

TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – OPEN SECTION  
TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2018

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**CITY OF DARWIN**

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TWENTY-SECOND COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE ON TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 5.33PM.

**MEMBERS:** The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, K Vatskalis, (Chair); Member A J Arthur; Member J Bouhoris; Member S Cullen; Member J A Glover; Member G J Haslett; Member R M Knox; Member G Lambrinidis; Member S J Niblock; Member M Palmer; Member P Pangquee; Member R Want de Rowe; Member E L Young.

**OFFICERS:** Chief Executive Officer, Mr S Waters; Chief Operating Officer, Mr C Potter; General Manager Government Relations and External Affairs, Ms M Reiter; General Manager Innovation, Growth and Development Services, Mr J Sattler; General Manager Engineering and City Services, Mr B Smith; General Manager Community and Regulatory Services, Ms P Banks; Manager Strategy & Outcomes, Ms V Green; Manager Infrastructure Maintenance, Mr R Quinn; Technical Officer Parks and Reserves, Mr C Bailey; Parks Coordinator, Ms N Dreiberger; EDRMS Administrator & Trainer, Ms C Moulds; Committee Administrator, Mrs P Hart.

**GUESTS:** Chair of the Tree Reestablishment Advisory Committee, Dr Greg Leach, and Consultant Mr Mike Clark were in attendance in relation to the 'Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin' report.

**MEDIA:** NT News, Mr Will Zwar; Channel 9, Ms Melissa McKay.

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**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**2. THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**3. MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.33pm.

**4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
Common No. 2695036

**4.1 Apologies**

Nil

**4.2 Leave of Absence Granted**

Nil



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#### **4.3 Leave of Absence Requested**

(Lord Mayor/Bouhoris)

- A. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for the Lord Mayor for the period 26 to 28 November 2018, and 8 December 2018 to 10 January 2019.
- B. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member G J Haslett for the period 16 December 2018 to 14 January 2019.
- C. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member P Pangquee for the period 14 December 2018 to 25 January 2019.
- D. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member E L Young for the period 24 December 2018 to 4 January 2019.
- E. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member J Bouhoris for the period of 10 to 15 December 2018.
- F. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member M Palmer for the period 20 to 28 January 2019.
- G. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member R Want de Rowe for the period 26 to 29 December 2018.

DECISION NO.22\1185 (13/11/18) Carried

#### **5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE** Common No. 2221428

##### **5.1 Electronic Meeting Attendance Granted**

(Haslett/Young)

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 the twenty-seventh Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 November 2018:

- Member A Arthur

DECISION NO.22\1186 (13/11/18) Carried



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**5.2 Electronic Meeting Attendance Requested**

(Lambrinidis/Bouhoris)

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:

- Member J Bouhoris to attend all Council and Committee Meetings for the period 10 to 15 December 2018.

DECISION NO.22\1187 (13/11/18) Carried

**6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**  
Common No. 2752228

**6.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Nil

**6.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff**

Nil

**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S**  
Common No. 1955119

**7.1 Confirmation of the Previous Ordinary Council Meeting**

(Knox/Pangquee)

THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 30 October 2018, as amended to correct the electronic meeting attendance dates, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.22\1188 (13/11/18) Carried



**7.2 Confirmation of the Previous Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting**

*With the consent of the Council, the Decisions arising from this item were moved from the Confidential Section into the Open Section of the Minutes.*

(Haslett/Lambrinidis)

- A. THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 30 October 2018 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.
- B. THAT this decision be moved into Open.

DECISION NO.22\1201

(13/11/18)

Carried

**7.3 Business Arising**

Nil

**8. MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

Nil

**9. DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil



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**11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Common No. 1944604

**11.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items**

(Haslett/Bouhoris)

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Confidential Items:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C23.1	8(c)(iv)	information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person
C26.1.1	8(c)(iv)	information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person
C26.1.2	8(c)(iv)	information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person
C26.1.3	8(c)(iv)	information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person

DECISION NO.22\1189

(13/11/18)

Carried

**11.2 Moving Open Items Into Confidential**

Nil

**11.3 Moving Confidential Items Into Open**

Nil

**12. PETITIONS**

Nil

**13. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION**

Nil





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*Member J A Glover joined the meeting at 5.37pm.*

#### 14.1 OFFICERS REPORTS (ACTION REQUIRED)

##### 14.1.1 2017/18 City Of Darwin Annual Report

Report No. 18CP0121 VG:ks (13/11/18) Common No. 3141841

(Want de Rowe/Palmer)

- A. THAT Report Number 18CP0121 VG:ks entitled 2017/18 City Of Darwin Annual Report, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council adopt the 2017/18 Annual Report at **Attachment A** to Report Number 18CP0121 VG:ks entitled 2017/18 City of Darwin Annual Report.
- C. THAT the 2017/18 City of Darwin Annual Report be forwarded to the Minister for Housing and Community Development.

DECISION NO.22\1190

(13/11/18)

Carried unanimously

ACTION: MANAGER STRATEGY  
NOTE: GENERAL MANAGER GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

##### 14.1.2 Meeting Date Schedule 2019

Report No. 18CE0041 MR:ph (13/11/18) Common No. 1486656

(Haslett/Palmer)

- A. THAT Report Number 18CE0041 MR:ph entitled Meeting Date Schedule 2019, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the schedule in **Attachment A** to Report Number 18CE0041 MR:ph entitled Meeting Date Schedule 2019 be endorsed.

DECISION NO.22\1191

(13/11/18)

Carried unanimously

ACTION: COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR  
NOTE: GENERAL MANAGER GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



**14.1.3 Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin**

Report No. 18CO0050 CB:jh (13/11/18) Common No. 3777063

*With the consent of the Council, this item was moved from the Confidential Section into the Open Section.*

(Bouhoris/Cullen)

- A. THAT Report Number 18CO0050 CB:jh entitled Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council note and thank the members of the Tree Re-establishment Advisory Committee.
- C. THAT Council endorse the 'Preferred Trees for Darwin' as listed in Appendix A within **Attachment B** to Report Number 18CO0050 CB:jh entitled Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, for use in its future replanting programs.
- D. THAT Council endorse the 'Trees Recommended Not To Be Planted' as listed in Appendix B within **Attachment B** to Report Number 18CO0050 CB:jh entitled Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, and that these would not be used in its future replanting programs.
- E. THAT Council endorse the development of an Urban Forest Strategy that incorporates, where applicable, the best practise recommendations of the Tree Re-establishment Advisory Committee and is presented to Council in a further report at the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting in April 2019.

**Amendment**

(Lord Mayor/Niblock)

- D. THAT Council considers the 'Trees Recommended Not To Be Planted' as listed in Appendix B within **Attachment B** to Report Number 18CO0050 CB:jh entitled Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin

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**14.1.3 Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin**

Report No. 18CO0050 CB:jh (13/11/18) Common No. 3777063

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**Substantive Motion**

(Bouhoris/Cullen)

- A. THAT Report Number 18CO0050 CB:jh entitled Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council note and thank the members of the Tree Re-establishment Advisory Committee.
- C. THAT Council endorse the 'Preferred Trees for Darwin' as listed in Appendix A within **Attachment B** to Report Number 18CO0050 CB:jh entitled Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, for use in its future replanting programs.
- D. THAT Council endorse the 'Trees Recommended Not To Be Planted' as listed in Appendix B within **Attachment B** to Report Number 18CO0050 CB:jh entitled Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, and that these would not be used in its future replanting programs.
- E. THAT Council endorse the development of an Urban Forest Strategy that incorporates, where applicable, the best practise recommendations of the Tree Re-establishment Advisory Committee and is presented to Council in a further report at the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting in April 2019.

**Amendment**

(Knox/Cullen)

- F. THAT the report, attachments and decision be moved into Open.

Carried

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**14.1.3 Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin**

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**Substantive Motion**

(Bouhoris/Cullen)

- A. THAT Report Number 18CO0050 CB:jh entitled Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council note and thank the members of the Tree Re-establishment Advisory Committee.
- C. THAT Council endorse the 'Preferred Trees for Darwin' as listed in Appendix A within **Attachment B** to Report Number 18CO0050 CB:jh entitled Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, for use in its future replanting programs.
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- E. THAT Council endorse the development of an Urban Forest Strategy that incorporates, where applicable, the best practise recommendations of the Tree Re-establishment Advisory Committee and is presented to Council in a further report at the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting in April 2019.
- F. THAT the report, attachments and decision be moved into Open.

DECISION NO.22\1202

(13/11/18)

Carried unanimously

ACTION: MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE  
NOTE: GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING

**14.2 OFFICERS REPORTS (RECEIVE & NOTE)**

Nil



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**15. INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**15.1 Minutes - Bombing of Darwin & Military History Advisory Committee – 17 October 2018**  
(13/11/18)

(Lord Mayor/Haslett)

THAT the minutes from the Bombing of Darwin & Military History Advisory Committee – 17 October 2018 be received and noted.

DECISION NO.22\1192 (13/11/18) Carried unanimously

**16. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Common No. 1735503

(Palmer/Knox)

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

DECISION NO.22\1193 (13/11/18) Carried

**16.1 Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee**

Member R M Knox reported on her attendance at the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting on 13 November 2018 and the workshop on the Arts Fund following the meeting.

**16.2 Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT)**

Member G J Haslett reported on his attendance at the LGANT Annual General Meeting, also attended by the Lord Mayor and Alderman Pangquee. Member Haslett noted that he was elected as Vice President of the LGANT Executive and that Alderman Pangquee was also elected to the Executive.

The Lord Mayor further noted that it was a successful meeting and highlighted consideration of issues such as ICAC, and the expansion of the Top End Regional Organisation of Council members.



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## 17. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

(Young/Knox)

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

DECISION NO.22\1194 (13/11/18) Carried

### 17.1 Risk Management & Audit Committee Common No. 1955119

Member S J Niblock asked why the Risk Management & Audit Committee minutes and papers have not appeared on the City of Darwin website March 2018. Can this be followed up?

*The Chief Operating Office took the question on notice.*

ACTION: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

### 17.2 Clean-up of Esplanade Clifftops

Member R M Knox noted her appreciation for the clean-up of the Esplanade clifftops but weeds will return immediately if the area is not urgently replanted with ground cover and covered with mulch. What plans are there for revegetating the area and when will it be done? (noting that coffee bush seeds last 40 years).

*The Chief Executive Officer responded and advised that Council are considering a Stage 2, noting that considerations have included once the invasive species were removed how the removal would change the cliff face. Planning is underway, with some of the work to be completed by the wet season.*

### 17.3 Bass in the Grass 2019

Member S J Niblock asked about the plan for Mindil Beach to host Bass in the Grass 2019, noting that the event had previously been held at the amphitheatre. Are Council aware of the booking and have the implications for other users of the site been considered?

*The Chief Executive Officer responded and advised that there had been some discussions held but no formal approaches have been made to Council. A meeting is being sought with the CEO of NT Major Events to discuss Council's requirements.*



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**18. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**18.1 Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor 16 January – 16 May 2019**  
Common No.375173

(Lord Mayor/Palmer)

THAT in accordance with Part 4.3 of the Local Government Act, Alderman J Bouhoris be appointed as Deputy Lord Mayor for the period 16 January - 16 May 2019.

DECISION NO.22\1195 (13/11/18) Carried unanimously

ACTION: COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR

**18.2 Appointment of Acting Deputy Lord Mayor 26 November 2018 – 10 January 2019**  
Common No. 375173

(Bouhoris/Haslett)

A. THAT in accordance with Part 4.3 of the Local Government Act, Alderman R Want de Rowe be appointed as Acting Deputy Lord Mayor for the period 26 November 2018 to 25 December and 30 December to 10 January 2019.

B. THAT in accordance with Part 4.3 of the Local Government Act, Alderman J Bouhoris be appointed as Acting Deputy Lord Mayor for the period 26 December to 29 December 2018.

DECISION NO.22\1196 (13/11/18) Carried unanimously

ACTION: COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR

**19. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Common No. 2695130

(LM/Haslett)

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 27 November 2018, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

DECISION NO.22\1197 (13/11/18) Carried



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**20. CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**  
Common No. 2695131

(Palmer/Lambrinidis)

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

DECISION NO.22\1198 (13/11/18) Carried

**21. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**  
Common No. 2695132

(Palmer/Lambrinidis)

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6.00pm for 15 minutes to enable the Media to liaise with the Lord Mayor.

DECISION NO.22\1199 (13/11/18) Carried

*The meeting moved to the Confidential Section at 6.20pm.*

**THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, LORD  
MAYOR, K VATSKALIS (CHAIR) –  
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**Confirmed On: Tuesday, 27 November 2018**

**Chair:**

