

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 30 September 2025



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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Shani Carson
Councillor Kim Farrar
Councillor Julie Fraser
Councillor Edwin Joseph
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Mick Palmer
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Patrik Ralph
Councillor Ed Smelt
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:

Councillor Nicole Brown

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 ORD409/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

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

CARRIED 12/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD410/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the apology from Councillor Nicole Brown, be received.

CARRIED 12/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED**RESOLUTION ORD411/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT a leave of absence be granted for Councillor Sylvia Klonaris for the period 23 October 2025 to 27 October 2025.

CARRIED 12/0

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 ORD412/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Shani Carson, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.1 - Appointment of external committee members – Risk Management and Audit Committee and Item 29.1 - Update on the Esplanade.

CARRIED 12/0

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD413/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 July 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 12/0**8 MOVING OF ITEMS****8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**28.1 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS - RISK MANAGEMENT & AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC)****RESOLUTION ORD454/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Appointment of External Committee Members - Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) be received and noted.
2. THAT Sanja Hill, Tanya Jacobs and Shara Reid be endorsed as Community Members of the Risk Management and Audit Committee.
3. THAT Roland Chin be appointed as Chair of the Risk Management and Audit Committee.
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 10/0**29.1 UPDATE ON THE ESPLANADE****RESOLUTION ORD455/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Update on The Esplanade 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

14.1 REVIEW OF CASTING VOTE POLICY - 24TH CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ORD414/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Casting Vote Policy - 24th City of Darwin Council be received and noted.
2. THAT pursuant to section 95(6) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council adopts a policy position for the 24th City of Darwin Council at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 12/0

14.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES - 24TH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ORD415/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT the report entitled Establishment of Executive and Advisory Committees - 24th Council be received and noted.

2. THAT Council, pursuant to section 82 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, establishes the following Executive and Advisory Committees and that the respective terms of reference be adopted:
 - (a) Executive Committees
 - (i) Administrative Review Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 1**.
 - (ii) Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 2**.
 - (b) Advisory Committees
 - (i) Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 3**.
 - (ii) Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 4**.
 - (iii) Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 5**.
 - (iv) East Point Reserve Advisory Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 6**.
 - (v) Information Communication Technology Steering Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 7**.
 - (vi) International Relations Advisory Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 8**.
 - (vii) Reconciliation Advisory Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 9**.
 - (viii) Sister City Advisory Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 10**.
 - (ix) Tree Advisory Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 11**.
 - (x) Youth Advisory Committee terms of reference provided at **Attachment 12**.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to section 86 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, establishes the Risk Management and Audit Committee and that the respective terms of reference provided at **Attachment 13** be adopted.
4. THAT Council endorse a workshop to be held as part of the November 'Forum Meeting' to review the Advisory Committees and respective terms of reference.

CARRIED 12/0

14.3 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - REZONE LAND IN ZONE LOW-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO A SPECIFIC USE - 121 MITCHELL STREET AND 12 DOCTORS GULLY ROAD

RESOLUTION ORD416/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Planning Scheme Amendment - Rezone land in zone Low-Medium Density Residential to a Specific Use - 121 Mitchell Street and 12 Doctors Gully Road be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission to the Northern Territory Planning Commission provided at **Attachment 1**.

In Favour: Members Shani Carson, Edwin Joseph, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Patrik Ralph, Ed Smelt, Peter Styles and Sam Weston

Against: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Kim Farrar, Julie Fraser and Sylvia Klonaris

CARRIED 8/4

14.4 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - TO FACILITATE GROUP DWELLING AND MULTIPLE DWELLING - ZONE LMR (NT-WIDE)

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Planning Scheme Amendment - To facilitate group dwelling and multiple dwelling - Zone LMR (NT-wide) be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission to the Northern Territory Planning Commission provided at **Attachment 1**.

RESOLUTION ORD417/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

That this item lay on the table and be referred to the October 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting to allow Elected Members to receive a briefing on the proposed amendment and the original proposal letter from the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment.

CARRIED 12/0

14.5 REAPPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS - INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) STEERING COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION ORD418/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Reappointment of External Committee Members - Information Communication Technology (ICT) Steering Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Neil Glentworth, Sarah Hicks and Tim Woods be reappointed as External Members of the ICT Steering Committee for a two year term ending 30 September 2027.
3. THAT Neil Glentworth be reappointed Chair of the ICT Steering Committee for a two year term ending 30 September 2027.
4. THAT Council note that the Chair of the Risk Management and Audit Committee will be appointed as an External Member of the ICT Steering Committee.

CARRIED 12/0

14.6 CARRY FORWARD BUDGET 2024-2025 AND RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**RESOLUTION ORD419/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Carry Forward Budget 2024-2025 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt carry forward items listed in **Attachment 1** of report Carry Forward Budget 2024-2025 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2025, totalling \$20,436,021 by their inclusion in the 2025/26 Annual Budget.
3. THAT Council adopt the Reserve Balances 2025 total of \$132,387,465 listed in **Attachment 2** of report Carry Forward Budget 2024-2025 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2025.

CARRIED 12/0

14.7 STATUTORY DELEGATIONS - 24TH CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL**RESOLUTION ORD420/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Statutory Delegations - 24th City of Darwin Council be received and noted.
2. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Appraisal Committee the power to:
 - a) conduct and finalise a performance evaluation and review of the Council's Chief Executive Officer; and
 - b) any other powers and functions delegated to it under its Terms of Reference from time to time.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Administrative Review Committee its powers under Section 324 of the *Local Government Act 2019* to:
 - a) investigate, inquire into and make recommendations to Council on matters raised in an application to review a decision in accordance with Part 18.1 of the *Local Government Act 2019*; and
 - b) any other powers and functions delegated to it under its Terms of Reference from time to time; and
 - c) pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Administrative Review Committee its powers under Section 19 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, to carry out, on behalf of the council, financial functions of the council in the months the Council does not hold an Ordinary Meeting.
4. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Risk Management and Audit Committee its powers, functions and duties under Section 87 of the *Local Government Act 2019* to:
 - a) To monitor and review the integrity of the council's financial management.
 - b) To monitor and review internal controls.

- c) To make recommendations to the council about any matters the committee considers require the council's consideration as a result of the committee's functions under paragraph (a) or (b).
 - d) any other powers and functions delegated to it under its Terms of Reference from time to time.
5. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, or any person acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer, all of the powers, functions and duties under the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Local Government Regulations 2021* subject to any conditions and or limitations specified in legislation, Council Policy and Procedure or by Council resolution **with the exception of:**
- (i) The powers, functions and duties under Sections 35, regarding the adoption of the Municipal Plan.
 - (ii) The powers, functions and duties in Section 54 and Section 65, appointment to fill a Casual Vacancy on the Council.
 - (iii) The powers, functions and duties under Section 82 to establish or abolish Council Committees; and
 - (iv) The powers, functions and duties under Section Part 6.4, meetings of electors.
- a) All of the powers, functions and duties of all other Acts and Regulations under which Council has a vested power, function or duty, subject to any legislative restrictions, conditions and limitation, Council Policy and Procedure.
 - b) The powers and functions under the Darwin City Council By-Laws 2023, subject to any legislative restrictions, conditions and limitation, Council Policy and Procedure.
 - c) That such powers and functions may be further delegated by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 168 of the *Local Government Act 2019* as the Chief Executive Officer determines, unless otherwise indicated herein.
6. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 183 of the *Local Government Act 2019* hereby appoints the Chief Executive Officer, or any person acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer, to be an Authorised Person with the powers and functions specified in the *Local Government Act 2019*.

CARRIED 12/0

14.8 MEETING SCHEDULE - 24TH CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ORD421/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Meeting Schedule - 24th City of Darwin Council be received and noted.
2. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 90(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)* adopt the following schedule for the City of Darwin Ordinary Council Meetings for the Term of the 24th Council:
 - (a) One Ordinary Council Meeting to be held per month.
 - (b) Ordinary Council Meetings to be held on the last Tuesday of the month, excluding December.
 - (c) One Ordinary Council Meeting to be held in December on the first Tuesday of the

month.

- (d) The Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday, 25 April 2028 (Anzac Day public holiday) be held on Wednesday, 26 April 2028.
 - (e) Ordinary Council Meetings will commence at 5.30pm.
 - (f) Ordinary Council Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers located at the Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin unless amended from time to time.
3. A public forum will be held at the Civic Centre commencing at 5.00pm on the last Tuesday of each month, excluding December.

CARRIED 11/1

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

AMENDMENT

THAT the report entitled Meeting Schedule - 24th City of Darwin Council be received and noted.

2. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 90(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)* adopt the following schedule for the City of Darwin Ordinary Council Meetings for the Term of the 24th Council:
- (a) The current schedule of One Ordinary Council Meeting per month continues until December 2025 with Ordinary Council meetings to be held on the last Tuesday of the month, excluding December.
 - (b) The December 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of that month
 - (c) Council adopt a two (2) Ordinary Council Meeting per month schedule with:
 - (i) Meetings on a Tuesday
 - (ii) commencement of schedule be from 27 January 2026 as the first briefing meeting, followed by the first Ordinary Council meeting on 3 February 2026.
 - (d) Ordinary Council Meetings will commence at 5.30pm.
 - (e) Ordinary Council Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers located at the Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin unless amended from time to time.
3. A public forum will be held at the Civic Centre commencing at 5.00pm on the last Tuesday of each month.

With the consent of the mover the proposed amendment was withdrawn.

RESOLUTION ORD422/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT in accordance with Meetings Policy 1053.100.E.R as set out in section 3.10, the meeting be suspended at 6:44 pm for 10 minutes to allow for discussion on the report relating to the Meeting Schedule of the 24th City of Darwin Council.

CARRIED 12/0

RESOLUTION ORD423/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

THAT in accordance with Meetings Policy 1053.100.E.R as set out in section 3.10, the meeting be suspended at 6:54 pm for a further 10 minutes to allow for discussion on the report relating to the Meeting Schedule of the 24th City of Darwin Council.

CARRIED 12/0

RESOLUTION ORD424/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT in accordance with Meetings Policy 0043.100.E.R the meeting be resumed at 7:06 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

Councillor Sam Weston departed the meeting at 7:16 pm.

14.9 ACQUITTAL OF 2023/24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATE PRIORITY GRANTS

RESOLUTION ORD425/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Acquittal of 2023/24 Local Government Immediate Priority Grants be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Grant Acquittals for the 2023/24 Local Government Immediate Priority Grants at **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2**

CARRIED 11/0

Councillor Sam Weston re-joined the meeting at 7:18 pm.

14.10 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

RESOLUTION ORD426/25

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint Councillor Patrik Ralph as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the period 30 September 2025 to 29 January 2026.

CARRIED 12/0

14.11 APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES - 24TH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ORD427/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Appointments to Council Executive and Advisory Committees - 24th Council be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Administrative Review Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Lord Mayor (Chair)

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris;

Councillor Edwin Joseph;

Councillor Mick Palmer.

And that all remaining Elected Members are appointed as alternate members to the committee.

3. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Lord Mayor (Chair)

Councillor Shani Carson;

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris;

Councillor Mick Palmer and

Councillor Ed Smelt.

4. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris; and

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as Alternate.

5. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Patrik Ralph; and

Councillor Kim Farrar as Alternate.

6. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Lord Mayor (Chair)

Councillor Sam Weston; and

Councillor Shani Carson as Alternate.

7. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **East Point Reserve Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Mick Palmer; and

Councillor Shani Carson as Alternate.

8. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Information Communication Technology Steering Committee** to 30 September 2027:

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris; and

Councillor Peter Pangquee as Alternate.

9. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **International Relations Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Lord Mayor (Chair)

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris; and

Councillor Sam Weston as Alternate.

10. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Reconciliation Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Peter Pangquee; and

Councillor Patrik Ralph as Alternate.

11. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Sister City Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris; and

Councillor Edwin Joseph as Alternate.

12. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Tree Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Lord Mayor (Chair)

Councillor Julie Fraser and

Councillor Kim Farrar as Alternate.

13. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Youth Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Patrik Ralph; and

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as Alternate.

14. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Member to the **Risk Management and Audit Committee** to 30 September 2027:

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris; and

Councillor Mick Palmer and

Councillor Ed Smelt.

15. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor holds the position of Ex-Officio for all Council Committees.

16. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor is directly appointed the following external committees for the whole of the 24th Term of Council:

Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM)

Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC)

17. THAT Council note that Councillor Peter Pangquee is an Executive Board Member appointed to the **Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)** and that his appointment remains current until November 2026.

CARRIED 12/0

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

RESOLUTION ORD428/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

That in accordance with Meetings Policy 1053.100.E.R as set out in section 3.12 the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm for 10 minutes.

CARRIED 12/0

RESUMPTION OF MEETING**RESOLUTION ORD429/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the meeting be resumed at 8:04 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

14.12 NOMINATIONS FOR THE DARWIN DIVISION OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT AUTHORITY**RESOLUTION ORD430/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT the report entitled Nominations for the Darwin Division of the Development Consent Authority be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination for the following Community Members to the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment for the Darwin Division of the Development Consent Authority.

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Julie Fraser

Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Peter Pangquee

Councillor Sam Weston

CARRIED 12/0

14.13 NOMINATIONS FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS COMMISSION**RESOLUTION ORD431/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Nominations for Northern Territory Grants Commission be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of Councillor Peter Pangquee to LGANT as the representative on the Northern Territory Grants Commission.

CARRIED 12/0

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**15.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - AUGUST 2025****RESOLUTION ORD432/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

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

CARRIED 12/0

15.2 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 2025**RESOLUTION ORD433/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

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

CARRIED 12/0

16 CORRESPONDENCE**16.1 NORTHERN TERRITORY REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS ENTITLEMENTS 2026****RESOLUTION ORD434/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the report entitled Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal - Local Government Councils Entitlements 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD435/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported attending City of Darwin's plant giveaway at Anula Oval on Saturday, 27 September 2025, and expressed disappointment at the low turnout suggesting future events be promoted earlier to improve public awareness. and attendance. Furthermore, attended

the opening of the Poolhouse Bar and Kitchen at Novotel Darwin Airport on Monday 29 September with Lord Mayor Peter Styles and Councillors Nicole Brown and Shani Carson. The food was excellent and a great new restaurant in Waters Ward.

17.2

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris reported on attending the AFL National Masters Carnival opening ceremony at the Gardens Oval on Sunday 28 September. Noting how many of the interstate visitors, many of whom were visiting Darwin for the first time, enjoyed the city and all it has to offer despite negative stories in national media. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris stated his desire for City of Darwin to continue to support these types of events.

17.3

The Lord Mayor Peter Styles reported on attending the handover of the Cyclone Tracy Memorial at East Point with Councillor Shani Carson and then joined the Chung Wah Society Senior Citizens Recreation Group, who meets every second Friday throughout the year. Furthermore, attending the opening of the Poolhouse Bar and Restaurant in Waters Ward on Saturday 27 September. The Lord Mayor Peter Styles officially opened the AFL National Masters Carnival on Sunday 28 September 2025. Additionally, attending the National Police Remembrance Day held on Monday 29 September.

17.4

Councillor Patrik Ralph attended the 2025 Northern Territory Youth Parliament sitting week as a facilitator and praised the participants for their strong engagement with the program. Councillor Patrik Ralph noted that many participants saw the appointment as the youngest Elected Member in the history of City of Darwin Council, as a step toward to greater youth representation and involvement in decision making.

17.5

Councillor Shani Carson attended the handover of the Cyclone Tracy Memorial at East Point on Friday 26 September 2025 with the Lord Mayor Peter Styles. The event, led by the Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc committee, and noted the organisers appreciation for their attendance.

17.6

Councillor Julie Fraser attended a community meeting at Tudawali Park in Ludmilla on Saturday, 27 September 2025, organised by the Planning Action Network (PLan) Inc. Representatives from the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure, were present to hear residents' concerns about proposed drainage works near the Ostermann Street boundary of Kulaluk town camp, particularly the environmental risks to nearby mangroves and trees. Councillor Julie Fraser also raised concerns about transparency in decision-making and encouraged Council to carefully assess developments that may impact the environment.

Councillor Julie Fraser also visited the Jingili Community Gardens, noting some newly planted trees in the area and the ongoing works at the Jingili footbridge, and spoke with members about the amazing work the community garden does.

17.7

Councillor Kim Farrar attended the Robyn Lesley Park community planting day on Saturday 20 September, with fellow Waters Ward Councillors Sylvia Klonaris and Patrik Ralph. Noting the strong community turn out on the day, including residents of Palmerston, who praised the initiative

and expressed interest in seeing similar events hosted by City of Palmerston. Congratulations to City of Darwin.

CARRIED 12/0

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

18.1 SMITH STREET STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION ORD436/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Sam Weston inquired on the revised completion date for Smith Street streetscape improvement works and the reason for the delay.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders confirmed the Smith Street streetscape improvement project, originally scheduled for completion on Tuesday 30 September 2025, has been delayed by 10 days and is now expected to finish on Friday 10 October 2025. The delay due to roadwork issues discovered during tree pit excavation. Additionally, some works near the Smith Street and Knuckey Street intersection were rescheduled from August to September, at the request of local businesses, to avoid peak tourist season.

CARRIED 12/0

18.2 SMITH STREET BICYCLE LANES

RESOLUTION ORD437/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar inquired when the bicycle lanes will be installed on Smith Street as part of the improvement project.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders confirmed that bike lanes will be included in the final stages of the works, scheduled for completion by Friday 10 October 2025. Final artwork, stencils, and signage will be installed later in the year. Further advising that any future schedule changes will be communicated to Elected Members via Councillor Support, and all affected businesses continue to receive weekly updates from the project team.

CARRIED 12/0

18.3 MALAK COMMUNITY HALL PARKING**RESOLUTION ORD438/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether car parking at Malak Community Hall will be affected during the Waters Ward Halloween event on Friday 31 October, due to works on the Waters Ward Multigenerational Play Space. Also requesting an update on the expected project start date for Elected Members.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed that there will be no parking restrictions at Malak Community Hall during the Halloween event.

General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson informed Elected Members that the contract for the works is still in the procurement phase, and a start date will be confirmed once this process is complete.

CARRIED 12/0

18.4 LYONS COMMUNITY CENTRE**RESOLUTION ORD439/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the lease for the Lyons Community Centre

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed that after the Gary Lang Dance Company withdrew from the lease agreement, the Northern Territory Government reaffirmed its commitment to funding prospective tenants and provided City of Darwin with a list of interested parties seeking a similar space and fit-out. Further noting City of Darwin also has the option to issue a new expression of interest as needed to identify additional suitable tenants.

CARRIED 12/0

18.5 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE POOL HEATING TRIAL**RESOLUTION ORD440/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris inquired about the results of the heating trial for the 50 metre pool at

Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre and whether a report on the trial will be provided to Elected Members.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that feedback from the heating trial was very positive. Noting officers have completed an energy audit to evaluate energy consumption and explore sustainable solutions, including solar and battery powered options. A report outlining the trial results and potential costs for year-round heating of the 50 metre pool will be provided to Elected Members in the coming months.

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr provided a brief explanation to new Elected Members on the background of the 50 metre pool heating trial.

CARRIED 12/0

18.6 LEE POINT ROAD**RESOLUTION ORD441/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris inquired whether City of Darwin had removed trees on the Lee Point Beach end of Lee Point Road.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders took the question on notice, further advising Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris to email Councillor Support with more information on the exact location.

CARRIED 12/0

18.7 PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC FORUM**RESOLUTION ORD442/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser inquired on the procedure for following up concerns raised by members of the public during the public forum, and whether records are kept of the questions. Councillor Julie Fraser requested clarification on the process for submitting a Notice of Motion to Council to address how public forum questions are handled and followed up.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders noted that the public forum is not an official meeting; therefore, formal records are not kept. However, officers may take notes on specific questions that require a response. In certain cases, the Lord Mayor and other Elected Members may choose to engage directly with members of the public to discuss issues. Furthermore, confirmed that a Notice

of Motion can be brought forward to address any changes to how public forum operates.

CARRIED 12/0

18.8 JINGILI WATERGARDENS FOOTBRIDGE

RESOLUTION ORD443/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Lord Mayor Peter Styles

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser inquired if invitations had been sent out for the opening of the Jingili Watergardens footbridge, and who will be in attendance.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised City of Darwin's Marketing Communications and Engagement team have organised a media stop for the opening and will issue a media release. Elected Members will be invited to the opening on Friday 3 October 2025, however no official opening event is planned. Members of the public are able to attend the media stop if they wish.

CARRIED 12/0

18.9 PUBLIC AMENITIES MUIRHEAD

RESOLUTION ORD444/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Edwin Joseph inquired whether City of Darwin has any future plans to construct public amenities in parks located within the Muirhead area.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders took the question on notice.

CARRIED 12/0

18.10 KARAMA CHILDCARE CENTRE

RESOLUTION ORD445/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris requested an update on the expected move-in date for the new tenants of the Karama Childcare Centre.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed the new lease has been finalised. The incoming tenants have inspected the site and have arranged staff to be in Darwin over the next six months to complete the necessary building works prior to officially moving in.

CARRIED 12/0**18.11 WULAGI OVAL STORAGE SHED****RESOLUTION ORD446/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired if a media event has been scheduled for the hand over of the new storage shed at Wulagi Oval.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised that media events are not specifically arranged for projects delivered under the Better Suburbs Initiative. However, there will be a photo opportunity for Elected Members at a future time.

CARRIED 12/0**19 GENERAL BUSINESS****19.1 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - TO FACILITATE GROUP DWELLING AND MULTIPLE DWELLING - ZONE LMR (NT-WIDE)****RESOLUTION ORD447/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the report entitled Planning Scheme Amendment - To facilitate group dwelling and multiple dwelling - Zone LMR (NT-wide) be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission to the Northern Territory Planning Commission provided at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 12/0

In accordance with Meetings Policy 1053.100.E.R as set out in section 3.5, the Lord Mayor Peter Styles moved a Motion without Notice to consider Item 14.4 Planning Scheme Amendment - To facilitate group dwelling and multiple dwelling - Zone LMR (NT-wide), in General Business.

19.2 CONGRATULATIONS TO INCOMING MEMBERS OF 24TH COUNCIL**RESOLUTION ORD448/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

On behalf of the re-elected members, Councillor Peter Pangquee extended a warm welcome to the incoming members of the 24th Council, Councillors Nicole Brown, Shani Carson, Julie Fraser, Edwin Joseph, Patrik Ralph, and Lord Mayor Peter Styles. Acknowledging the challenges of the campaign, offering congratulations and expressed a commitment to continue to deliver positive outcomes for Darwin.

CARRIED 12/0

19.3 THANK YOU TO OUTGOING MEMBERS OF 23RD COUNCIL**RESOLUTION ORD449/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

On behalf of Elected Members, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris extended thanks to all outgoing Elected Members and Mr Kon Vatskalis for his eight years of service. It was proposed that a formal letter of appreciation be sent, acknowledging their commitment to City of Darwin and contributions to the community during tenure.

CARRIED 12/0

19.4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUTGOING MEMBERS OF 23RD COUNCIL**RESOLUTION ORD450/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Patrik Ralph proposed letters of thanks be sent to outgoing members of the 23rd City of Darwin Council.

The Lord Mayor Peter Styles confirmed letters had been sent to all outgoing members and those who were unsuccessful in their election campaigns.

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 October 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 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*:

28.1 Appointment of External Committee Members - Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC)

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.

29.1 Update on The Esplanade

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) 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 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 subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD451/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 8:51 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 10:17 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 10:17 pm.

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

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CHAIR