

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Tuesday, 9 June 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, 9 JUNE 2026 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Nicole Brown
Councillor Shani Carson
Councillor Kim Farrar
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:

Councillor Mick Palmer
Councillor Julie Fraser

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

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris was not present at the start of the meeting at 5:33 pm

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION SPE246/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:33 pm.

CARRIED 9/0

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris joined the meeting at 5:34 pm

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION SPE247/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the apology from Councillor Julie Fraser, be received.

CARRIED 10/0

Administrative Amendment – Councillor Julie Fraser was not present due to technical issues.

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

RESOLUTION SPE248/26

MOVED: COUNCILLOR PETER PANGQUEE

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR KIM FARRAR

THAT IT BE NOTED COUNCILLOR MICK PALMER IS AN APOLOGY DUE TO A LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED ON 31 MARCH FOR THE PERIOD 2 MAY 2026 TO 23 JUNE 2026.

CARRIED 10/0

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

NIL

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

NIL

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

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

9 ACTION REPORTS

9.1 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

RESOLUTION SPE249/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026/2027 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Certificate in terms of Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, provided in Attachment 1, regarding Assessment Record and Record of Rates, be received and noted.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 227(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), adopts the Unimproved Capital Value (as it appears on the valuation roll prepared and maintained under the Valuation of Land Act 1963) as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the Darwin Municipality.
4. Council, pursuant to Section 237 of the Act, declares that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$83,728,075 which will be raised by the application of differential valuation-based charges ("differential rates") with differential minimum amounts ("minimum amounts") being payable in application of each of those differential rates.

For the purposes of this paragraph 4, a "separate part or unit" means a part of or a unit on an allotment that is adapted for separate occupation or use as described in section 226(5) of the Act, whether for residential, commercial or industrial purposes, and the expression "separate parts or units" has a corresponding meaning.

Council declares the following differential rates and minimum amounts payable in the application of those differential rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027:

- (a) 0.623470% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned LR, RR, R or RL under the NT Planning Scheme 2020, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,464.00 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (b) 0.623470% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned LMR, MR or HR under the *NT Planning Scheme 2020*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,538.00 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (c) 0.454165% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned CV under the NT Planning Scheme 2020, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,464.00 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.

- (d) 0.845139% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned CB under the NT Planning Scheme 2020, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,855.00 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (e) 1.231886% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned PS or CN under the NT Planning Scheme 2020, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,527.00 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (f) 0.631324% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned OR under the NT Planning Scheme 2020, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$606.00 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (g) 0.623470% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned FD, CP, CL, RD or U and the Specific Use Zones under the NT Planning Scheme 2020, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,538.00 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (h) 0.800066% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned C, or SC under the NT Planning Scheme 2020, other than those classes of allotments described in paragraphs (m) and (n) below, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,527.00 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (i) 0.619176% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned TC or HT under the NT Planning Scheme 2020, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,527.00 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (j) 0.581325% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned LI under the NT Planning Scheme 2020, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,527.00 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.

- (k) 0.504925% of the assessed value of all rateable land (other than the small allotments identified in paragraph (l) below) within those parts of the municipality zoned GI or DV under the NT Planning Scheme 2020, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,527.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,
- whichever is the greater.

- (l) Council considers the following classes of allotments within the municipality zoned GI to be a different class of allotments and small allotments for the purposes of section 226(3)(b) of the Act and the example given at the foot of that section:

- (i) Units 1 to 3 and Units 5 to 98 comprised in Unit Plan No. 95/95;
- (ii) Units 101 to 216 in Unit Plan 97/112;
- (iii) Units 17 to 32 comprised in Unit Plan 98/32;
- (iv) Lots 6244 to 6285 Hundred of Bagot; and
- (v) Lots 6330 to 6336 Hundred of Bagot.

Council considers that an inequity would result if the minimum amount declared in respect of rateable land within Zone GI were applied to these small allotments, and accordingly, Council declares a lesser minimum amount, being \$381.00 to be payable in respect of each of these small allotments.

- (m) 1.351626% of the assessed value of those classes of allotments within the municipality zoned C or SC under the NT Planning Scheme 2020 with a parcel area equal to or greater than 40,000m² and being allotments on which there is situated a major shopping centre, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential being \$1,527.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,
- whichever is the greater.

- (n) 0.800066% of the assessed value of those classes of allotments within the municipality zoned C or SC under the NT Planning Scheme 2020 with a parcel area less than 40,000m² and being allotments on which there is situated a major shopping centre, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,527.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,
- whichever is the greater.

- (o) 0.623470% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within the municipality not otherwise described above, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,464.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
 - (ii) the number 1,
- whichever is the greater.

5. Pursuant to Section 240 of the Act and Regulation 84 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (the **Regulations**) Council imposes the following municipal parking rate for land in Central Darwin as defined in Regulation 83 of the Regulations (the **Parking Rate**):

- (a) The amount to be raised by the imposition of the Parking Rate is \$1,189,562.

- (b) The Parking Rate is to be an amount of \$294.19 per parking space which will be calculated, assessed, levied and payable in accordance with the Regulations.
- (c) The parking usage schedule 2026/2027 has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 86 of the Regulations and has been notified on City of Darwin's Website and in the Northern Territory News on 1 June 2026 in accordance with Regulation 87 of the Regulations. A person may inspect the parking usage schedule free of charge.
- (d) An application for a review in relation to an entry in the parking usage schedule may be made in accordance with regulation 88 of the Regulations. An application for a review must be made no later than 1 July 2026.
- (e) The Parking Rate will be applied by Council to the trading fund established pursuant to Regulation 85 of the Regulations.

6. Pursuant to Section 239 of the Act, Council declares and imposes the following charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 for the purpose of enabling or assisting Council to meet the cost of the garbage collection and recycling collection services and the waste disposal services it provides for the benefit of residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land and declares that it intends to raise \$10,814,248 by the imposition of such charges:

- (a) A charge of \$378.95 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of kerbside garbage and recycling collection services and a waste disposal service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality other than a residential dwelling as described in Parts 1 and 2 of the Schedule below and the occupiers of such residential dwelling.

The services are:

- (i) a kerbside garbage collection service of one visit per week of the waste contained in a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per garbage collection visit; and
 - (ii) a kerbside recycling collection service of one visit per fortnight of the recycled items contained in a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per recycling visit; and
 - (iii) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time.
- (b) A charge of \$353.43 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of non-kerbside (communal) garbage and recycling collection services and a waste disposal service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality where the number of residential dwellings (as the case may be) exceeds three (3).

The services to be provided by Council are as described in Part 1 of the Schedule below and in Part 2 of the Schedule below where the facilities in and about the residential dwellings meet the requirements of the Council for the purposes of providing the services, and Council has not approved an alternative regular garbage and recycling collection service.

- (c) For the purposes of this paragraph 0:
 - (i) "residential dwelling" means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building on residential land and includes a unit within the meaning of the Unit Titles Act 1975 and the Unit Title Schemes Act 2009;
 - (ii) "residential land" means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling);

and

- (iii) "Shoal Bay" means the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility located at Lot 3952 Town of Sanderson.

SCHEDULE

CITY OF DARWIN

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

PART 1 –

Communal Services for more than 3 residential dwellings

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week,

with the collection of waste and recycled items contained in the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below; and

- (c) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 240 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 240 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER 240 LTR BINS
4	1	1	2
5-6	2	1	3
7-8	2	2	4
9-12	3	2	5
13-16	4	3	7
17-18	5	3	8
19-20	5	4	9
21-24	6	4	10
25-28	7	5	12
29-30	8	5	13
31-32	8	6	14
33-36	9	7	16
37-40	10	7	17
41-44	11	8	19
45-48	12	8	20

PART 2 –

Communal Services for more than 12 residential dwellings which have facilities that meet the requirements of Council

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week,

with the collection of waste and recycled items contained in the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below; and

- (c) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 1,100 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 240 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER MIXED BINS
13-16	1	3	4
17-18	2	3	5
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 1,100 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 1,100 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER 1,100 LTR BINS
19-24	2	1	3
25-32	2	2	4
33-48	3	2	5
49-64	4	3	7
65-71	5	3	8
72-80	5	4	9
81-96	6	4	10
97-112	7	5	12

7. The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 245 of the Act at the rate of 18.0% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.
8. Rates and charges declared under this declaration may be paid by four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:-
 - (a) First Instalment: 30 September 2026
 - (b) Second Instalment: 30 November 2026
 - (c) Third Instalment: 31 January 2027
 - (d) Fourth Instalment: 31 March 2027

Instalments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.
9. Details of due dates and specified amounts will be listed on the relevant Rates Notice.
10. Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rates Notice.
11. A ratepayer who fails to abide by such conditions may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, accrued interest for late payment and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges. If rates are payable by the owner of the land and are not paid by the due date, they become a charge on

the land to which they relate, except within an Aboriginal community living area. In addition, after rates have been in arrears for at least 6 months, Council may apply to register its charge over the land and sell the land to recover unpaid rates and charges.

CARRIED 9/1

9.2 ADOPTION OF 2026/27 MUNICIPAL PLAN

RESOLUTION SPE250/26

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Adoption of 2026/27 Municipal Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the 2026/27 City of Darwin Municipal Plan, provided at **Attachment 1**, noting that it includes:
 - (a) City of Darwin's annual service delivery plan as the basis of deliverables to the Darwin municipality for 2026/27
 - (b) the 2026/27 Annual Budget to be effective from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.
3. THAT Council adopt the 2026/27 Fees and Charges as provided at **Attachment 2**, to be effective from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

CARRIED 9/1

10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Nil

11 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

RESOLUTION SPE251/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 5:48 pm.

CARRIED 10/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 5:48 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 5: 48pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Darwin held on 30 June 2026.

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CHAIR