

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 30 June 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, 30 JUNE 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders
General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr
General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson
Acting General Manager Innovation, Nick Fewster

APOLOGY:

Councillor Shani Carson

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 ORD246/26

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:37 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

RESOLUTION ORD247/26

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT it be noted Councillor Shani Carson is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 26 May 2026 for the period 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 12/0

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED****RESOLUTION ORD248/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

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:

- Sylvia Klonaris

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**

Nil

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD249/26

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2026 and the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026 be confirmed subject to an administrative amendment on item 4.2 – Apologies and Leave Absence, that Councillor Julie Fraser was not present due to technical issues.

8 MOVING OF ITEMS

8.1 MOVING OF ITEMS

RESOLUTION ORD250/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT item 11.2 – Petition on the Off-Leash Dog Park in Darwin CBD be considered before item 11.1 – Petition on the Proposed Telecommunications Tower Aldenham Road, Muirhead

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

27.1 NAIDOC WEEK SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL LARRAKIA NATION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

RESOLUTION ORD267/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled NAIDOC Week Sponsorship Proposal Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a 3-year Sponsorship of \$35,000 annually to Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation for NAIDOC Week for 2026 to 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

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD268/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled NAIDOC Week Sponsorship Proposal Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a 1-year Sponsorship of \$25,000 to Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation for NAIDOC Week 2026.
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.

LOST 4/8

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD269/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled NAIDOC Week Sponsorship Proposal Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a 3-year Sponsorship of \$25,000 annually to Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation for NAIDOC Week for 2026 to 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.

LOST 4/8

27.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - TRANSPORT

RESOLUTION ORD270/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Asset Management Plan - Transport be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind the Adopted Asset Management Plan – Transport at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council adopt the Transport Asset Management Plan at **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT Council note the financial information contained within this report in future budget deliberations.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 12/0

27.3 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - PATHWAY AND DRIVEWAYS**RESOLUTION ORD271/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Asset Management Plan - Pathway and Driveways be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind the Adopted Asset Management Plan – Pathways at **Attachment 1**
3. THAT Council adopt the Pathways and Driveways Asset Management Plan at **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT Council note the financial information contained within this report in future budget deliberations.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 12/0**28.1 GENERAL RATES IN ARREARS FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS****RESOLUTION ORD272/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled General Rates in Arrears For More Than Two Years 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 12/0**28.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD273/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Executive 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 12/0

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS

11.2 PETITION

RESOLUTION ORD251/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Mick Palmer, will present the Petition.

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to the Off-Leash Dog Park in Darwin CBD, be received and noted
2. THAT in accordance with By-Law 12 the Petition regarding Off-Leash Dog Park in Darwin CBD be referred to the Community and Corporate Hub for consideration and a report to return to Council.

CARRIED 12/0

11.1 PETITION

RESOLUTION ORD252/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris will present the Petition.

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to the Proposed Telecommunications Tower Aldenham Road, Muirhead, be received and noted
2. THAT in accordance with By-Law 12 the Petition regarding Proposed Telecommunications Tower Aldenham Road, Muirhead, be referred to the Innovation Hub for consideration and a report to return to Council.

CARRIED 12/0

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

13 ACTION REPORTS

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 5:55 pm.

13.1 REVIEW OF WASTE MANAGEMENT EXEMPTION POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD253/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Waste Management Exemption Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Waste Management Exemption Policy 6840.100.E.R
Attachment 1

CARRIED 11/0

THAT Attachment 1 be administratively amended under Section 2 – Scope to replace the wording ‘City of Darwin dwellings’ with ‘dwellings within the City of Darwin’.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

13.2 3RD BUDGET REVIEW 2025/2026**RESOLUTION ORD254/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled 3rd Budget Review 2025/2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve establishment of internally restricted reserve Tree & Habitat Replacement Reserve.
3. THAT Council amend the 2025/2026 budget in accordance with Part 10.5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, as detailed in report titled 3rd Budget Review 2025/2026 and associated attachments.

CARRIED 12/0

13.3 REVIEW OF CEO ALLOWANCES AND OTHER BENEFITS POLICY**RESOLUTION ORD255/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Review of CEO Allowances and Other Benefits Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the CEO Allowances and Other Benefits Policy at **Attachment 2**.

CARRIED 12/0

14 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**14.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 2026****RESOLUTION ORD256/26**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

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

CARRIED 12/0

14.2 ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD257/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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

CARRIED 12/0

15 CORRESPONDENCE**15.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - TREASURER OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY TARIFFS****RESOLUTION ORD258/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Treasurer of the Northern Territory- Local Government Electricity Tariffs be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.2 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL COMMISSION - CHAN WARD BY-ELECTION**RESOLUTION ORD259/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Northern Territory Electoral Commission - Chan Ward By-Election be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD260/26**

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on hosting the first Waters Ward Movie Night held at Moil Oval on Friday 29 May 2026. The event received positive feedback from the community and had around 200 people in attendance. Waters Ward Councillors look forward to hosting more movie nights across the Ward in the future.

17.2

Councillor Sam Weston reported on attending the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) with the Lord Mayor and a number of fellow Elected Members. The conference was held from 23 to 25 June 2026 in Canberra. Acknowledging the advocacy efforts of Councillor Peter Pangquee as President of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), thanking the Elected Members who attended, and encouraging those who were unable to attend this year to consider participating next year.

17.3

Councillor Peter Pangquee reported on attending the ALGA NGA 2026, in their capacity as President of LGANT and as an Elected Member of City of Darwin. The event provided a valuable opportunity to engage with representatives from councils across Australia and discuss the challenges facing local government. A key focus of the conference was the financial sustainability of local government, particularly for regional and remote councils. Other topics of discussion included waste management and disaster management. The NGA is an important forum for advocacy on issues affecting the long-term sustainability of local government.

17.4

Councillor Julie Fraser reported on attending the ALGA NGA 2026, and noted that climate change was also a significant topic of discussion throughout the conference. As part of a broader discussion, a motion was carried calling on the Australian Government to establish a Climate Compensation Fund, funded through levies on fossil fuel producers to assist local governments in addressing the impacts of climate change. Councillor Fraser also participated in a roundtable discussion hosted by the Australian Coastal Councils Association, which focused on advocacy and support for coastal councils facing the impacts of climate change.

17.5

Lord Mayor Peter Styles also reported on attending the ALGA NGA 2026 and described the conference as highly informative, noting that Elected Members were able gain insight into the challenges facing other councils across Australia, collaborate with, and better understand issues affecting urban, regional and remote local governments.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese was also in attendance on Thursday 25 June and addressed delegates on the federal government's support for local government. The Lord Mayor Peter Styles, gave an interview advocating against the Australian government's proposal to change disaster recovery funding for local government from Federal and State Government from a 65:35 funding split to a 50:50 funding split. Noting that this issue was raised by a number of other councils in attendance, with strong advocacy for increased funding support to assist local governments in responding to natural disasters and recovery efforts.

Further, another significant outcome of the NGA was the passing of a motion calling for the establishment of a centralised national regulated dog database.

17.6

Councillor Patrik Ralph wished Elected Members a happy pride month and reported on representing the Lord Mayor, and delivering the opening address at the Darwin Pride Festival Pride March at Bicentennial Park on Saturday 20 June 2026. The event was described as a wonderful occasion, with Councillor Patrik Ralph comending City of Darwin's support for the festival and associated pride month celebrations.

CARRIED 12/0

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**18.1 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE MUNICIPALITY****RESOLUTION ORD261/26**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question:

Councillor Julie Fraser queried how City of Darwin is responding to reports of anti-social behaviour in the municipality, particularly around the Nightcliff Village where such incidents have been ongoing for some time.

Response:

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr responded that the term 'anti-social behaviour' covers a broad range of issues, some of which fall outside City of Darwin's jurisdiction. Issues such as violence and public intoxication are the responsibility of the Northern Territory Police. However, Councillor Julie Fraser was advised to provide details of any recent incidents to Councillor Support so officers can assess whether the matter falls within City of Darwin's jurisdiction.

CARRIED 12/0

18.2 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE**RESOLUTION ORD262/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

Question:

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

Response:

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised that the matter be raised in the confidential section of the meeting.

CARRIED 12/0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS**19.1 REINSTALLATION AND REDEDICATION OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES****RESOLUTION ORD263/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

Councillor Mick Palmer noted the need to begin planning for the opening of the new Civic Centre. Particular consideration should be given to the relocation of the Cyclone Tracy and Bombing of Darwin commemorative plaques, which are currently displayed outside the former library entrance of the existing Civic Centre. It was suggested that the Northern Territory Government, through Protocol NT, be consulted regarding an appropriate rededication ceremony for the plaques at the new Civic Centre, noting that the plaque commemorating the victims of Cyclone Tracy was unveiled by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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 July 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 NAIDOC Week Sponsorship Proposal Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation

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.

27.2 Asset Management Plan - Transport

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 Asset Management Plan - Pathway and Driveways

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 General Rates in Arrears For More Than Two Years

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 Executive 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.

29.1 Incoming Correspondence - Airport Development Group

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

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD264/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:41 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 8:36 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 8:36 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July 2026.

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CHAIR