



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 27 July 2021**

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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, 27 JULY 2021 AT 5:30PM**

- PRESENT:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Deputy Lord Mayor Paul Arnold, Alderman Andrew Arthur, Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris, Alderman Justine Glover, Alderman Gary Haslett, Alderman Robin Knox, Alderman George Lambrinidis, Alderman Simon Niblock, Alderman Mick Palmer, Alderman Peter Pangquee, Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe
- OFFICERS:** Scott Waters (Chief Executive Officer), Simone Saunders (Chief Financial Officer), Karen Conway (Acting General Manager Community & Regulatory Services), Ron Grinsell (General Manager Engineering & City Services), Melissa Reiter (General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs), Joshua Sattler (General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services)
Vanessa Green (Executive Manager Governance Strategy & Performance), Alice Percy (Executive Manager Growth and Development Services), Drosso Lelekis (Executive Manager Technical Services), Emma Young (Executive Manager Environment Climate and Waste Services), Gemma Perkins (Governance Business Partner), Paula Strong (Public Relations & External Affairs),
- APOLOGY:** Nil
- MEDIA:** Isabel Moussalli (ABC Darwin)

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD361/21

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.36pm.

CARRIED 12/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

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**

Nil

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD362/21**

Moved: Alderman Mick Palmer

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 July 2021 be confirmed.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Alderman Mick Palmer

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

That an amendment to the minutes at item 26.7

Original recommendations be included and that the record be amended to reflect part 7 was amended and removed and that the amendment was put and carried and that the amended motion was put and carried.

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

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**9.1 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE - ALDERMAN ROBIN KNOX**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis extended his appreciation to Alderman Knox for her dedication and commitment to her service as Alderman for the City of Darwin and presented her with a token of appreciation.

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS**11.1 Petition**

Nil

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**12.1**

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14 ACTION REPORTS**14.1 UPDATE ON 2021/22 BLACK SPOT PROGRAMME PROJECT NOMINATIONS****RESOLUTION ORD363/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Update on 2021/22 Black Spot Programme Project Nominations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the provision of \$250,000 from its 2021/22 Budgets for part-funding of the installation of Speed Check signs for Darwin schools as part of the 2021/2022 Black Spot Program in accordance with the scope outlined in this report, in response to the Black Spot Consultative Panel's recommendation to only fund this project nomination on a 50-50 basis.

CARRIED 12/0

SUSPENSION OF MEETING PROCEDURES – BY-LAW 147**RESOLUTION ORD364/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Simon Niblock

1. THAT in accordance with By-Law 147, meeting procedures be suspended at 5.42 pm for up to 10 minutes to allow for technical equipment to be rectified.

CARRIED 12/0**RESUMPTION OF MEETING PROCEDURES – BY-LAW 147****RESOLUTION ORD365/21**

Moved: Alderman Robin Knox

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT in accordance with By-Law 147, meeting procedures be resumed at 5.49 pm.

CARRIED 12/0**14.2 ROADS TO RECOVERY - NOMINATION OF BOULTER ROAD STREET LIGHTING AS CITY OF DARWIN'S 2021/22 PROJECT****RESOLUTION ORD366/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

1. THAT the report entitled Roads to Recovery – Nomination of Boulter Road Street Lighting as City of Darwin's 2020/21 Project be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0**14.3 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATION TO PROVIDE MATCHED FUNDING FOR FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES****RESOLUTION ORD367/21**

Moved: Alderman George Lambrinidis

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

1. THAT the report entitled Youth Advisory Committee – Recommendation to Provide Matched Funding for Youth Advisory Committee Fundraising Initiatives.
2. THAT Council note that matched funding for fundraising initiatives by the Youth Advisory Committee for up to \$1000 per year will be funded operationally from within Community and Regulatory Services.

CARRIED 12/0

AMENDMENT

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Robin Knox

1. THAT the report entitled Youth Advisory Committee – Recommendation to Provide Matched Funding for Youth Advisory Committee Fundraising Initiatives.
2. THAT Council note that matched funding for fundraising initiatives by the Youth Advisory Committee for up to \$2000 per year will be funded operationally from within Community and Regulatory Services.

CARRIED 12/0

14.4 REVIEW OF POLICY 083- LONG TERM LEASE POLICY**RESOLUTION ORD368/21**

Moved: Alderman Justine Glover

Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett

1. THAT the report entitled Review of policy 083 - Long Term Lease policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Policy 083 – Long Term Lease Policy.

CARRIED 12/0

14.5 KAHLIN OVAL - PROPOSED SHED LOCATION**RESOLUTION ORD369/21**

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Alderman Robin Knox

1. THAT the report entitled Kahlin Oval – Proposed Shed Location be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the location of the shed at Kahlin Oval to be installed adjacent to the north-east corner of the cricket nets, within Councils Road Reserve.

AMENDMENT

1. THAT Council make such necessary changes so as to meet the residents' requested changes to the shed design, conditioned upon planning requirements, and subject to costs.

Residents' requested changes include:

- Remove the 750mm gap between the practice cage and the shed (shed should be aligned immediately adjoining the practice cage slab.
 - Re-design the shed as follows:
 - o With a much lower roofline
 - o Different dimensions making it longer (running along practice cage the fence line) and narrower
 - Use of a colour sympathetic with the landscaping or existing infrastructure
 - Effective scene landscaping to the shed, while maintaining views to the water and determined in consultation with the local residents
2. THAT Council in accordance with Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake negotiations to resolve issues with the residents.

CARRIED 12/0

14.6 REVIEW OF POLICY NO. 086 – OPEN DATA**RESOLUTION ORD370/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman George Lambrinidis

1. THAT the report entitled Review of City of Darwin Policy No. 086 – Open Data, be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised City of Darwin Policy No. 086 – Open Data.

CARRIED 12/0

14.7 CITY OF DARWIN STATUTORY DELEGATIONS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2019**RESOLUTION ORD371/21**

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled City of Darwin Statutory Delegations – *Local Government Act 2019* be received and noted.
2. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Evaluation Committee the power to:
 - (a) conduct and finalise a performance evaluation and review of the Council's Chief Executive Officer; and
 - (b) any other powers and functions delegated to it under its Terms of Reference from time to time.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Administrative Review Committee its powers under section 324 of the *Local Government Act 2019* to:
 - (a) investigate, inquire into and make recommendations to Council on matters raised in an application to review a decision in accordance with Part 18.1 of the *Local Government Act 2019*; and
 - (b) any other powers and functions delegated to it under its Terms of Reference from time to time
4. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Risk Management and Audit Committee its powers, functions and duties under Section 87 of the *Local Government Act 2019* to:
 - (a) Monitor compliance by the Council with the proper standards of financial management; and
 - (b) Monitor compliance by the Council with Northern Territory Local Government Legislation and Accounting Standards; and
 - (c) Authorise the Committee or its members to:
 - (i) obtain any information it requires from any member of staff and/or external party,
 - (ii) discuss any matters with the external auditor, or other external parties;
 - (iii) request, via the Chief Executive Officer, the attendance of any member of staff at committee meetings;
 - (iv) obtain external legal or other professional advice, as considered necessary to meet its responsibilities
 - (d) any other powers and functions delegated to it under its Terms of Reference from time to time
5. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, or any person acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer, all of the powers, functions and duties under the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Local Government Regulations 2021* subject to any conditions and or limitations specified in legislation, Council Policy and Procedure or by Council resolution with the exception of:
 - (i) The powers, functions and duties under Sections 35, regarding the adoption of the Municipal Plan.
 - (ii) The powers, functions and duties in Section 64, appointment to fill a Casual Vacancy on the Council.

- (iii) The powers, functions and duties under Section 82 to establish or abolish Council Committees; and
 - (iv) The powers, functions and duties under Section Part 6.4, meetings of electors.
 - (b) All of the powers, functions and duties of all other Acts and Regulations under which Council has a vested power, function or duty, subject to any legislative restrictions, conditions and limitation, Council Policy and Procedure.
 - (c) The powers and functions under the Darwin City Council By-Laws 1994, subject to any legislative restrictions, conditions and limitation, Council Policy and Procedure.
 - (d) That such powers and functions may be further delegated by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 168 of the *Local Government Act 2019* as the Chief Executive Officer determines, unless otherwise indicated herein.
6. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 183 of the *Local Government Act 2019* hereby appoints the Chief Executive Officer, or any person acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer, to be an Authorised Person with the powers and functions specified in the Local Government Act 2019.
7. THAT Council adopt the revised Policy 089 Delegations.

CARRIED 12/0

14.8 LEE POINT SUBDIVISION PLACE NAMES APPLICATION**MOTION**

Moved: Alderman Justine Glover

Seconded: Alderman Robin Knox

1. THAT the report entitled Lee Point Subdivision Place Names Application be received and noted.
2. THAT Council support the 32 road names and three of the four park names, as detailed in this report.
3. THAT Council also support the 4 alternative road names suggested in this report, as substitutes for any roads names that may not meet the Place Names Committee approval.
4. THAT Council not support the name Konfrontasi Oval.
5. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to provide final support for a replacement name, of a sporting theme, for the Oval in Precinct 6.

AMENDMENT**RESOLUTION ORD372/21**

Moved: Alderman Justine Glover

Seconded: Alderman Robin Knox

1. THAT the report entitled Lee Point Subdivision Place Names Application be received and noted.
2. THAT DHA consult with Larrakia Nation on the proposed place names for Lee Point Subdivision prior to submitting to the Place Names Committee
3. THAT Council not support the name Konfrontasi Oval.
4. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to provide final support for a replacement name, of a sporting theme, for the Oval in Precinct 6.
5. THAT a further report be provided to Council.

CARRIED 12/0

14.9 2030 CLIMATE EMERGENCY STRATEGY**RESOLUTION ORD373/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Simon Niblock

1. THAT the report entitled 2030 Climate Emergency Strategy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the 2030 Climate Emergency Strategy at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 12/0

14.10 2030 GREENING DARWIN STRATEGY**RESOLUTION ORD374/21**

Moved: Alderman Robin Knox

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

1. THAT the report entitled 2030 Greening Darwin Strategy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the 2030 Greening Darwin Strategy at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 12/0

14.11 2030 WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY**RESOLUTION ORD375/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled 2030 Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the 2030 Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 12/0

14.12 RESCINDING OF POLICY NO. 054 - WASTE MANAGEMENT**RESOLUTION ORD376/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

1. THAT the report entitled Rescinding of Policy No. 054 - Waste Management be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind Policy No. 054 - Waste Management.

CARRIED 11/0

Alderman George Lambrinidis departed the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Alderman George Lambrinidis re-joined the meeting at 7:06 pm.

14.13 RED TAPE REDUCTION**RESOLUTION ORD377/21**

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Red Tape Reduction be received and noted.
2. THAT Council amend the Customer First Strategy to add the following red tape reduction measures across the City of Darwin:
 - All approval timeframes throughout all City of Darwin operations and functions to not exceed 30 working days;
 - With the exception being that when the requirement of approval is relying on third party information, Council Officers will advise the applicant of an extended approval process within 15 working days, providing the revised approval timeframes to the applicant/proponent in writing approved and signed by the General Manager;
 - All items requiring approval that exceed the 30 working days or agreed timeframe approval will be escalated to the Chief Executive Officer for review and direct discussion with the applicant/proponent for resolution;
 - All items that are not approved will be advised within 15 working days;
 - Council Report templates are to be amended to include a section on Red Tape Reduction measures.
3. THAT Council note the Western Australian Government Red Tape Reduction – Rapid Assessment Tool, that City of Darwin is seeking approval for modified use by the City of Darwin.

CARRIED 12/0

14.14 APPOINTMENTS TO ACTIVATE DARWIN BOARD**RESOLUTION ORD378/21**

Moved: Alderman George Lambrinidis

Seconded: Alderman Robin Knox

1. THAT the report entitled appointments to Activate Darwin Board be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes the appointment of Alderman Paul Arnold and Alderman Simon Niblock to the Activate Darwin Board as representatives of the Council for the remaining term of the 22nd City of Darwin Council.

Furthermore, that ongoing appointments to the Activate Darwin Board be ratified with all other Executive, Advisory and External Council Committee appointments on commencement of the 23rd City of Darwin Council.

CARRIED 12/0

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis departed the meeting at 7:13 pm and Alderman Paul Arnold assumed the role of the chair.

15.1 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 8 JULY 2021**RESOLUTION ORD379/21**

Moved: Alderman George Lambrinidis

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

THAT the report entitled Youth Advisory Committee Minutes – 8 July 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

15.2 ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 8 JULY 2021**RESOLUTION ORD380/21**

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Robin Knox

THAT the report entitled Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Minutes – 8 July 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

15.3 SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 15 JULY 2021**RESOLUTION ORD381/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett

1. THAT the report entitled Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting – 15 July 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis resumed the role of the chair on return to the meeting at 7:15 pm.

15.4 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 JULY 2021**RESOLUTION ORD382/21**

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting – 7 July 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.5 RISK MANAGEMENT & AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES - 25 JUNE 2021**RESOLUTION ORD383/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Risk Management & Audit Committee Minutes – 25 June 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.6 LIMITING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACROSS THE MUNICIPALITY**RESOLUTION ORD384/21**

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

THAT the report entitled Limiting Anti-social Behaviour Across the Municipality be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.7 STREET FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE**RESOLUTION ORD385/21**

Moved: Alderman Robin Knox

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Street Food Program Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.8 LEE POINT CAT DENSITY PROJECT**RESOLUTION ORD386/21**

Moved: Alderman George Lambrinidis

Seconded: Alderman Robin Knox

THAT the report entitled Lee Point Cat Density Project be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.9 COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE NORTHERN TERRITORY ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 2019**RESOLUTION ORD387/21**

Moved: Alderman George Lambrinidis

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Council's responsibilities under the Northern Territory Environment Protection Act 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

Alderman Mick Palmer departed the meeting at 7:34 pm.

15.10 CAPITAL FUNDING AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE WORKS WITHIN CITY OF DARWIN MUNICIPALITY AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IMPROVEMENT WORKS ALONG NIGHTCLIFF ROAD**RESOLUTION ORD388/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the report entitled Capital Funding Agreement to Facilitate Works within City of Darwin Municipality and Pedestrian Access Improvement Works along Nightcliff Road, be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

Alderman Mick Palmer re-joined the meeting at 7:36 pm.

15.11 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JUNE 2021**RESOLUTION ORD389/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Interim Monthly Financial Report – June 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.12 DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018-2022 - IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**RESOLUTION ORD390/21**

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Robin Knox

THAT the report entitled Dog and Cat Management Strategy 2018-2022 – Implementation Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.13 CITY OF DARWIN - QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – JUNE 2021 (Q4)**RESOLUTION ORD391/21**

Moved: Alderman Andrew Arthur

Seconded: Alderman Robin Knox

THAT the report entitled City of Darwin - Quarterly Performance Report – June 2021 (Q4) be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD392/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

16.1 Alderman Knox - Gran Fondo

Alderman Knox reported on the Council sponsored Gran Fondo that occurred on Sunday morning. Congratulations to the organisers because despite lockdowns in SA, Victoria and New South Wales, they increased participation to just under 700 and to increase the participation under those conditions is an achievement. Alderman Knox is proud that Council sponsors this event.

16.2 Alderman Pangquee - Reconciliation Action Plans at ALGA, LGANT and Top End Tourism Board

Alderman Pangquee reported on the ALGA conference. One of the important things that came out of that was the motion for ALGA to form a Reconciliation Action Plan as well as training for Local Governments across Australia regarding Reconciliation.

Alderman Pangquee also sits on the LGANT – Constitutional Committee and he noted that they are also developing a Reconciliation Action Plan in LGANT.

Alderman Pangquee reported on the Top End Tourism Board and noted that they are also developing a Reconciliation Action Plan for the organisation.

16.3 Alderman Glover - Karama Country Music Muster

Alderman Glover reported on the Karama Country Music Muster, noting that this was a Council sponsored event and was enormously successful.

It really brought out so much Karama pride and supported by all the local artists including Frankie Spry and June Mills. The event attracted many people from surrounding neighbourhoods and Alderman Glover believes it has great potential to grow in the future. Alderman Glover thanked Council for supporting the event and acknowledged the efforts of Alderman Andrew Arthur in promoting the event.

16.4 Alderman Haslett - ALGA

Alderman Haslett acknowledged that he had previously reported on ALGA however wished to add to Alderman Pangquee's report reinforcing that the Reconciliation Motion was really well received and accepted unanimously.

16.5 Alderman Bouhoris - Royal Darwin Show

Alderman Bouhoris commended Council staff at the Royal Darwin Show and involved in the setting up and running of Council stalls. Alderman Bouhoris stated that he observed staff responding to the public positively and professionally, even with some difficult customers and questions. Alderman Bouhoris was humbled by the way in which staff helped members of the public proposed his appreciation and commendation of their efforts.

CARRIED 12/0

17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**RESOLUTION ORD393/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett

17.1 Alawa Dog Park Seating and Bundilla Dog Park**Question**

Alderman Pangquee queried seating in Alawa dog park, why aren't there any seats in the dog park?

Alderman Pangquee also queried how are we going with Bundilla Dog Park?

Answer

General Manager Engineering and Ciy Services took the item on notice.

17.2 Displaced Residents as a result of the Sale of the Malak and KOA Caravan Parks**Question**

Alderman Glover queried whether Council was aware of the sale of Malak Caravan Park and KOA Caravan Park and whether consideration has been given to the displacement of many long stay and permanent residents. Alderman Glover raised concern of the impact of the sale of these properties which provide affordable housing options on our community.

Answer

The CEO responded and advised that Council was not aware of the sale of these properties. He ensured Alderman Glover that Council would work jointly with Department of Territory Families, Housing and Community and thanked Alderman Glover for raising this important matter.

17.3 Energy Audit of Parap Pool**Question**

Alderman Knox requested a report on the motion at the last meeting that the CEO provide quotations for an energy audit at the Parap Pool.

Answer

CEO advised that the quotations from companies have been sourced and were circulated via email to Elected Members prior to this meeting. He advised that the matter would be presented in the confidential section of the meeting due to the commercial nature of the quotations.

CARRIED 12/0**18 GENERAL BUSINESS****18.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - LETTER TO LORD MAYOR REGARDING TERRITORY DAY****RESOLUTION ORD394/21**

Moved: Alderman Mick Palmer

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

That the incoming correspondence from the Chief Minister be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0**18.2 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - LETTER TO LORD MAYOR REGARDING CASUARINA POOL REDEVELOPMENT YOUTH SPACE****RESOLUTION ORD395/21**

Moved: Alderman Mick Palmer

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

That the incoming correspondence from Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

18.3 ALDERMAN KNOX FINAL COUNCIL MEETING

Alderman Knox advised that as she will not be nominating for the Local Government Elections this is her last Council Meeting and provided the following address to the meeting:

When I came to Darwin in September 1979 I did not imagine that one day I would be an Alderman on the City of Darwin! But in April 2010 that's what happened.

When I first came on Council I remember a fellow Alderman saying "We are really just here to tick the boxes". Well, as you know, that's not how I saw my role. On another occasion an Alderman said "Are we really meant to read all these papers?" to which he promptly received a strong YES from all the other members. But I think my favourite lines came from a Manager, probably when I was asking for improved bike infrastructure, the reply would be either "This is what will be built because it's in the Australian guidelines" or "This won't be built because they are only guidelines."

A few facts and figures; I've attended approximately 270 Council meetings and a similar number of committee meetings and briefings so I'm looking forward to breaking that habit. Thanks to my first Lord Mayor, Graeme Sawyer, I quickly trained myself to read all my Council reports on line and thus saved thousands of staff hours of photocopying, about 60 reams of paper, many trees and lots CO2 emissions, which I see as important and I hope our new Council members will too.

I've appreciated all the opportunities I've been given, such as representing the Lord Mayor at the Singaporean Government's Sustainable Cities Conference and attending the first Reserve Bank dinner held here in Darwin.

I'm thankful for all that I've learnt while being on Council and through utilising my professional development allowance. I've attend many interesting conferences including presenting at a Sustainable Futures conference in Shenzhen, China, and graduated from the Institute of Company Director's course, something I would recommend to all elected members in order to improve the governance of this Council.

And there are things that I have pushed to make happen, such as banning Single Use Plastics on Council land, cat containment by-laws, the installation of the first Council solar panel, energy audits of all Council buildings, trials of less water demanding vegetation plantings, installation of foreshore erosion control, banning the sale of the degrading merchandise CU in NT from Council property, the use of noise recording devices to assist with dog barking management, improved bike infrastructure, establishment of the Gardens for Wildlife program and of course more planting of trees to help cool Darwin. You might notice a bit of a theme coming through here, and yes, I am very concerned about the effects of Climate Change for all of us.

I wish to thank all my fellow elected members, who over the years have worked hard for our community and who I know care about this community, even when they don't agree with my ideas. And most of all I want to thank every single Council employee. If you didn't do all that you do, there would be no point in me having been here for the last 11 1/2 years. Thank you all for your hard work and particularly for listening.

I sincerely want to thank every member of the Darwin community because I think you are awesome. All those people who have telephoned, texted, emailed or stopped me in the street to alert me to some problem you are having, notify me of some urgent issue or tell me about some good efforts of Council, I thank you. The fact that you care is important and fantastic. I feel so lucky to be part of this great Darwin community of people who look out for everyone around them and want to protect this beautiful environment we live in.

To all the members who are standing again, and members of the public who want to join Council and serve this community, good luck with your campaigns.

I am excited about my new life after Council which may mean more time for gran children, kite surfing, tango dancing, bushwalking, gardening and lots more. Who knows what's around the corner.

18.4 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ALDERMAN KNOX

Alderman Haslett acknowledged Alderman Knox's service to the Darwin community noting that she has always been polite and dedicated. He congratulated Alderman Knox for her achievements.

Alderman Haslett further congratulated Alderman Lambrinidis as he had heard that Alderman Lambrinidis was also not nominating in the 2021 Local Government General Elections and expressed that Alderman Lambrinidis had performed an outstanding job over the years.

18.5 ALDERMAN LAMBRINIDIS FINAL COUNCIL MEETING

Alderman Lambrinidis addressed Council and confirmed that he was not intending to nominate and run for Alderman at the 2021 Local Government Election.

I've done two terms. From the very beginning my thoughts were if you're in politics and you can't do what you have to do in two terms then, you're too much of a politician and you're not there for the right reasons, anyway it's not politics it's community service.

I've thought you know where I am at and what I want to do and I wanted to keep to my original thinking. I'd like to see the Casuarina pool come through but that's now in train as one of the biggest achievements and thank you Scott for supporting that vision as well. Now I've worked under two Lord Mayors, I've been the Acting Lord Mayor and represented the City of Darwin. I've had some magnificent experiences, I've worked with some wonderful people. When I first ran it was in 2004. I was third and I didn't get in because preferences back then meant that the fourth person was helped across by the first two. Same thing happened again in 2008, and there was a really wise local member back then who I had a conversation with who said, George, if you're not going to try again you, you really weren't in it in the first place. You really must keep trying until you get back in.

The reason I got back in that third time. I was really at the crossroads of should I or shouldn't I? and I thought, I really fought hard for over a decade to get to where I was and I'm going to try again and then I got in. I'm very thankful for that comment.

I think there's a lot more to life and I think that, one of the things if anyone's moving forward and wanting to get into this business or this role. You give up a lot of your time. So, fishing is something that I love to do and have some personal time and I've got a boat.

I think there's a lot, I can still do a lot if I'm not an Alderman. Definitely don't do this for the money you do this because of the passion, I would love to continue, and I'd love to try again but I want to try other things as well. So, there's a lot of other things that I want to put my head around, potential to do a PHD, potential to do other things in my academic career as well. It was a wonderful experience. I've looked at my old marketing material "Vote for George", This is what I'm going to achieve... we want lights at ovals, we want to improve our sporting grounds, we had the sporting masterplan. I've worked with some wonderful youth in the youth advisory committee who are up and coming leaders in the community.

I think one of the biggest achievements is the new direction of rather than focusing on contractors doing all of the work, most of the work being done in house and recognising the great working capacity of our own staff. I'd really like to see a lot more coming through there's some changes moving forward, we've got age and disability. We've got youth, there's a lot of different things we need in the community. The new Council will be refreshed without me on board and having new people. Hopefully you'll have another Lambrinidis on Council if all goes well. We'll see what happens there but I wish everyone the very best. Thank you.

18.6 ALDERMAN NIBLOCK FINAL COUNCIL MEETING

Alderman Niblock advised Council that he would not be nominating to stand at the Local Government Elections in August 2021 and confirmed this was his final Council meeting.

Alderman Niblock provided the following address to Council:

Thank you Lord Mayor. I'm going to add a few words to this Council being the last meeting.

Prior to re-election I generally consider what I would do if I wasn't successful, well because it's contested there's every chance that you're not going to get re-elected and indeed many members around this table have been contested elections and haven't been successful and have persevered and you know good on them. I know we have at least one candidate here, possibly two doing their due diligence, coming along, seeing what's involved that's fantastic.

I think when running for Council it's always important to have a plan B, something to help with the campaign context, and I guess focus on if you don't win. So, being prepared. I've weighed up the pros and the cons and it turns out the plan B is actually more exciting, more attractive than plan A and so I won't be seeking re-election.

I was first elected in 2012, and I assumed that because I'd run as a Member of Greens that most of the other elected members would argue and disagree simply on party politics and I thought I might move something and Alderman Knox would seconded it but it's not going to get up. How wrong I was. I should be clear though I've never brought party politics into this room not once in the ten years that I've been on council, so I don't hide it but it's never relevant or appropriate. I quickly realised that what people were interested in was a decent proposal and a good debate. I guess what I suppose in my view I was a conservative councillor and I got up a lot more than I ever thought possible.

Certainly my understanding of how cities work and specifically how Darwin works has changed significantly over time as I better understood the dynamics between land use development, moving people, and how it all ties together, I had no idea about the job when I started. I guess like most of us I've learnt a lot about community engagement how critical and important that is to doing stuff really well. Town planning, politics and certainly again like most of us a lot more about car parking. than I ever really want or needed to know, certainly getting to meet and hear from residents, property owners and stakeholders collaborating and solving problems have been aspects of the job that make it really worthwhile. I thoroughly enjoyed all of that.

Likewise getting to know and work with council staff, hearing their advice, understanding their thinking has been really rewarding and I think quite fascinating to see things from a completely different perspective. I really appreciated their support over the 10 years. I ran for council to make a difference, and I think I have.

I proposed and installed insulation and solar PV on pretty much every Council building that we've developed. I was really pleased to see that that's happened. We proposed an energy strategy, the initial waste management strategy, a recycling strategy, the movement strategy, rebooting the CBD and new masterplan. They're all achievements that I'm really pleased, have started, or have got going in a really strategic way. I proposed that council should declare a climate emergency and I'd like to thank the Lord Mayor for picking that up, running with it. You got it over the line as you were able to do, whereas I don't think I would have been able to carry that so, congratulations and I think you've seen the fruit of that work come to the table tonight.

I introduced Darwin to Place Score through some placemaking workshops that I facilitated with the Parap village traders. Probably about three years ago and I'm really pleased now to see that the scores work has been adopted by the City of Darwin and now it's embedded in our strategic plan.

So, it's really nice to see that work going forward. The development of the CBD masterplan, redeveloping the Parap pool, redeveloping the Casuarina library, upgrading the Nightcliff pool, The Nightcliff Café foreshore, which I wasn't a big supporter of initially. I always knew it would be successful. I'm glad to see that it was successful, and it was well delivered. I have raised and I continue to raise some concerns I have about transparency and accountability, and I think there's more that we can do in that space. I do feel that abolishing Council's Standing Committees years

ago that we do have less oversight, and I think the community has less insight in to what happens here and that's something that I think Council needs to consider going forward. I think the 23rd Council will have its work cut out and I think closer attention needs to be given to our unsolicited policies, sorry, unsolicited appraisals policies and also our procurement policy. In summary I am really looking forward to spending a bit more time with my children and my partner. I've got a vintage car to get on the road, potentially some further study maybe even some property development. I'd like to acknowledge the support of my family, their patience over the ten years. That's a lot of Tuesday nights where they have exactly the same meal because they know I cook it for them, and I think they'll be a bit disappointed with me coming home on Tuesdays and they're not going to want something different. It's been an honour to serve on the 21st and 22nd Councils and whilst I won't be sitting on the 23rd I will watch it with keen interest, and I wish you all the best.

18.7 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ALDERMAN KNOX

Alderman Pangquee thanked and acknowledged Alderman Knox who he had known for more than 25 years. We both live in Nightcliff where we really care for the Chan Ward. Alderman Pangquee acknowledged the diversity that Alderman Knox brings to the Council table and recognised that she always strives to achieve the best for her community. He thanked Alderman Knox.

18.8 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ALDERMAN NIBLOCK

Lord Mayor Vatskalis acknowledged Alderman Niblock and his service to the City of Darwin. He thanked Alderman Niblock for his efforts and his appreciation for the challenging discussions and debates at Council. He acknowledged Alderman Niblocks encouragment to delcare a Climate Emergency which has resultedin one of the best outcomes for Council and culminated in the presentation of three new strategies at this meeting tonight which are leading local govenrment in Australia. Lord Mayor wished Alderman Niblock well for his 'Plan B'.

18.9 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING & CITY SERVICE

Alderman Want de Rowe acknowledged and thanked the General Manager Engineering and City Service, Ron Grinsell for his service to City of Darwin following his resignation.

Alderman Want de Rowe acknowledged Ron's success with his leadership of the Engineering and City Services Department including improved staff moral and respect, strong leadership, improved dedication and enthusiasm which is evidenced in staff.

She further acknowledged Ron's efforts in extending the life of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility and his commitment to recycling and greening evident in tonight's adoption of the three strategies.

Alderman Want de Rowe thanked Ron for all that he had done in the last 2 years.

18.10 LEE POINT CAT DENSITY PROJECT**RESOLUTION ORD396/21**

Moved: Alderman Justine Glover

Seconded: Alderman George Lambrinidis

THAT Council write to DHA highlighting that the Lee Point Cat Density project identified 2 threatened species, the black footed tree rat and the yellow spotted monitor.

THAT Council note that the report concluded that to conserve these threatened species that DHA consider conserving and improving suitable habitat in conjunction with cat control measures.

CARRIED 12/0

18.11 GUIDELINES FOR ONGOING CLOSURES FOR FITNESS RELATED VENUES AFTER COVID LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS**RESOLUTION ORD397/21**

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT Council support the Health and Fitness Industry in the Municipality in advocating to the Northern Territory Government for a review of the guidelines of ongoing closures of fitness related venues, eg. gyms, after lockdown restrictions have been lifted.

CARRIED 10/2

19 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**RESOLUTION ORD398/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 28 September 2021, at 5:30PM, Council Chambers, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

CARRIED 12/0

20 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**RESOLUTION ORD399/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett

THAT pursuant to Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda:

CARRIED 12/0

21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**RESOLUTION ORD400/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 8.41pm.

CARRIED 12/0

31 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING**RESOLUTION ORD401/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9.10pm.

CARRIED 12/0

32 CLOSURE OF MEETING**RESOLUTION ORD402/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

THAT the chair declare the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

CARRIED 12/0

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 September 2021.

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CHAIR