

# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 31 March 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, 31 MARCH 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer  
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Councillor Nicole Brown  
Councillor Shani Carson  
Councillor Kim Farrar  
Councillor Julie Fraser  
Councillor Edwin Joseph  
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
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  
General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

**APOLOGY:**

**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 ORD110/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:38 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

**RESOLUTION ORD111/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris for the period 23 June to 26 June 2026.
2. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Shani Carson for the period 22 June to 26 June 2026.
3. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Kim Farrar for the period 23 April to 28 April 2026.
4. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Mick Palmer for the period 26 May 2026.

**CARRIED 12/0**

### 5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### 5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

**RESOLUTION ORD112/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

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

#### RESOLUTION ORD113/26

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.2 – Reconciliation Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of Community Members.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, during the Confidential Section of the Meeting, Councillor Patrik Ralph, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.3 – Extension of Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Member Terms.

**CARRIED 12/0**

### 6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### RESOLUTION ORD114/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 February 2026 and the Special Council Meeting held on 17 March 2026 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**

**MOTION**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

THAT item 28.5 – Budget Forum Outcomes be moved and considered in the open section of the meeting.

*The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised the Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer that moving item 28.5 into open would, in accordance with Section, 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, prejudice the interests of the council or some other person as community consultation has not commenced on the Draft Municipal Plan 2026/27.*

**8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

<p><b>28.1 PROPOSAL FOR FRIENDSHIP CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ATAMBUA</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLUTION ORD147/26</b></p> <p>Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris                  Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Friendship City Agreement with the City of Atambua be received and noted.</li> <li>2. THAT Council do not enter into negotiations with the City of Atambua to become a Friendship City.</li> <li>3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</li> <li>4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 12/0</b></p>
<p><b>28.2 RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLUTION ORD148/26</b></p> <p>Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee                  Seconded: Councillor Nicole Brown</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of Community Members be received and noted.</li> <li>2. THAT Council appoints Jenna Cubillo and Nancy Helen Jeffrey as community representatives to the Reconciliation Advisory Committee for a two-year term from 31 March 2026 to 31 March 2028.</li> <li>3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</li> <li>4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 11/0</b></p>

**28.3 EXTENSION OF ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER TERMS****RESOLUTION ORD149/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Extension of Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Member Terms be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve extension of the terms for five current community representative members of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee to 30 June 2026:
  - Tiffany Brown
  - Kim Caudwell
  - Florence Henaway
  - Lyn Strathie
  - Rajeev Thayil.
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 11/0**

**28.6 2024/2025 YEAR END SURPLUS FUNDS ALLOCATION****RESOLUTION ORD153/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled 2024/2025 Year End Surplus Funds Allocation be received and noted.
2. THAT \$368,000 in available surplus working capital at 30 June 2025 be recognised as a budget variation in 2025/2026 in accordance with Part 10.5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT Council allocate the funds of \$368,000 to the Asset Renewal and Refurbishment Reserve.
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 12/0**

**29.1 BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)****RESOLUTION ORD154/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson  
Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 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****29.2 ADVISORY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD155/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer  
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Advisory and Audit 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****9.1 GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT CHARTER****RESOLUTION ORD115/26**

Moved: Lord Mayor Peter Styles

THAT Council note the Governance and Management Charter as a reminder of Elected Member obligations and expected conduct for the Council Meeting.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****10.1 COMMUNITY GARDENS****RESOLUTION ORD116/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the following Public Questions and responses as tabled from Mr Ian Hollingsworth regarding Community Gardens be received and noted.

**Question**

Will City of Darwin reconsider their treatment of community gardens in the Strategic Property Plan by reviewing and revising the tenancy relationship in current community garden lease agreements to a co-stewardship relationship, recognising community involvement in greenspace management by waiving service fees linked to areas occupied in current community lease agreements?

Considering the City of Darwin can foster sustainable community engagement in greenspace for urban food production, consistent with their Darwin 2030 Greening Strategy, Strategic Plan and best practice advice to Council that community gardens are core social infrastructure.

These changes would facilitate better direction of community gardens by the City of Darwin to support council initiatives. For instance the Jingili Community Garden could manage the council's community orchard adjacent to them in Jingili Water Gardens, with direction for the council and agents, without incurring fee and services changes.

**Response**

On the 27 February 2024, Council resolved that community garden organisations who reside on City of Darwin land pay for utilities in alignment with all other property lease and community use agreements and the Strategic Property Plan.

In August 2024, Council approved a Leasing and Licencing Policy that details the guiding principles and statements that inform the negotiating position of City of Darwin as new leases or licences are entered into with organisations using City of Darwin owned or managed land. Within this Policy it details that all tenants are required to pay a contribution towards utilities.

City of Darwin is supportive of community gardens on City of Darwin land including through provision of grants, sponsorship, promotion, and collaboration.

City of Darwin recognises the importance of community gardens and their contribution to place and liveability. We are committed to working with community gardens and to providing them opportunities for collaboration and sponsorship.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**11 PETITIONS**

Nil

**12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

**13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ACCESSIBILITY AND FREE PARKING FOR DISABILITY PERMIT HOLDERS**

I, Councillor Kim Farrar, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 31 March 2026, I will move the following motion:-

**MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar  
 Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT Council note the City of Darwin Access Strategy 2025 – 2030 priority to enhance accessibility within the municipality.
2. THAT Council approve free parking for disability parking permit holders within CBD on-street parking Zones A, B and C. Vehicles that are displaying a valid disability parking permit in Zones A, B, and C may park at no charge for the entire time the vehicle may lawfully remain in that bay.
3. THAT Council approve the below amendment to the parking conditions at item 8 in the Fees and Charges, once all signage upgrades has been installed and the community are advised through updates to the website and relevant social media platforms:

**8. Disability Parking Permits**

**On-street – designated disability parking bays**

All designated disability parking bays are free of charge.

Time extensions that apply under the *Australian Road Rules* do not apply in designated disability parking bays. The time on the sign is the maximum time that a vehicle can remain in that bay.

**Off-street – designated disability parking bays**

Vehicles displaying a disability parking permit may park in an designated disability parking bays in the City of Darwin off-street car parks all day free of charge, except for West Lane Car Park and Dragonfly Car Park. Vehicles displaying a valid permit may park in an accessible parking bay in either West Lane Car Park or Dragonfly Car Park for twice the time paid for.

**On-street – other**

All on-street parking pays that usually require payment are free of charge for disability parking permit holders.

A vehicle displaying an eligible disability parking permit may park in any on-street parking bay, that would usually require payment, free of charge.

Any extension of time that a disability permit holder is entitled to under the *Australian Road Rules* is also free of charge, for example:

Bay type	Payment required	Length of stay
15 minute bay	No	30 minutes
30 minute bay	No	2 hours
2P (2 hour bay)	No	4 hours
3P (3 hour bay)	No	6 hours
4P (4 hour bay)	No	8 hours

	No time limit	No	No time limit
4.	THAT Council approve the transfer of \$185,000 in funding, to offset the loss in revenue and to update the parking signage, from the On and Off-Street Parking Reserve in the 2026/27 budget.		
5.	THAT Council note the provision of free parking within the CBD for eligible disability parking permit holders will commence once all signage upgrades has been installed and the community are advised through updates to the website and relevant social media platforms		
6.	THAT Council approve for all disability parking permit holders registered with the City of Darwin to be sent a letter advising them of parking regulations and identifying the available accessible parking locations within the CBD.		

**MOTION MOVED WITH AN AMENDMENT**

**RESOLUTION ORD117/26**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT Council note the City of Darwin Access Strategy 2025 – 2030 priority to enhance accessibility within the municipality.
2. THAT Council approve free parking for disability parking permit holders within CBD on-street parking Zones A and B. Vehicles that are displaying a valid disability parking permit in Zones A, and B may park at no charge for the entire time the vehicle may lawfully remain in that bay.
3. THAT Council approve the below amendment to the parking conditions at item 8 in the Fees and Charges.

**8. Disability Parking Permits**

**On-street – designated disability parking bays**

All designated disability parking bays are free of charge.

Time extensions that apply under the *Australian Road Rules* do not apply in designated disability parking bays. The time on the sign is the maximum time that a vehicle can remain in that bay.

**Off-street – designated disability parking bays**

Vehicles displaying a disability parking permit may park in an designated disability parking bays in the City of Darwin off-street car parks all day free of charge, except for West Lane Car Park and Dragonfly Car Park. Vehicles displaying a valid permit may park in an accessible parking bay in either West Lane Car Park or Dragonfly Car Park for twice the time paid for.

**On-street – other**

All on-street parking bays that usually require payment are free of charge for disability parking permit holders.

A vehicle displaying an eligible disability parking permit may park in any Zone A and Zone B on-street parking bay, that would usually require payment, free of charge.

Any extension of time that a disability permit holder is entitled to under the *Australian Road Rules* is also free of charge, for example:

Bay type	Payment required	Length of stay
15 minute bay	No	30 minutes
30 minute bay	No	2 hours

	2P (2 hour bay)	No	4 hours
	3P (3 hour bay)	No	6 hours

4. THAT Council approve the transfer of \$135,000 in funding, to offset the loss in revenue and to update the parking signage, from the On and Off-Street Parking Reserve in the 2026/27 budget.

5. THAT Council note the provision of free parking within the CBD for eligible disability parking permit holders will commence once all signage upgrades has been installed and the community are advised through updates to the website and relevant social media platforms.

6. THAT Council approve for all disability parking permit holders registered with the City of Darwin to be sent a letter advising them of parking regulations, instructions and identifying the available accessible parking locations within the CBD.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - REVIEW OF COUNCIL OWNED PROPERTY**

I, Councillor Sam Weston, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 31 March 2026, I will move the following motion:-

**RESOLUTION ORD118/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston  
 Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT Council approve the delivery of a presentation on the Strategic Property Plan and Review to ensure Elected Members are fully informed about Council owned property.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**14 ACTION REPORTS**

**14.1 NOMINATION TO NORTHERN TERRITORY HERITAGE COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION ORD119/26**

Moved: Councillor Nicole Brown  
 Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination to Northern Territory Heritage Council be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of Councillor Julie Fraser to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory as the representative on the Northern Territory Heritage Council.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**14.2 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT****RESOLUTION ORD120/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Action Plan Development be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the proposed timeline and process for the development of City of Darwin's next Reconciliation Action Plan.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**14.3 DARWIN STREET ART FESTIVAL EAST POINT GUN TURRET PROPOSAL****RESOLUTION ORD121/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin Street Art Festival East Point Gun Turret Proposal be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the proposed activity from Darwin Street Art Festival for East Point Gun Turret subject to:
  - I. Heritage Council approval
  - II. Final design approval by the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**14.4 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP SUPPORT POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD122/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Financial Hardship Support Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Financial Hardship Support Policy 3041.100.E.R at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**14.5 REVIEW COUNCIL DELEGATIONS****MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Review Council Delegations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council, to Section 40(3)(b) of the Local Government Act delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the following power to incur financial liabilities:
  - (a) Any loan borrowings, entering mortgages, issuing of bonds or similar undertaking that constitute Minor Transactions as defined in the Borrowing Guidelines;
  - (b) Where Council enters a Fixed Purpose Contract and anticipated expenditure no more than \$10 million (ex GST);
  - (c) Where Council enters a Period Contract and no more than \$10 million expenditure (ex GST) is expected to occur in any year;
  - (d) Where Council enters a Panel Contract and anticipates expenditure no more than \$10 million for a project (ex GST) or no more than \$10 million (ex GST) per year for a service;
  - (e) Other circumstances where City of Darwin would create a financial liability of no more than \$10 million (ex GST).
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the Local Government Act restricts its delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, requiring council resolution to respond to:
  - (a) Planning matters that are high risk, high impact or matters of strategic importance.

**AMENDMENT****RESOLUTION ORD123/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Review Council Delegations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council, to Section 40(3)(b) of the Local Government Act delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the following power to incur financial liabilities:
  - (a) Any loan borrowings, entering mortgages, issuing of bonds or similar undertaking that constitute Minor Transactions as defined in the Borrowing Guidelines;
  - (b) Where Council enters a Fixed Purpose Contract and anticipated expenditure no more than \$10 million (ex GST);
  - (c) Where Council enters a Period Contract and no more than \$10 million expenditure (ex GST) is expected to occur in any year;
  - (d) Where Council enters a Panel Contract and anticipates expenditure no more than \$10 million for a project (ex GST) or no more than \$10 million (ex GST) per year for a service;
  - (e) Other circumstances where City of Darwin would create a financial liability of no more than \$10 million (ex GST).
3. THAT Council required that any exercise of delegation by the Chief Executive Officer and delegates that results in a financial liability between \$5 million and \$10 million be reported to Council at the next available Ordinary Council Meeting and that such reporting include:

- (a) The nature and scope of the contract or procurement;
- (b) The total value of the financial commitment;
- (c) The procurement method used;
- (d) Any other relevant information to support transparency and oversight

4. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the Local Government Act restricts its delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, requiring council resolution to respond to:

- (a) Planning matters that are high risk, high impact or matters of strategic importance.

**CARRIED 12/0**

### **RESOLUTION ORD124/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Review Council Delegations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council, to Section 40(3)(b) of the Local Government Act delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the following power to incur financial liabilities:
  - (a) Any loan borrowings, entering mortgages, issuing of bonds or similar undertaking that constitute Minor Transactions as defined in the Borrowing Guidelines;
  - (b) Where Council enters a Fixed Purpose Contract and anticipated expenditure no more than \$10 million (ex GST);
  - (c) Where Council enters a Period Contract and no more than \$10 million expenditure (ex GST) is expected to occur in any year;
  - (d) Where Council enters a Panel Contract and anticipates expenditure no more than \$10 million for a project (ex GST) or no more than \$10 million (ex GST) per year for a service;
  - (e) Other circumstances where City of Darwin would create a financial liability of no more than \$10 million (ex GST).
3. THAT Council required that any exercise of delegation by the Chief Executive Officer and delegates that results in a financial liability between \$5 million and \$10 million be reported to council at the next ordinary council meeting and such reporting include:
  - (a) The nature and scope of the contract or procurement
  - (b) The total value of the financial commitment,
  - (c) The procurement method used and
  - (d) Any other relevant information to support transparency and oversight
5. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the Local Government Act restricts its delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, requiring council resolution to respond to:
  - (a) Planning matters that are high risk, high impact or matters of strategic importance.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**14.6 APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL COMMITTEE AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE****RESOLUTION ORD125/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Appointments to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee and Risk Management and Audit Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint Councillor Peter Pangquee to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee to 30 September 2026.
3. THAT Council appoint Councillor Nicole Brown to the Risk Management and Audit Committee to 30 September 2027.

**CARRIED 12/0**

*The Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer departed the meeting at 6:57 pm.*

**14.7 2ND BUDGET REVIEW 2025/2026****RESOLUTION ORD126/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Nicole Brown

1. THAT the report entitled 2nd Budget Review 2025/2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council amend the 2025/2026 budget in accordance with Part 10.5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, as detailed in report titled 2nd Budget Review 2025/2026 and associated attachments.

**CARRIED 11/0**

*The Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer re-joined the meeting at 7:00 pm.*

*Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 7:01 pm.*

*Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 7:03 pm.*

**14.8 REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT POLICY**

**RESOLUTION ORD127/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee  
 Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

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

**CARRIED 11/1**

**AMENDMENT**

**RESOLUTION ORD128/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
 Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Procurement Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Procurement Policy at **Attachment 2**.
3. THAT a 30% local content weighting applies unless external funding guidelines or legislative requirements prevents its use.

In Favour: Members Julie Fraser, Edwin Joseph, Sylvia Klonaris and Patrik Ralph

Against: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Nicole Brown, Shani Carson, Kim Farrar, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Peter Styles and Sam Weston

**LOST 4/8**

**AMENDMENT**

**MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Julie Fraser  
 Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Procurement Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Procurement Policy at **Attachment 2**.
3. THAT Council will apply a local economic benefit rating of up to 30% in procurement evaluations where appropriate to support local employment, industry participation and economic resilience provided that overall value for money is achieved.

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

*Councillor Sam Weston departed the meeting at 7:22 pm.*

*Councillor Sam Weston re-joined the meeting at 7:23 pm*

**14.9 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - 133 BAGOT ROAD LUDMILLA****RESOLUTION ORD129/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Planning Scheme Amendment - 133 Bagot Road Ludmilla be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission letter to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment provided at **Attachment 1**, which constitutes an objection to the proposal.

In Favour: Members Julie Fraser, Edwin Joseph, Sylvia Klonaris, Patrik Ralph and Peter Styles

Against: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Nicole Brown, Shani Carson, Kim Farrar, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee and Sam Weston

**LOST 5/7**

**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**

*Councillor Kim Farrar departed the meeting at 7:42 pm.*

*Councillor Kim Farrar re-joined the meeting at 7:44 pm.*

**15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026****RESOLUTION ORD130/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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

**CARRIED 12/0**

**15.2 ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCE 2026/2027****RESOLUTION ORD131/26**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT the report entitled Elected Member Allowance 2026/2027 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**15.3 ADVISORY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD132/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

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

**CARRIED 12/0**

**16 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****RESOLUTION ORD133/26**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

**17.1**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, attended the Greek Independence Day commemoration on 25 March 2026 at St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, where long-term Darwin residents were recognised, including Mr Petros Mihailou, the first Kalymnian Greek settler in Darwin, with MLA Jinson Charls also acknowledging the Greek community's contributions.

**17.2**

Councillor Patrik Ralph, accompanied by Councillor Kim Farrar, attended the Garuda Football Club 2026 All Training session at Wulagi Oval on 25 March 2026, where community members enjoyed a free BBQ and the handover of keys for a new Council-constructed storage shed to be shared by all sporting codes using the oval.

**17.3**

Councillor Julie Fraser, attended Lee Point on 29 March 2026, with the community, who have a choir, showing support for the protection of Lee Point and the importance of the area.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****18.1 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS PROCESS****RESOLUTION ORD134/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

**Question**

Councillor Sam Weston asked whether Questions by Members are still required to be submitted to Councillor Support by 10:00 am on the day of an Ordinary Council Meeting, in accordance with the procedure.

**Response**

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders confirmed this is the procedure and advised that a question from Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris was received by email prior to 10:00 am for this Ordinary Council Meeting.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.2 PLOVER NEST GARAMANUK PARK****RESOLUTION ORD135/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

**Question**

Councillor Edwin Joseph advised that a concerned constituent had raised the presence of plover eggs at Garamanuk Park in Lyons, and sought assurance that contractors are aware and that the nests will be protected during mowing works.

**Response**

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that staff are aware of plovers nesting in the area and that cones have been placed around the nests to alert contractors and ensure they are avoided during mowing.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.3 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE****RESOLUTION ORD136/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

**Question**

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

**Response**

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised that negotiations are ongoing and requested that the matter be raised in the Confidential section of the meeting.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.4 POTHOLE MAINTENANCE****RESOLUTION ORD137/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

**Question**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on City of Darwin's plans to commence resurfacing works across the municipality to address potholes, as the dry season approaches.

**Response**

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr responded and advised that teams are preparing for the upcoming dry season and are transitioning from reactive wet-season repairs to more complex resurfacing works. Currently, major potholes are typically addressed within two days. Roads requiring more extensive resurfacing will be scheduled for completion during the dry season.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.5 IRRIGATION SCHEDULES****RESOLUTION ORD138/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson  
Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

**Question**

Councillor Kim Farrar requested an update on watering schedules for City of Darwin parks, ovals and reserves, following constituent enquiries regarding irrigation operating during the day, and asked whether watering could be adjusted to evening hours.

**Response**

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that watering schedules for sporting ovals are generally aligned with training and game days. For parks and greenbelts, post-cyclone survey works are ongoing across the municipality, with some irrigation systems being operated during the day to test and ensure equipment is functioning correctly.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.6 GAMBA GRASS MITIGATION****RESOLUTION ORD139/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson  
Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired what City of Darwin are doing to mitigate the excess growth of gamba grass in suburbs and on verges and nature strips.

**Response**

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that Councillors with concerns relating to specific properties or locations may report these via Snap Send Solve for action by the Regulatory Services team. Further noting that gamba grass on privately owned, undeveloped land is generally managed by the Northern Territory Government, as the control and eradication are subject to Government regulations.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.7 BENNETT AND CAVENAGH STREET SHADE STRUCTURE****RESOLUTION ORD140/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

**Question**

Councillor Mick Palmer inquired as to when the shade shelter removed from the corner of Bennett Street and Cavenagh Street will be reinstated.

**Response**

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

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.8 CHAN WARD BY-ELECTION****RESOLUTION ORD141/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

**Question**

Councillor Julie Fraser requested an update on the proposed dates and process for the Chan Ward by-election following the resignation of Ed Smelt.

**Response**

The Manager Office of Council and CEO, Gemma Perkins advised that officers are currently liaising with the Northern Territory Electoral Commission to confirm proposed dates, and that a report will be presented to the next Ordinary Council Meeting outlining the dates and potential options for Elected Members to consider.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18.9 SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT****RESOLUTION ORD142/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

**Question**

Councillor Julie Fraser raised concerns regarding the tone and behaviour on community social media platforms and sought clarification on Council's awareness of the issue, actions taken to address it, whether any matters have been formally reported to the Chief Executive Officer or relevant authorities, and whether protocols are in place where online behaviour may pose a risk of harm.

**Response**

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised that formal complaints against Elected Members must be submitted using the approved Code of Conduct complaint form with supporting evidence. Criminal matters, including threats of violence, should be referred to the Northern Territory Police. Further advising that any discussion relating to specific Code of Conduct matters should be raised in the Confidential section of the meeting.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**19 GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris departed the meeting at 8:09 pm.*

*Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris re-joined the meeting at 8:12 pm.*

**19.1 NOTICE OF MOTION PROCESS****RESOLUTION ORD143/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Councillor Julie Fraser raised concerns that motions submitted were not included in the agenda for the Ordinary Council Meeting, despite being tabled at the briefing held the previous week.

The Lord Mayor, Peter Styles advised that an email was issued on Thursday, 26 March 2026, notifying Councillor Julie Fraser that the motions were non-compliant due to required information and references to attachments. The email requested that the motions be refined and resubmitted by 10.00 am on Monday, 30 March 2026, for inclusion as late reports. As no revised motions were received, they were not included in the agenda.

**CARRIED 11/1**

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

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

**28.1 Proposal for Friendship City Agreement with the City of Atambua**

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 Reconciliation Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of Community Members**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(a) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

**28.3 Extension of Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Member Terms**

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

**28.4 Unrecoverable Rate Debt Write Off**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(b) and 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer 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.

**28.5 Budget Forum Outcomes**

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.

**28.6 2024/2025 Year End Surplus Funds Allocation**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) and 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 information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person and 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.

**29.1 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

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

**29.2 Advisory and Audit Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

**RESOLUTION ORD144/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 8:13pm.

**CARRIED 12/0**

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9:47pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 9:47pm.

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

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**CHAIR**