



# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 31 May 2022**

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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 MAY 2022 AT 5:30PM**

**PRESENT:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Deputy Lord Mayor Amye Un, Councillor Paul Arnold, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, Councillor Brian O'Gallagher, Councillor Peter Pangquee, Councillor Morgan Rickard, Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

**OFFICERS:** Simone Saunders (Interim Chief Executive Officer), Chris Kelly (Acting General Manager Corporate), Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation), Matt Grassmayr (General Manager Community)

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Ed Smelt, Councillor Mick Palmer, Councillor Vim Sharma.

**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

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:41pm.

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 APOLOGIES

#### MOTION

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT it be noted that Councillor Vim Sharma and Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe is an apology until such time that access to technology enables.

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe departed the meeting at 5:43pm.*

## 4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

### RESOLUTION ORD259/22

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

THAT it be noted Councillor Ed Smelt is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted.

THAT it be noted that Councillor Mick Palmer is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

### RESOLUTION ORD260/22

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

- A. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Brian O'Gallagher for the period 10 to 17 June as he is travelling overseas for work purposes.
- B. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Peter Pangquee for the period 11 to 18 June 2022. To attend the ALGA National Assembly
- C. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Lord Mayor Kon Vatsukalis for the period 10 to 15 June travelling on Council business and 21 June for the ALGA National Assembly.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

### 5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

#### RESOLUTION ORD261/22

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Paul Arnold

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 61 (4) of the Local Government Act and Decision No. 21\0009 – 15/04/12, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance at this Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 May 2022:

- Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe
- Councillor Vim Sharma (for confidential section of the meeting)

**CARRIED 8/0**

**5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED**

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 61 (4) of the Local Government Act and Decision No. 21\0009 – 15/04/12, the following members request Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Councillor Brian O’Gallagher for the 14 June 2022 Council Meeting.

**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 ORD262/22**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 May 2022 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**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 INTO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING****26.3 LEE POINT ROAD DUPLICATION AND ROAD RESURFACING BUDGETS****RESOLUTION ORD263/22**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Paul Arnold

1. THAT the report entitled Lee Point Road Duplication and Road Resurfacing Budgets be received and noted.
2. THAT \$750,000 be moved from the Lee Point Road Redevelopment to Road Reseal & Rehabilitation Capital Projects in the current 2021/22 budget through a 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Variation.
3. THAT this report be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with Section 118 of the *Local Government Act 2019* and that the document remains confidential unless Council decides otherwise by resolution.
4. THAT this decision be moved into Open upon endorsement of these recommendations.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**26.4 ROUTINE REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL DECISIONS****RESOLUTION ORD264/22**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Paul Arnold

1. THAT the report entitled Routine Review of Confidential Council decisions be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the recommendation to move certain Council decisions made between 1 July 2021 and 31 March 2022 and on 17 May 2022 from Confidential to Open.
3. THAT this report be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with Section 118 of the *Local Government Act 2019* and that the document remains confidential unless Council decides otherwise by resolution.
4. THAT this decision be moved into Open at the conclusion of the meeting.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**29.1 REQUEST FOR PAVEMENT REPORT****RESOLUTION ORD265/22**

Moved: Councillor Paul Arnold

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Councillor Paul Arnold moves that:

Officers present a Report to Council detailing who is responsible for pavement areas in the municipality and what procedures are in place or can be put in place for maintenance of pavement, including reporting of defects to City of Darwin and all stakeholders with an emphasis on CBD and high pedestrian traffic areas in the municipality to lift the level of service to rate payers and users of

pavement areas.

That the resolution to be moved to Open at the conclusion of the meeting.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**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 GARDENS OVAL LIGHTS SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST NT CRICKET

**RESOLUTION ORD266/22**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

1. THAT the report entitled Gardens Oval Lights Special Event Request NT Cricket be received and noted.
2. THAT Council grant NT Cricket an exemption to the operational parameters of Gardens Oval Lights for Sunday 12 June 2022 5.30pm – 9.00pm at 500 lux for a one-off special event.

**CARRIED 8/0**

### 14.2 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF DENPASAR AND THE CITY OF DARWIN ON SISTER CITY COOPERATION

**RESOLUTION ORD267/22**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Denpasar and the City of Darwin on Sister City Cooperation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Denpasar and the City of Darwin and the associated Action Plan.
3. THAT Council approve for the Lord Mayor to travel to Denpasar to sign the Sister City Memorandum of Understanding with City of Denpasar according to [Policy 0017 Elected Members Expenses, Facilities, and Support](#).
4. THAT Council endorse allocation of \$6,000 each year to the Sister City budget for Denpasar related activities starting from 2022/23 for 5 years.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

### 15.1 ONGOING CITY-WIDE ISSUES OF SPEEDING/HOONING

**RESOLUTION ORD268/22**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

THAT the report entitled Ongoing City-Wide Issues of Speeding/Hooning be received and noted; and that the Lord Mayor request in writing inclusion in the Towards Zero strategic group.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 15.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2022

### RESOLUTION ORD269/22

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – April 2022 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 15.3 UNCONFIRMED OPEN MINUTES - RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) - 29 APRIL 2022

### RESOLUTION ORD270/22

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

THAT the report entitled Unconfirmed Open Minutes - Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) – 29 April 2022 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 15.4 UNCONFIRMED MINUTES FOR THE SISTER CITY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTION ORD271/22

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the report entitled Unconfirmed Minutes for the Sister City and International Relations Advisory Committee be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****RESOLUTION ORD272/22**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

**16.1**

Councillor Paul Arnold reported on West Lane Acrade works progressing and looking good. Thanks to Officers for their efforts.

**16.2**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris reported on feedback that parks are looking good in his ward, many thanks to the contractors.

**16.3**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis reported that Bradshaw Terrace works and Goyder Road are progressing on time and budget. At East Point growth of the rainforest trees is worth a visit to see and enjoy. The works are an important component of the ongoing greening and cooling strategy.

**16.4**

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher, attended a meeting with the Vietnamese Consulate and will attend an event tomorrow with Chamber of Commerce to discuss trade opportunities.

**16.5**

Deputy Lord Mayor Amye Un reported that she had received feedback from a community member who was dissatisfied with their interaction with a Council officer.

**16.6**

Councillor Peter Pangquee attended a meeting with representatives from the Chief Minister's Department, Larrakia Nation and various NTG Ministers discussing security needs for the Bundilla precinct. Funding for security patrol was discussed along with Masterplan concepts with a view to connecting Mindil, East Point and Bundilla beaches.

**16.7**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on the success of the GTNT Awards evening that she attended with other Elected Members and reflected on how encouraging it is to see young people achieving, excelling in their chosen fields and pursuing the opportunities that are available to them.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD273/22**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**17.1****Question**

Councillor Paul Arnold queried progress of dog park at Bundilla.

**Answer**

Senior Manager Nik Kleine responded by advising that plans are progressing. Feedback has been sought from stakeholders who did not respond during the initial consultation.

**17.2****Question**

Councillor Brian O’Gallagher queried 8pm to 6am closure of the laneway not always occurring.

**Answer**

Question taken on notice and further information will be sought.

**17.3****Question**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris queried progress of Richardson Ward exercise equipment and progress of Rainbow Crossing works.

**Answer**

Senior Manager Nik Kleine responded and advised that an early carry forward enabled procurement of the “universal access” equipment. It is expected to arrive for installation in September/October 2022.

Interim Chief Executive Officer informed that works are planned for the evening of 12 June and an opportunity for Elected Members to meet with the Pride Committee on site is being arranged for Monday 13 June.

**17.4****Question**

Councillor Sylvia Kloraris raised a query about gamba grass on Boulter Road and queried who we report issues to and whether we are accountable for the parcel of land in question.

**Answer**

The issue of gamba grass on properties on Boulter Road has been tasked as an untidy allotment complaint. Rangers have attended to investigate and have taken images and issued notices to two properties requesting clearing of overgrown grass. The owners will have 14 days to comply, or further enforcement action will be undertaken.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**18 GENERAL BUSINESS****18.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE - MINISTER FOR RENEWABLES AND ENERGY - CLARIFICATION ON UNDERGROUNDING POWER LINES IN SUBURBS****RESOLUTION ORD274/22**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the Outgoing Correspondence - Minister for Renewables and Energy – Clarification on Undergrounding Power Lines in Suburbs be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 14 June 2022, at 7:30pm - (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

**21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe remained absent through to meeting closure.*

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:17pm.

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9.01pm

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 9.01pm

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 May 2022.**

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**CHAIR**