 pm.

19 GENERAL BUSINESS**19.1 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR****RESOLUTION ORD573/24**

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT Council appoint Councillor Mick Palmer as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the Period 29 January 2025 to 28 May 2025.

CARRIED 12/0

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 28 January 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*:

29.1 Update on Code of Conduct Matters

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 ORD574/24

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 5:49 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 6:25 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 6:25 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 January 2025.

.....
CHAIR