



# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 11 June 2019**

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,  
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2019 AT 5.30PM**

- PRESENT:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Alderman Andrew Arthur, Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris, Alderman Sherry Cullen, Alderman Justine Glover, Alderman Gary Haslett, Alderman George Lambrinidis, Alderman Simon Niblock, Alderman Mick Palmer, Alderman Peter Pangquee, Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe, Alderman Emma Young
- OFFICERS:** Scott Waters (Chief Executive Officer), Joshua Sattler (General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services), Polly Banks (General Manager Community & Regulatory Services), Chris Potter (General Manager Corporate and Procurement Services), Melissa Reiter (General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs), Drosso Lelekis (Acting General Manager Engineering & City Services), Russell Holden (Executive Manager Finance), Jane de Gault (Media & Communications Advisor), Penny Hart (Coordinator Governance)
- APOLOGY:** Alderman Robin Knox
- GUESTS:** Mr Iain Summers, outgoing Chair of the Risk Management & Audit Committee, and his wife Helen Summers, were in attendance from 5.30pm.
- Representatives from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development were in attendance from 5.35pm to brief the Council on the draft Local Government Bill.
- MEDIA:** NT News, Mr Will Zwar; ABC News, Ms Kate Ashton.

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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.

*The Lord Mayor expressed Council’s sadness at the events that took place in Darwin last week, and condolences to the families of those lost.*

*The Lord Mayor welcomed Mr Iain Summers, outgoing Chair of the Risk Management & Audit Committee, and his wife Helen Summers.*

**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLUTION ORD141/19**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

THAT the apology from Alderman Emma Young, be received.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

**RESOLUTION ORD142/19**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

THAT it be noted that Alderman Robin Knox is an apology due to a leave of absence approved for the period of 7 to the 17 June 2019.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED**

**RESOLUTION ORD143/19**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Alderman Andrew Arthur for the period 23 June to 4 July 2019.
2. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Alderman Pangquee for the period 1 to 21 July 2019.
3. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Alderman Sherry Cullen for the period 24 June to 10 July 2019.
4. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Alderman Gary Haslett for the period 15 to 22 June 2019.
5. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Alderman Peter Pangquee for the period 15 to 21 June 2019.
6. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Alderman Justine Glover for the period 30 June to 8 July 2019.
7. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for the Lord Mayor for the period 15 to 21 June 2019.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**

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

Nil

### **5.2 Electronic Meeting Attendance Requested**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD144/19**

Moved: Alderman Sherry Cullen  
 Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

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:

- Alderman Sherry Cullen for the period 24 June to 10 July 2019.
- Alderman Andrew Arthur for the period 23 June to 4 July 2019.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

### **6.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Nil

### **6.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff**

Nil

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD145/19**

Moved: Alderman Andrew Arthur  
 Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

That the minutes of the Ordinary Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 May 2019 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **8 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

## **9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

## **10 PETITIONS**

### **10.1 PETITION - THE ROCK CENTRE LEASE**

*Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris presented the Petition.*

#### **RESOLUTION ORD146/19**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to the Rock Centre, be received and noted.
2. THAT, in accordance with By-law 153(7)(a), the Petition regarding the Rock Centre be referred to an Ordinary Council Meeting.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **11 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

### **11.1 DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL CONSULTATION**

*Representatives from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development were in attendance from 5.30pm to brief the Council on the draft Local Government Bill:*

- *Mr Hugh King*
- *Ms Mikaela Vaughan*

#### **RESOLUTION ORD147/19**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

THAT the the presentation from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development, in relation to the Draft Local Government Bill Consultation, be received and noted

**CARRIED 11/0**

**12 NOTICES OF MOTION****12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - OCCASIONAL CHILDCARE FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS**

A number of elected members and staff who are required to attend Council meetings have small children. Occasionally child minding plans fall through and on numerous occasions both staff and elected members have had to bring their small children to Council meetings. The provision of childcare, as needed, would enable staff and elected members to better participate in meetings and workshops when they have no other option but to bring their children with them.

**\_MOTION**

Moved: Alderman Simon Niblock

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT a report be prepared, outlining options to provide occasional childcare for both elected members and staff during council meetings and workshops.

**LOST 1/10**

**12.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - DARWIN PLACE MAKING TOURIST STRUCTURE**

The proposal is for land mark feature that creates that social media Instagram moment. The large, yet tasteful novelty architecture structure will become an iconic tourist trap. Darwin needs a facelift and a tourist an identity.

**RESOLUTION ORD148/19**

Moved: Alderman Sherry Cullen

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT Council get creative and undertake community and industry consultation to develop an imaginative yet appropriate concept for a place making structure that will create the ultimate social media tourist moment, in Darwin, that all tourist love
2. THAT in order to showcase Darwin's finest natural beauties of blue waters and picturesque sunsets, the structure must be designed to be installed in a coastal location (yet to be determined).
3. THAT the place making structure must be something that will stand up well to national and international comparisons.
4. THAT consideration needs to be given to how tourists interact with structure.

**CARRIED 10/1**



## 13 OFFICERS REPORTS

### 13.1 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETING REVIEW

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present Council with of the outcomes of the Council and Committee meeting review and the options that were put forward for consideration.

#### MOTION

Moved: Alderman Mick Palmer

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report be received and noted.
2. THAT Council continue to hold two Ordinary Council meetings each month, with the exception of January and December.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Part 5.2 Section 54 (1) of the Local Government Act, abolish the following Executive Committees effective 11 June 2019:
  - (i) City Operations Committee
  - (ii) City Performance Committee
  - (iii) City Life Committee
  - (iv) City Futures Committee
4. THAT Council adopt the new Procedure 0035 - Informal Meeting Guidelines at **Attachment 1** and that it come into effect as of 1 July 2019.
5. THAT Policy 043 - *Meetings, Meeting Procedures and Committees* be updated to reflect the new meeting structure of Confidential Briefing Sessions and Ordinary Council Meetings.

#### RESOLUTION ORD149/19

##### AMENDMENT

Moved: Alderman Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Alderman Simon Niblock

6. THAT the briefing session model be reviewed after 12 months to evaluate its progress and effectiveness.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### RESOLUTION ORD150/19

Moved: Alderman Mick Palmer

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report be received and noted.
2. THAT Council continue to hold two Ordinary Council meetings each month, with the exception of January and December.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Part 5.2 Section 54 (1) of the Local Government Act, abolish the following Executive Committees effective 11 June 2019:
  - (i) City Operations Committee
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4. THAT Council adopt the new Procedure 0035 - Informal Meeting Guidelines at **Attachment 1** and that it come into effect as of 1 July 2019.
5. THAT Policy 043 - *Meetings, Meeting Procedures and Committees* be updated to reflect the new meeting structure of Confidential Briefing Sessions and Ordinary Council Meetings.
6. THAT the briefing session model be reviewed after 12 months to evaluate its progress and effectiveness.

**CARRIED 10/1**

## 13.2 NEW POLICY - ELECTED MEMBER AND STAFF INTERACTION

### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present a new policy to Council for adoption that formalises the Alderman Support processes already in place.

### RESOLUTION ORD151/19

Moved: Alderman Justine Glover

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

1. THAT the report be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt Policy 090 - Elected Member and Staff Interaction at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 14 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

### 14.1 RATIONALISATION OF PARKING MACHINES

#### SUMMARY

From 1 July 2019 Council plans to remove 28 of its parking machines from across the city and continue to encourage the uptake of easier payment options via PayStay, the app adopted by Council in January 2018.

#### MOTION

Moved: Alderman Sherry Cullen

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the report be received and noted.

**RESOLUTION ORD152/19****AMENDMENT**

Moved: Alderman Simon Niblock

Seconded: Alderman Mick Palmer

2. THAT a further report be presented to Council regarding options for further rationalisation of parking meters in the CBD.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**RESOLUTION ORD153/19**

Moved: Alderman Sherry Cullen

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report be received and noted.
2. THAT a further report be presented to Council regarding options for further rationalisation of parking meters in the CBD.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**14.2 MINUTES OF THE BOMBING OF DARWIN & MILITARY HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10 APRIL 2019****SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present for information the minutes of The Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee meeting on 10 April 2019.

**RESOLUTION ORD154/19**

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the minutes of the Bombing of Darwin & Military Advisory Committee meeting held on 10 April 2019, at **Attachment 1**, be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 14.3 LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO COUNCIL - CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL - MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES IN THE WAKE OF ATROCITY TOWARDS CHRISTCHURCH'S MUSLIM COMMUNITIES

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present a letter received from the Christchurch City Council.

#### RESOLUTION ORD155/19

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

THAT the incoming letter of appreciation from Christchurch City Council regarding the message of condolences in the wake of atrocity towards Christchurch's Muslim communities be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 15 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Reports of Representatives

#### RESOLUTION ORD156/19

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman George Lambrinidis

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### 15.1 Lightbox opening

Alderman Andrew Arthur reported on his attendance at the City Life Lightbox opening in The Mall, noting that it was well attended by artists and dignitaries. He encouraged elected members to visit.

#### 15.2 Glenti 2019

Alderman George Lambrinidis thanked everyone who attended and helped at the Kalymnos Sister City stall at the Glenti 2019.

**16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****16.1 BICENTENNIAL PARK REINSTATEMENT FOLLOWING GLENTI 2019****RESOLUTION ORD157/19**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

Alderman Mick Palmer asked, following the cessation of the Glenti, will Bicentennial Park be watered to reinstate it?

*The Acting General Manager Engineering took the question on notice.*

**ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING**

**16.2 CLAYMORE CIRCUIT****RESOLUTION ORD158/19**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

Alderman George Lambrinidis asked for an update on Claymore Circuit.

*The Acting General Manager Engineering responded and advised that an answer was provided via email on 7 June 2019. Given the complexities around easements, turning the area into a park is not supported at this time; but staff are meeting with residents tomorrow to discuss options regarding landscaping and future maintenance.*

**ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING**

**16.3. TERRITORY DAY 2019 - PROTECTION OF COUNCIL ASSETS****RESOLUTION ORD159/19**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

Alderman Justine Glover noted that Territory Day is only 19 days away. What is Council doing to protect assets this year?

*The General Manager Community & Regulatory Services took the question on notice.*

**ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY**

Alderman Peter Pangquee noted that he would like larger bins to be placed along Nightcliff Foreshore for people to put their rubbish in.

*The Acting General Manager Engineering took the question on notice.*

ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING

#### 16.4 WORKS IN BENNETT STREET

##### RESOLUTION ORD160/19

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

Alderman Peter Pangquee noted that the footpath has been dug up for works on the new new bus parking shades being installed in Bennett Street. There was historic stone curbing in this area, what has happened to it?

*The Acting General Manager Engineering took the question on notice.*

ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING

#### 16.5 PAYSTAY APPLICATION

##### RESOLUTION ORD161/19

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

Alderman Sherry Cullen asked if Council can talk to the Paystay app developers about making the app more user-friendly for businesses, who get employees to pay with cash, or link of a business credit card, not very user-friendly.

*The General Manager Innovation responded and advised that the intent is to wrap this into the smart technology platform and that this can be raised with the developers.*

ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER INNOVATION

#### 16.6 CAR PARKING STRATEGY

##### RESOLUTION ORD162/19

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

Alderman Simon Niblock asked if there is an update from the Northern Territory Government on the status of the car parking study? Council are waiting for it to be presented.

*The General Manager Innovation responded and advised that the report is expected in the upcoming weeks.*

**16.7 CENTRAL DARWIN AREA PLAN - STAGE 3****RESOLUTION ORD163/19**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

Alderman Simon Niblock noted that the Central Darwin Area Plan is now out for public comment on stage 3. Will there be a report to the next council meeting with a submission? Can the Chair of the NT Planning Commission be invited to present to Council on the changes?

*The General Manager Innovation took the question on notice.*

**ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER INNOVATION**

**16.8 STATE AND CIVIC SQUARE MASTER PLAN****RESOLUTION ORD164/19**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

Alderman Sherry Cullen asked if a response has been received from the Northern Territory Government about the State and Civic Square master plan?

*The General Manager Government Relations responded and advised that officers attended a meeting last week but there is not current timeline or update on the consultation.*

**16.9 BOLLARDS****RESOLUTION ORD165/19**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

Alderman Justine Glover noted the new bollards that have been going in within the suburbs. She noted that it is disappointing that they look like black bullets around the parks, not like the previous versions that were more attractive and people could sit on. They are also at eye-height and obstruct views. At Anula they are now asking for seats to be installed.

*The Acting General Manager Engineering took the question on notice.*

Alderman Niblock added that the current bollard spacing is quite small. By expanding the spacing we could get more bollards or save more money. Can this be investigated?

*The Acting General Manager Engineering took the question on notice.*

## ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING

**17 GENERAL BUSINESS****17.1 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT****RESOLUTION ORD166/19**

Moved: Alderman Justine Glover  
Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett

1. THAT Council note that Alderman Sherry Cullen has stepped down from her position as Division Member of the Development Consent Authority effective 9 June 2019.
2. THAT Council nominate Alderman Pangquee to be a Division Member of the Development Consent Authority.

**CARRIED 11/0****17.2 APPRECIATION TO PROPERTY OFFICER TIM MERRIGAN****RESOLUTION ORD167/19**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the service of Property Officer Tim Merrigan for 27 years with City of Darwin and provided his thanks on behalf of Council.

**CARRIED 11/0****17.3 WARD PROJECT FUNDING****RESOLUTION ORD168/19**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Seconded: Alderman Sherry Cullen

The Lord Mayor noted the additional \$1M allocated to Ward projects that has been contributed by the Northern Territory Government and asked elected members to provide their suggestions to the Chief Executive Officer as soon as possible.

**CARRIED 11/0****17.4 APPRECIATION TO MR IAIN SUMMERS****RESOLUTION ORD169/19**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

THAT Council express its sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr Iain Summers for more than 17 years of involvement with the City of Darwin Risk Management & Audit Committee.



**CARRIED 11/0****18 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING****RESOLUTION ORD170/19**

Moved: Alderman Sherry Cullen

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 25 June 2019, at 5.30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

**CARRIED 11/0****19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****RESOLUTION ORD171/19**

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

1. 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.
2. That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act:

**24.1 CEO Performance Appraisal Committee**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(a) 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.

**24.2 Library Inclusion Within John Stokes - Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

**24.3 Darwin Entertainment Centre Funding - Correspondence from the Board Chair**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**RESOLUTION ORD172/19**

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

That in accordance with By-Law 163(d), the meeting be adjourned at 7:14 pm for 15 minutes for a meal break and the media liaison.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2019.**

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**CHAIR**