

# Minutes

## Special Council Meeting

Tuesday, 17 March 2026



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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY  
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON TUESDAY, 17 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 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 Patrik Ralph

**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

*Councillor Nicole Brown was not present at the commencement of the meeting at 6:54 pm.*

## 3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

### RESOLUTION SPE102/26

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

The Chair declared the meeting open at 6:54 pm.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 APOLOGIES

#### RESOLUTION SPE103/26

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the apology from Councillor Patrik Ralph, be received.

**CARRIED 10/0**

### 4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

NIL

**4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED**

NIL

**5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE****5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED****RESOLUTION SPE104/26**

MOVED: COUNCILLOR SHANI CARSON

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SAM WESTON

THAT COUNCIL NOTE THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 95 (43) OF THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2019*, THE FOLLOWING COUNCILLOR(S) WAS GRANTED PERMISSION FOR ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE:

- COUNCILLOR JIMMY BOUHORIS
- COUNCILLOR NICOLE BROWN

**CARRIED 10/0****5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED**

NIL

**6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCILLORS AND STAFF****6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS**

NIL

**6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF**

NIL

**7 MOVING OF ITEMS****7.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

**7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN**

Nil

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

Nil

**8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

**9 ACTION REPORTS**

*Councillor Nicole Brown joined the meeting at 6:58 pm.*

**9.1 APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - 80 SERVICED APARTMENTS - 430 STUART HIGHWAY, WINNELLIE****RESOLUTION SPE105/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT the report entitled Application for Exceptional Development Permit - 80 Serviced Apartments - 430 Stuart Highway, Winnellie be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission letter to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment provided at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 11/0****10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Nil

**11 QUESTION BY MEMBERS**

Nil

**12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**13 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*:

**24.1 Northcrest Housing Estate - Letter to Steven Edgington MLA Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development**

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.

**14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

**RESOLUTION SPE106/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 pm.

**CARRIED 11/0**

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 7:37 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 7:37 pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Darwin held on 31 March 2026.**

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**CHAIR**