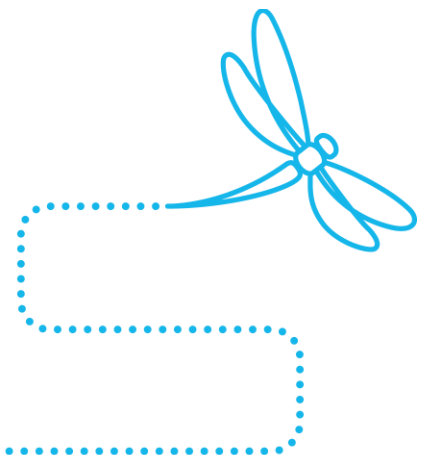


Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 25 August 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, 25 AUGUST 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Nicole Brown
Councillor Shani Carson
Councillor Julie Fraser
Councillor Edwin Joseph
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan
Councillor Mick Palmer
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 Kim Farrar

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 ORD312/26

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:35 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD313/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the apology from Councillor Kim Farrar, be received.

CARRIED 12/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED**

Nil

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD314/26**

Moved: Councillor Julie Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 27.1 – Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Appointment of Community Members.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Patrik Ralph, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 15.1 – Incoming Correspondence - Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal - Local Government Councils Entitlements 2027.

CARRIED 12/0**6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF**

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD315/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
 Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July 2026 and the Special Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 August 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

Nil

8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**27.1 ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD333/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee
 Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Appointment of Community Members be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint Tiffany Brown, Rikki Dehne, Jessica Simmons, Jorge Palma and Helen Pachos to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for a two-year term from 3 September 2026 to 2 September 2028.
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 10/0**27.4 SWIMMING AUSTRALIA PROPOSAL****RESOLUTION ORD338/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Swimming Australia Proposal be received and noted.
1. THAT Council provide in-principle support for a five-year agreement with Swimming Australia to facilitate the hosting of high-performance camps at City of Darwin pools in preparation for the annual events and staging for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.
2. THAT Council refer to the 2027/2028 budget process funding for a five-year sponsorship agreement with Swimming Australia of \$50,000 per annum consisting of \$30,000 in-kind and \$20,000 financial sponsorship.
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

28.1 PARAP POOL RECTIFICATION WORKS UPDATE

RESOLUTION ORD339/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Parap Pool Rectification Works Update 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 11/0

28.2 CODE OF CONDUCT PANEL SUMMARY OF DECISION

RESOLUTION ORD340/26

Moved: Councillor Edwin Joseph

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT the report entitled Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments are not deemed confidential documents in accordance with Regulation 51(2)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.
3. THAT the decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

RESOLUTION ORD341/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

THAT in accordance with Meetings Policy 0043.100.E.R, the meeting be suspended at 8:43 pm for 5 minutes to allow for discussion on the report relating to item 28.2 – Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision.

CARRIED 10/0

RESOLUTION ORD342/26

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson
Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT in accordance with Meetings Policy 0043.100.E.R, the suspension of the meeting be extended at 8:49 pm for an additional 5 minutes to allow for discussion on the report relating to item 28.2 – Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision.

CARRIED 10/0**RESOLUTION ORD343/26**

Moved: Councillor Edwin Joseph
Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT in accordance with Meetings Policy 0043.100.E.R, the meeting be resumed at 8:54 pm.

CARRIED 10/0**28.3 ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD344/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee
Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT the report entitled Advisory and Executive 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 11/0**9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**10.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****RESOLUTION ORD316/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT the following Public Questions and responses as tabled from Mr. Nick Kirlew regarding development application PA2026/0031 at Lot 1462 (4) Lindsay Street, be received and noted.

Question 1:

Was this decision to reallocate public road infrastructure and kerbside assets to a private commercial operation debated or voted on by the elected Council Chamber, or was it approved solely under administrative delegation by Council staff?

Response:

The administrative approval to convert two time-limited parking bays in front of the proposed development at 4 Lindsay Street, Darwin City to 15-minute parking was granted on the basis that the bays would not be reserved for the exclusive use of the development. Instead, they would remain available to all road users on a first-come, first-served basis, including traffic associated with the school.

Question 2:

What specific independent traffic safety and pedestrian risk assessments did the City of Darwin conduct regarding the active conflict between commercial hotel transit (taxis, ride-shares, delivery vans) and young children crossing during peak school drop-off and pick-up hours prior to issuing the letter of support?

Response:

As the proposed 15-minute parking bays are intended for public use rather than serving a specific development, it was determined that a formal traffic assessment was not required.

CARRIED 11/1

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

13 ACTION REPORTS

13.1 REVIEW OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST IN THE ASSESSMENT RECORD POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD317/26

Moved: Councillor Edwin Joseph

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Review of Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record Policy at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 12/0

13.2 REVIEW OF REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD318/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy, provided at **Attachment 2**.

CARRIED 12/0

13.3 REVIEW OF BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT – ELECTED MEMBERS POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD319/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Elected Members Breach of Code of Conduct Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Elected Members Breach of Code of Conduct Policy at **Attachment 2**.

CARRIED 12/0

13.4 APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION ORD320/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan

1. THAT the report entitled Appointments to Council Executive and Advisory Committees be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Administrative Review Committee** to 30 September 2027:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Shani Carson;
Councillor Julie Fraser;
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 2027:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor Peter Pangquee;
Councillor Mick Palmer;
Councillor Shani Carson; and
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
4. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2027:
Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan; and
Councillor Kim Farrar as Alternate.
5. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Reconciliation Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2027:
Councillor Peter Pangquee; and
Councillor Patrik Ralph as Alternate.
6. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Sister City Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2027:
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris; and
Councillor Patrik Ralph as Alternate.
7. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Youth Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2027:
Councillor Patrik Ralph; and
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as Alternate.
8. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor holds the position of Ex-Officio for all Council Committees.
9. 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)

10. THAT Council note that Councillor Peter Pangquee and Councillor Sam Weston are Executive Board Members appointed to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) and that these appointments remain current until November 2026.

CARRIED 12/0

14 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan departed the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan re-joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

14.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 2026

RESOLUTION ORD321/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

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

CARRIED 12/0

14.2 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

RESOLUTION ORD322/26

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston
Seconded: Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan

THAT the report entitled Community Satisfaction Survey be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/1

Councillor Edwin Joseph departed the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Councillor Edwin Joseph re-joined the meeting at 6:05 pm.

14.3 ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD323/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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

CARRIED 12/0

15 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Patrik Ralph departed the meeting at 6:07 pm due to a declared Conflict of Interest.

15.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - NORTHERN TERRITORY REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS ENTITLEMENTS 2027**RESOLUTION ORD324/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal - Local Government Councils Entitlements 2027 be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

Councillor Patrik Ralph re-joined the meeting at 6:12 pm.

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD325/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Patrik Ralph acknowledged Australian South Sea Islander Recognition Day, observed annually on 25 August. 2026 marks the 32nd anniversary of the Commonwealth's formal recognition of Australian South Sea Islander people by former Prime Minister Paul Keating.

Earlier today, Councillor Patrik Ralph and Councillor Edwin Joseph attended a community gathering at Bennett Park organised by members of the Australian South Sea Islander community.

Councillor Patrik Ralph formally recognised Australian South Sea Islander people as a distinct cultural group within the Darwin community. Acknowledging their longstanding contribution to Darwin and Northern Australia and recognised the historical injustices suffered through the 19th century Blackbirding trade.

Furthermore, thanked Mr Patrick 'Paddy' Kanaka-Stephensen for his work in researching and preserving the local history of Australian South Sea Islander people.

17.2

Councillor Julie Fraser raised concerns expressed by Friends of Lee Point, and members of the community regarding the potential start of land clearing at Lee Point/Binyabara.

Councillor Fraser was seeking to ask a question following on from this statement and the Chair advised that they was raising a question in the incorrect section. Councillor Fraser continued to speak on the matter. Councillor Pangquee then raised a point of order regarding Councillor Fraser asking a question in the incorrect section and the Lord Mayor accepted this point of order however it did not go to vote as Councillor Fraser then withdrew pending the next section.

CARRIED 12/0

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

18.1 RESPONSE TO COUNCIL REQUEST FOR A SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE DHA LEE POINT PROJECT

RESOLUTION ORD326/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

Question:

Councillor Julie Fraser asked whether any responses had been received to Council's correspondence requesting a senate inquiry into the Defence Housing Australia (DHA) development at Lee Point/Binybara. The letter was sent to the relevant Federal Ministers; Member for Solomon, Luke Gosling MP; Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy; Northern Territory Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro; and Northern Territory Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, Joshua Burgoyne.

Response:

Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders, advised the correspondence was sent in accordance with the Council resolution and confirmed that no responses had been received from any of the recipients to date.

CARRIED 12/0

18.2 KARAMA COMMUNITY GARDEN

RESOLUTION ORD327/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

Question:

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether the power and water outage at the Karama Community Gardens over the weekend had been rectified.

Response:

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr, advised they have no information on the power supply, but the water outage was caused by the water mains being turned off. Officers attended the site and restored the water supply and will return tomorrow to ensure everything is operating as normal.

CARRIED 12/0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS**19.1 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR****RESOLUTION ORD328/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT Council appoint Councillor Sam Weston as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the period 30 September 2026 to 29 January 2027.

CARRIED 12/0

19.2 PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN-UP**RESOLUTION ORD329/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Shani Carson acknowledged the significant community response to Council's decision to postpone the annual pre-cyclone clean-up until May 2027. Noting the strong concerns expressed by members of the community and reflecting that, regardless of differing views on the decision, it is important to consider how significant service changes are communicated and how the community is engaged throughout the process.

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, 29 September 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*:

27.1 Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Appointment of Community Members

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.

27.2 Shoal Bay Operations

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.

27.3 Advisory Committees Update

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.

27.4 Swimming Australia Proposal

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.

28.1 Parap Pool Rectification Works Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any 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.

28.2 Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(f) 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(2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

28.3 Advisory and Executive 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.

30.1 Notice of Motion - Operations Program

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 Incoming Correspondence - Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development - Northcrest Housing Estate

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.

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD330/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:32 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9:35 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 9:35 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 September 2026.

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CHAIR