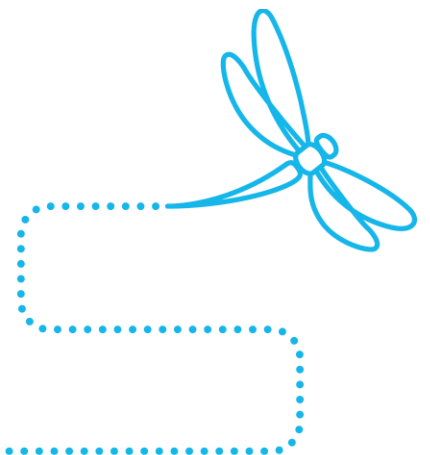


Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 28 October 2025

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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, 28 OCTOBER 2025 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Nicole Brown
Councillor Shani Carson
Councillor Kim Farrar
Councillor Julie Fraser
Councillor Edwin Joseph
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Mick Palmer
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Ed Smelt
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:

Nil

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 ORD470/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:36 pm.

CARRIED 13/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

RESOLUTION ORD471/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Lord Mayor for the period 30 October 2025 to 2 November 2025
2. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Lord Mayor for the period 15 December 2025 to 18 January 2026
3. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris for the period 21 November 2025 to 1 December 2025.

CARRIED 13/0

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

RESOLUTION ORD472/25

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Julie Fraser

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:

- Kim Farrar
- Nicole Brown
- Edwin Joseph

CARRIED 13/0

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

RESOLUTION ORD473/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

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 14.3 - Exceptional Development Permit - Subdivision for 2 Lots - 2 Scott Street, Fannie Bay.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Mick Palmer, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 14.3 - Exceptional Development Permit - Subdivision for 2 Lots - 2 Scott Street, Fannie Bay.
3. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Peter Pangquee, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 14.3 - Exceptional

Development Permit - Subdivision for 2 Lots - 2 Scott Street, Fannie Bay.

CARRIED 13/0

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD474/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 September 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 13/0

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

28.1 CITY OF DARWIN ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

RESOLUTION ORD512/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT the report entitled City of Darwin Annual Report 2024/25 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the 2024/25 City of Darwin Annual Report, inclusive of the Audited Financial Statements for 2024/25.
3. THAT the 2024/25 City of Darwin Annual Report, be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government no later than 15 November 2025.
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 report remains confidential and the decision be moved into Open at the end of the

meeting.

6. THAT the document be moved into Open after it has been delivered to the Minister.

CARRIED 10/0

28.2 MICROMOBILITY UPDATE

RESOLUTION ORD513/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Micromobility Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse for Neuron Mobility Holdings to operate Beam branded electronic micromobility devices on City of Darwin land for a two-year period commencing 1 December 2025.
3. THAT Council note that the Northern Territory Government have confirmed the two-year exemption from the Motor Vehicles Act 1949, Traffic Act 1987 and Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003.
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 10/0

29.1 CORPORATE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION ORD514/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT the report entitled Corporate Services Quarterly Report - July to September 2025 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 10/0

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

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 5:39 pm.

Councillor Kim Farrar departed the meeting at 5:40 pm

Councillor Kim Farrar re-joined the meeting at 5:41 pm

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 5:42 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 5:42 pm.

Councillor Kim Farrar departed the meeting at 5:44 pm

Councillor Kim Farrar re-joined the meeting at 5:44 pm

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 5:46 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 5:49 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 5:53 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 5:55 pm

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 5:58 pm.

13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - REVIEW OF ELECTED MEMBER ICT AND SUPPORT POLICY

I, Councillor Shani Carson, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 October 2025, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD475/25

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT Council receives a report reviewing the ICT and the Elected Members Expenses, Facilities and Support policy to:
 - (a) investigate the utilisation of personal or preferred devices under a secure Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) arrangement
 - (b) investigate appropriate reimbursement for information technology capital entitlement
 - (c) consider policy alignment with governance principles, legislation and determinations
 - (d) consider benchmark arrangements with comparable Australian councils to ensure compliance, equity and contemporary practice.
2. THAT any funding requirements to support a change in approach be referred to the 2026/27 budget for consideration.
3. THAT a report be presented to Council for consideration by March 2026.

CARRIED 12/1

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 6:06 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 6:09 am.

13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I, Councillor Sam Weston, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 October 2025, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD476/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT Council notes the vital role of small business in creating a thriving local Darwin economy and community.
2. THAT Council provides in-principle support for the creation of a new advisory committee, proposed to be called the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
3. THAT this committee include representatives and participants from the small business community and/or CBD stakeholders, to promote open two-way communication.
4. THAT this committee also includes representation from tourism, investments and other economic development stakeholders.
5. THAT the proposed committee is referred to the review of City of Darwin advisory committees at the November 2025 Forum Meeting.

CARRIED 13/0

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 6:21 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 6:52 pm.

Councillor Mick Palmer departed the meeting at 6:52 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 6:53 pm.

13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL TRANSPARENCY AND ENGAGEMENT - TRANCHE 1

I, Councillor Ed Smelt, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 October 2025, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD477/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT Council note the issues raised by our community during the 2025 Local Government Elections for greater transparency and engagement by City of Darwin and Elected Members.
2. THAT Council requests a report for the implementation of an Annual Community Satisfaction Survey outlining the process, structure, costs and potential interactions with our current strategies and the new City of Darwin Customer Relationship Management system, with a final report by August 2026.

3. THAT Council requests officers review the City of Darwin meeting agenda papers including the Order of Business, template headings of individual reports and the overall format to support transparent, efficient and informed decision making, with an Elected Member workshop and final report by April 2026.
4. THAT Council requests officers to establish, maintain and regularly circulate a register tracking actions from Council Forum and Briefing meetings by December 2025.
5. THAT Council requests officers to publish answers to questions taken on notice during Open Council meetings with the online agenda and minutes when completed.

In Favour: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Nicole Brown, Shani Carson, Kim Farrar, Julie Fraser, Edwin Joseph, Sylvia Klonaris, Peter Pangquee, Patrik Ralph, Ed Smelt, Peter Styles and Sam Weston

Against: Nil

CARRIED 12/0

RESOLUTION ORD478/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT in accordance with Meeting Policy No.0043.100.ER Section 3.12.1 that the motion be put.

LOST 5/8

Councillor Mick Palmer re-joined the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 6:57 pm.

14 ACTION REPORTS

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 7:02 pm.

14.1 PLACE AND LIVEABILITY PLAN 2050

RESOLUTION ORD479/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Place and Liveability Plan 2050 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Place and Liveability Plan 2050 at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 13/0

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 7:02 pm.

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

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 7:06 pm.

14.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY CALL FOR MOTIONS**RESOLUTION ORD480/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Call for Motions be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 19 November 2025:
City of Darwin calls on LGANT to advocate for the Northern Territory Government to implement centralised Dog and Cat registration for the Northern Territory.

CARRIED 13/0*Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 7:07 pm.**Councillor Peter Pangquee departed the meeting at 7:09 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.**Councillor Mick Palmer departed the meeting at 7:09 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.**Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris departed the meeting at 7:10 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.**Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 7:18 pm.***14.3 EXCEPTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - SUBDIVISION FOR 2 LOTS - 2 SCOTT STREET, FANNIE BAY****RESOLUTION ORD481/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Exceptional Development Permit - Subdivision for 2 Lots - 2 Scott Street, Fannie Bay be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the submission to Development Assessment Services provided at **Attachment 1**.

In Favour: Members Nicole Brown, Shani Carson, Julie Fraser, Edwin Joseph, Ed Smelt, Peter Styles and Sam Weston

Against: Members Kim Farrar, Sylvia Klonaris and Patrik Ralph

CARRIED 7/3*Councillor Peter Pangquee re-joined the meeting at 7:20 pm**Councillor Mick Palmer re-joined the meeting at 7:20 pm.**Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris re-joined the meeting at 7:20 pm.**Councillor Kim Farrar departed the meeting at 7:28 pm.**Councillor Kim Farrar re-joined the meeting at 7:46 pm.*

14.4 NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY (LGANT) BOARD

RESOLUTION ORD482/25

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph

1. THAT the report entitled Nominations for Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Board be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination for Councillor Peter Pangquee to the LGANT Board as President.
3. THAT Council appoint the nomination for Councillor Sam Weston as Board Director – Municipal, should Councillor Peter Pangquee be appointed as President.
4. THAT Council endorse the nomination for Councillor Sam Weston as Board Director – Municipal.
5. THAT Council endorse the nomination for Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris to the LGANT Board as Director – Municipal should Councillor Peter Pangquee be appointed as President and that Councillor Sam Weston be appointed as Board Director - Municipal.

CARRIED 13/0

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

Councillor Kim Farrar departed the meeting at 7:48 pm and did not return.

15.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION ORD483/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Interim Monthly Financial Report – September 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.2 ENGAGEMENT REPORT - DRAFT PLACE AND LIVEABILITY PLAN 2050

RESOLUTION ORD484/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Engagement Report - Draft Place and Liveability Plan 2050 be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.3 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2025 (Q1)

RESOLUTION ORD485/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report – July to September 2025 (Q1) be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION ORD486/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Ed Smelt attended the opening of the new Bagot Oval change rooms and the opening of the Jingili Watergardens footbridge on Friday 3 October 2025, further thanking all involved in getting these projects completed for the community.

17.2

Councillor Julie Fraser extended an invitation to Elected Members to participate in a community forum on Wednesday 12 November 2025 at the Casuarina Library to discuss the Lee Point development. All Elected Members will receive an invitation and have the opportunity to hear directly from residents about their concerns regarding the development.

17.3

Councillor Peter Pangquee attended the LGANT Board Meeting on Wednesday 22 October 2025. and informed Elected Members that LGANT will submit a report to the Remuneration Tribunal including concerns raised by Councillors regarding the matter.

CARRIED 12/0

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 8:24 pm.

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

18.1 DISABLED PARKING SPACES

RESOLUTION ORD487/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Sam Weston inquired if parking fines are issued to people who park in disabled parking bays without displaying an appropriate permit.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr confirmed that parking rangers check disabled parking spaces as part of their regular duties and issue infringements to vehicles not displaying a valid permit.

CARRIED 12/0**18.2 TIME LIMITS IN DISABLED PARKING SPACES****RESOLUTION ORD488/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Sam Weston requested confirmation on the amount of time disability permit holders can park in a bay without payment.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that the document outlining allowances for disability permit holders will be circulated to all Elected Members via email.

CARRIED 12/0**18.3 CASUARINA BUS INTERCHANGE****RESOLUTION ORD489/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired if City of Darwin has engaged with the Northern Territory Government to discuss community concerns about ensuring accessibility is addressed and shelters built for the relocated bus stops following the closure of the Casuarina Bus Interchange.

Additionally, has the Northern Territory Government reached out to Council or the community to discuss the rollout of the new bus stops and is there any space for City of Darwin to be a part of the process from an advocacy perspective to ensure alignment with the Access Strategy.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed that discussions are ongoing with the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment regarding bus stops within the municipality. Technical service advice was provided to the Northern Territory Government following the announcement of the bus stop relocations however, the final decision rests with the Northern Territory Government.

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed the Northern Territory Government has undertaken community consultation with residents on the bus stop changes. City of Darwin officers have provided feedback on the changes, in alignment with Council priorities and strategies. If councillors wish to propose advocacy initiatives, they can bring a motion to Council.

CARRIED 12/0

18.4 TRAFFIC ASSESMENTS MALAK**RESOLUTION ORD490/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired if there has been any or plans to conduct traffic assessments in the Malak area specifically Darwent Street, Todd Crescent, Boucaut Crescent and Halpin Street following recent reports of speeding and irresponsible driving.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised Councillor Sylvia Klonaris to send further details on the locations to Councillor Support.

CARRIED 12/0

18.5 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE**RESOLUTION ORD491/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the Expression of Interest to fill the vacant space at the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised that negotiations are currently underway with a proponent. Furthermore, officers are awaiting a final proposal and will consider listing the space on Realestate.com.au to generate further interest.

CARRIED 12/0

18.6 LYONS COMMUNITY CENTRE**RESOLUTION ORD492/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the lease for the Lyons Community Centre.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised a new Expression of Interest has been finalised

and is expected to be released in November 2025.

CARRIED 12/0

18.7 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES LAKESIDE DRIVE

RESOLUTION ORD493/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the Local Area Traffic Management calming measures being undertaken on Lakeside Drive.

Response

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

CARRIED 12/0

18.8 SMITH STREET STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION ORD494/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris inquired on the completion date for the Smith Street streetscape improvement works.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised the main works are to be completed by 31 October 2025, with the final line marking to occur in early November and the on road art stencilling in December.

CARRIED 12/0

18.9 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT BAGOT ROAD

RESOLUTION ORD495/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser inquired whether City of Darwin could collaborate with the Northern Territory Government to address pedestrian fatalities on Bagot Road, including exploring options through Local Area Traffic Management (LATM).

Response

General Manager Innovation Alice Percy advised Councillor Julie Fraser that information is contained within historical Council reports on LATM project priorities. The dates of the historical reports will be circulated via email to Elected Members.

CARRIED 12/0**18.10 CIVIC CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT****RESOLUTION ORD496/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser inquired on when will the Civic Centre redevelopment contract details be released, when the sale price for the land be made public, and what arrangements have been made to ensure City of Darwin interest and the community interest is secure.

Response

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders took the question on notice.

CARRIED 12/0**18.11 TREE ASSESMENT NIGHTCLIFF MARKETS****RESOLUTION ORD497/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris inquired whether City of Darwin plans to conduct tree assessments in the area surrounding the Nightcliff Markets, noting concerns about a particular tree outside the Nightcliff MLA office.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised there are no current plans for a tree assessment in the area; however, advising officers will investigate scheduling one, requesting further information on the location be provided to Councillor Support, for investigation.

CARRIED 12/0**18.12 TREE REMOVAL REPLACEMENT****RESOLUTION ORD498/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser inquired whether City of Darwin has plans to replace a tree removed approximately six months ago on Pavonia Place near the entrance to the Nightcliff Library, due to concerns about increased heat in the area.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that offset tree planting is not location specific, and replacement trees are often planted adjacent or nearby, requesting further information to be provided to Councillor Support for officers to confirm the reason for removal.

Councillor Ed Smelt confirmed Chan Ward Councillors had committed, during the previous term of Council, to install a bike rack and plant additional trees in the same area.

CARRIED 12/0

18.13 RAPID CREEK BUSINESS VILLAGE**RESOLUTION ORD499/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Shani Carson requested confirmation on whether the Rapid Creek Business Village, where the markets are held, is owned by City of Darwin.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised that the building is privately owned; however, City of Darwin owns a portion of the car park, being the front carpark. The back carpark where the markets are setup is privately owned.

CARRIED 12/0

18.14 HEAT CONCERNS RAPID CREEK MARKETS**RESOLUTION ORD500/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser sought advice from officers on how to address rising community concerns about increased heat at the Rapid Creek Markets.

Response

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised Councillor Julie Fraser to either bring a motion to Council for consideration or propose a new initiative through the budget process.

CARRIED 12/0

18.15 TREE REMOVAL WULAGI**RESOLUTION ORD501/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris requested an update on the status of the flame tree removal in Pitta Court, Wulagi, due to ongoing concerns raised by residents.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr took the question on notice, requesting further information be emailed to Councillor Support for investigation.

CARRIED 12/0

18.16 PLAYFORD STREET DRAIN CLEARING**RESOLUTION ORD502/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Peter Pangquee requested if there were any upcoming scheduled works to clear weeds and blockages from the drain along Playford Street in Parap.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised the clearing of open-line stormwater drains, including Playford Street, is currently underway in preparation for the wet season.

CARRIED 12/0

18.17 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**RESOLUTION ORD503/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Edwin Joseph inquired how long it takes for Elected Members to receive responses to questions taken on notice.

Response

Lord Mayor Peter Styles advised the timeframe for providing a response would vary depending on

the nature and complexity of the question.

CARRIED 12/0

18.18 SMOKING IN PUBLIC SPACES

RESOLUTION ORD504/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Edwin Joseph inquired whether Council has the authority to enforce a no-smoking policy in public areas, particularly at sporting ovals.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that while signage can be displayed to discourage smoking, Council does not have the authority to issue infringements. Further noting it is the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government to monitor no-smoking areas.

CARRIED 12/0

18.19 ALAWA COMMUNITY HALL

RESOLUTION ORD505/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Edwin Joseph inquired whether the Alawa Community Hall is available for public use.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that the Alawa Community Hall is currently not available for public use. Officers have completed electrical inspections and will proceed with assessments of structural integrity and asbestos, with estimated costings to be presented to Council for consideration to bring the hall up to standard.

CARRIED 12/0

18.20 INFRINGEMENTS FOR SMOKING IN PUBLIC SPACES

RESOLUTION ORD506/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Question

Councillor Shani Carson sought clarification on who is responsible for issuing infringements for smoking in public spaces.

Response

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr confirmed that it is the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government, noting that Council can install signage advising, but rangers are not able to issue infringements.

CARRIED 12/0

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 8:26 pm.

19 GENERAL BUSINESS**19.1 WATERS WARD HALLOWEEN EVENT AND WOMEN'S SHED DARWIN MEETING****RESOLUTION ORD507/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston
Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris extended an invite to all Elected Members to join Waters Ward Elected Members at the Halloween Haunted House Disco at Malak Community Centre on Friday, 31 October 2025, from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. As the founder of the Women's Shed in Waters Ward, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris extended an invitation for all female members to attend the meeting on Wednesday, 29 October 2025, from 5:30pm at the HIA Office in Berrimah.

CARRIED 12/0**19.2 COMUNITY GATHERING RICHARDSON WARD****RESOLUTION ORD508/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston
Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Lord Mayor Peter Styles extended an invitation to Elected Members to attend a community gathering on Tuesday, 11 November 2025 from 5:00pm to 5:30pm in the Richardson Ward. Nearby residents through social media, will be invited to come down for a sausage sizzle and a chance to speak with Elected Members.

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, 25 November 2025, at 5:30pm (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 City of Darwin Annual Report 2024/25

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 Micromobility Update

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.

29.1 Corporate Services Quarterly Report - July to September 2025

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(a) 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 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 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.

29.2 Information on Legal Matter

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i), 51(c)(iv) and 51(d) 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, 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 information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD509/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9:31 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 9:31 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 November 2025.

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CHAIR