

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TWENTIETH COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH, 2009

MEMBERS: The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer (Chairman); Member J D Bailey; Member R T Dee; Member R K Elix; Member H I Galton; Member G M Jarvis; Member G A Lambert; Member R Lesley; Member F P Marrone; Member A R Mitchell; Member K M Moir; Member J L Sangster; Member H D Sjoberg.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B P Dowd; Acting General Manager Corporate Services, Mr L Carroll; General Manager Infrastructure, Mr L Cercarelli; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; Committee Administrator, Ms L Elmer.

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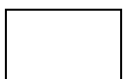
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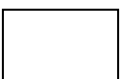
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1 LORD'S PRAYER

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF ELECTED MEMBERS

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6 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE



7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S**7.1 Confirmation of the Previous Ordinary Council Meetings**

- A. THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 February, 2009, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.
- B. THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 17 March, 2009, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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7.2 Confirmation of the Previous Special Council Meetings

- A. THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Special Council Meeting held on Monday, 23 February 2009, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.
- B. THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 March 2009, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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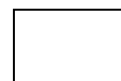
7.3 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meeting/s

8 MOVING OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**8.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items**

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 matters referred from Committees, and the following Items:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C23.1	8(e)	Information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.
C23.2	8(c)(i)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

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8.2 Moving Open Items Into Confidential**8.3 Moving Confidential Items Into Open**

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 16 March, 2009

1 Darwin City Brass Band 2008/2009 Financial Reports and Audited Statements

Document No. 1518314 (28/01/09) Common No. 1328185

- A. THAT the Darwin City Brass Band 2008/2009 Financial Reports, Document Number 1518314, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Darwin City Brass band 2007/2008 Audited Financial Statements, Document Number 1518314, be received and noted.

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2 Darwin Entertainment Centre – Growth Statistics

Document No. 1524556 (12/02/08) Common No. 1524556

THAT the Darwin Entertainment Centre's compilation of statistics that show the Centre's growth over the past decade, Document Number 1524556, be received and noted.

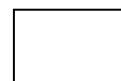
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3 Charles Darwin Symposium – Shaping our Science, Society & Future

Document No. 1525155 (12/02/09) Common No. 1338781

THAT the information on the Charles Darwin Symposium - Shaping Our Science, Society & Future to be held from 22 to 24 September 2009, Document Number 1525155, be received and noted.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

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4 Income Management Continuation for the Darwin Town Camps of Bagot, Kulaluk, Minmarama Park and Railway Dam

Document No. 1524593 (13/02/08) Common No. 1524593

THAT the incoming letter from the Northern Territory Emergency Response Operations Centre informing Council of Minister Macklin's decision to continue Income Management in the Darwin Town Camps of Bagot, Kulaluk, Minmarama Park and Railway Dam for an additional 12 months, Document Number 1524593, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)

5 WWII Museum Advisory Committee Minutes

Document No. 1530029 (24/02/09) Common No. 147757

THAT the WWII Museum Advisory Committee minutes of 8 December 2008 and 5 February 2009, Document Number 1530029, be received and noted.

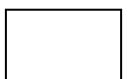
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6 Libraries Information Update For January 2009

Report No.09P0003 KC:md (09/03/09) Common No. 1518200

THAT Report Number 09P0003 entitled, Libraries Information Update for January 2009, be received and noted.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

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7 Regulatory Services Monthly Update February 2009

Report No.09C0032 DN:mrg (06/03/09) Common No. 1330602

THAT Report Number 09C0032 entitled Regulatory Services Monthly Update February 2009, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)

8 Community Services Team Report – February 2009

Report No.09C0033 KH:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1517201

THAT the Report Number 09C0033 entitled, Community Services Team Report - February 2009, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)

9 Disability Advisory Committee Minutes of 26 February 2009

Report No.09C0037 NM:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1533517

THAT Report Number 09C0037 entitled, Disability Advisory Committee Minutes of 26 February 2009, be received and noted.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 16 March, 2009

10 Report to Council on the Northern Territory Government's Office of Multicultural Affairs' Multicultural Policy of 2005

Report No. 09C0013 AF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1501498

THAT Report Number 09C0013 entitled, Report to Council on the Northern Territory Government's Office of Multicultural Affairs' Multicultural Policy of 2005, be received and noted.

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11 Entitlements of Disabled Parking Permit Holders at Darwin City Council's On and Off Street Carparks and Information Regarding National Harmonisation of Accessible Parking Schemes

Report No. 09C0018 NM:ems (06/03/09) Common No. 1334750

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0018 entitled, Entitlements of Disabled Persons Permit Holders at Darwin City Council's On and Off Street Car Parks and Information Regarding National Harmonisation of Accessible Parking Schemes, be received and noted.
- B. THAT further information be supplied to Council regarding the National Harmonisation of Accessible Parking Scheme as it becomes available.

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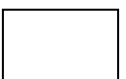
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12 Report on NT Shelter's "Territory 2030" Paper Re: *The Development of Affordable Housing*

Report No. 09C0014 AF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1515671

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0014 entitled, Report on NT Shelter's "*Territory 2030*" Paper Re: *The Development of Affordable Housing*, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council participate in information and education opportunities in relation to the development of affordable housing in Darwin, particularly in relation to the prospect of partnerships between government, developers and peak bodies with carriage of housing-vulnerable community members.
- C. THAT Council continue to collaborate with the Commonwealth, the NT Government and key community and peak agencies such as NT Shelter, Council of the Aged and Larrakia Nation in relation to affordable housing issues particularly at this juncture when Commonwealth National Rent Affordability policies and the National Affordable Housing Agreement have triggered the availability of funding for each State and Territory to resource these developments.
- D. THAT Council further consider the availability of its land for the use of affordable housing on Council owned sites.

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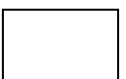
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13 Report to Council on Homelessness Australia's Response to the Federal Government's *The Road Home – The White Paper on Homelessness*
Report No. 09C0019 AF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1517193

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0019 entitled, Report to Council on Homelessness Australia's Response to the Federal Government's *The Road Home - White Paper on Homelessness*, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council continue to engage with peak housing organisations such as NT Shelter (and Housing Authority (HA) via NT Shelter broadcasts) in order to better understand the new Federal Government environment in relation to housing strategies.
- C. THAT Council continue to build collaborative partnerships with the NT Government in relation to housing initiatives captured in the raft of new agreements and partnerships, particularly those addressing the explicitly invoked "rough sleeper" category of homelessness.
- D. THAT Council engage in opportunities to contribute to the development of strategies to address the issue of Aboriginal homelessness in Darwin, particularly in conjunction with peak Aboriginal agencies such as Larrakia Nation.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

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14 Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) Minutes 19 February 2009 and Arts Project Updates

Report No. 09C0028 AR:ems (06/03/09) Common No. 1531717

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0028 entitled, Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) Minutes 19 February 2009 and Arts Project Updates, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council proceed to purchase the "Chime Conservatory" sculpture by Dr Anton Hasell for permanent installation at the Chinatown Carpark at a cost of \$6,500 plus GST.
- C. THAT Council thank Mr Des Fong for his offer of a marble statue of Charles Darwin but advise that Council decline this offer at this time.
- D. THAT Council support in principle the concept and establishment of a Recycled Art Program and explore avenues for external funding of this project.

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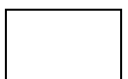
15 Arts and Cultural Development Priorities 2009-2010

Report No. 09C0030 SF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1128483

Document No.

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0030 entitled, Arts and Cultural Development Priorities 2009-2010, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the document "Arts and Cultural Development Priorities 2009-2010" excluding Strategy 3 - Advocate for the inclusion of an arts representative on the Capital Cities Committee.
- C. THAT the document "Arts and Cultural Development Priorities 2009-2010" be published on Council's website.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 16 March, 2009

16 Lyons Public Art Handover to Darwin City Council 2009 and Maintenance Issues

Report No. 09C0026 AR:ems (06/03/09) Common No. 218448

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0026, entitled, Lyons Public Art Handover to Darwin City Council 2009 and Maintenance Issues, be received and noted.
- B. THAT a maintenance budget of \$5,000 per annum be established in Council's Building Services budget to maintain Public Art in the Lyons Community Centre precinct.
- C. THAT the Canberra Development Corporation be requested to address current damage to artworks requiring immediate maintenance prior to the handover of artworks to Council.

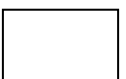
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17 Seniors Transport Needs - Outcomes of Seniors Transport Workshop held 12 November 2008

Report No. 09C0039 NM:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 468276

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0039 entitled, Seniors Transport Needs - Outcomes of Seniors Transport Workshop held 12 November 2008, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the amount of \$94,500.00 be referred to the 2009/2010 budget for the operation of a 12 month pilot program of a Council Cab Service.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

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18 Update on Nakara Oval Lights Installation

Report No. 09C0012 SD:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1051840

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0012 entitled, Update on Nakara Oval Lights Installation, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Football Federation NT be encouraged to progress the Nakara Lights Project by completing the community consultation process based on a final design concept and the submission of detailed design drawings for Council's consideration.
- C. THAT the presentation from Mr Bill Kostandas, and Mr Terry Dent, Representatives from the Football Federation NT (FFNT), be received and noted.

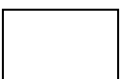
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19 Pound Contract

Report No. 09C0045 AF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1535433

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0045 entitled, Pound Contract, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse changes to the tender conditions as outlined in Report Number 09C0045.
- C. THAT Council proceed to tender for the management of the animal shelter.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

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20 Report to Council on the Expression of Interest for Management of the Lyons Neighbourhood Building

Report No. 09C0046 AF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 997407

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0046 entitled, Report to Council on the Expression of Interest for Management of the Lyons Neighbourhood Building, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council proceed with the tender process in conjunction with Elton Consulting and that Darwin City Council pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Act 2008 hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, the power to determine its outcome.

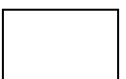
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21 Free Pool Entry For Darwin City Council Staff

Report No. 09C0047 SD:kl Common No.

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0047 entitled, Free Pool Entry for Darwin City Council Staff, be received and noted.
- B. THAT free entry to Council's swimming pools located at Parap, Nightcliff and Casuarina be offered to Council's staff during the pools operating hours.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

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22 Status Update of Sister Cities Projects and Calendar of Events April – June 2009

Report No. 09C0040 SF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1181508

THAT Report Number 09C0040 entitled, Status Update of Sister Cities Projects and Calendar of Events April - June 2009, be received and noted.

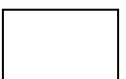
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23 Minutes of the Dili Sister City Community Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2009 for Information

Report No. 09C0023 SF:ems (06/03/09) Common No. 232546

THAT Report Number 09C0023 entitled, Minutes of the Dili Sister City Community Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2009 for Information, be received and noted

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

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24 Minutes of the Ambon Sister City Community Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12 February 2009 for Information

Report No. 09C0024 SF:ems (06/03/09) Common No. 302554

THAT Report Number 09C0024 entitled, Minutes of the Ambon Sister City Community Committee Meeting Held on Thursday 12 February 2009 For Information, be received and noted

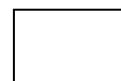
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25 Minutes of the Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2009 for Information

Report No. 09C0022 SF:ems (06/03/09) Common No. 302550

THAT Report Number 09C0022 entitled, Minutes of the Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2009 for Information, be received and noted.

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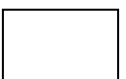
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26 Minutes of the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 February 2009 with Recommendations

Report No. 09C0035 SF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1533083

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0035 entitled, Minutes of the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 February 2009 with Recommendations, be received and noted.
- B. THAT \$1000 be spent annually for the purchase of books/multimedia items with reference to Darwin and the Northern Territory, and to be gifted to schools to Anchorage Elementary schools as detailed in the Anchorage Sister City Action Plan, subject to available funds.
- C. THAT a specialised resource book be added to the University of Anchorage Alaska collection annually to a maximum amount of \$200 as detailed in the Anchorage Sister City Action Plan, subject to available funds.
- D. THAT a function be held by the Lord Mayor at the Civic Centre Function Room to farewell Anchorage Fire Officer Matthew Lambert, his wife Kim Lambert and their children on Thursday 4 June 2009.
- E. THAT Council endorse Lord Mayor providing a letter of introduction to Dr Mark Grubert for his Anchorage visit on Wednesday 4 March 2009.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 16 March, 2009

27 Minutes of the Haikou Sister City Community Committee Meeting held on Monday 3 February 2009 with Recommendations

Report No. 09C0036 SF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1533136

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0036 entitled, Minutes of the Haikou Sister City Community Committee Meeting Held on Monday 23 February 2009 with Recommendations, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the concept and cost to produce a promotional DVD promoting the Council's Sister City relationship with Haikou be explored.

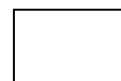
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28 2008 - 2010 Sister Cities Community Committees Action Plans

Report No. 09C0041 SF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1366578

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0041 entitled, 2008 - 2010 Sister Cities Community Committees Action Plans, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the following Sister Cities Community Committee Action Plans be endorsed for the period 2008 to 2010:
 - i) Ambon Sister City Community Committee
 - ii) Anchorage Sister City Community Committee
 - iii) Dili Sister City Community Committee
 - iv) Haikou Sister City Community Committee
 - v) Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES (16/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 16 March, 2009

29 Status on Friendship City Relationship with Honolulu, Hawaii - March 2009

Report No. 09C0042 SF:kl (06/03/09) Common No. 1071899

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0042 entitled, Status on Friendship City Relationship with Honolulu, Hawaii – March 2009, be received and noted.
- B. THAT it be recommended to Council that a Bombing of Darwin Committee be established and that a Report be prepared detailing potential terms of reference.

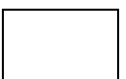
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30 Status Report on the Establishment

Report No. 09C0043 SF:kl (06/03/09) Common No.1071899

THAT Report Number 09C0043 entitled, Status Report on the Establishment of a Dili, Darwin and Kupang Trade Triangle – March 2009, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)



9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (24/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

Recommendations from the Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 March, 2009

1 February 2009 - Corporate Services Directorate Monthly Report
Report No.09A0053 LC:md (10/03/09) Common No.339108

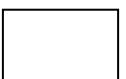
THAT Report Number 09A0053 entitled, February 2009 Corporate Services Directorate Monthly Report, be received and noted

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2 Invitations Accepted or Declined by the Lord Mayor during February 2009
Report No. 09TC0011 (17/03/09) Common No 381402

THAT Report Number 09TC0011 entitled, Invitations Accepted or Declined by the Lord Mayor during February 2009, be received and noted.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (24/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

Recommendations from the Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 March, 2009

3 Listing of Cheques /EFT Payments February 2009

Report No. 09A0046 FC:ct (03/03/09) Common No. 339125

THAT Report Number 09A0046 entitled, Listing of Cheques/EFT Payments, February 2009, be received and noted.

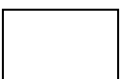
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4 February 2009 - Financial Report to Council

Report No. 09A0048 CT:md (03/03/09) Common No. 339122

THAT Report Number 09A0048 entitled, February 2009 - Financial Report to Council, be received and noted.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (24/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

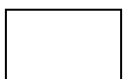
Recommendations from the Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 March, 2009

5 Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2009

Report No.09A0042 (23/02/09) Common No. 353196

- A. THAT Report Number 09A0042 entitled, Executive Summary and Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 20 February, 2009, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the Internal Audit Plan 2009-2011, contained in the 20th February 2009 Audit Committee Business Papers which was circulated to the Elected Members on 13th February 2009.
- C. THAT Council seek tenders for the appointment of External Auditors.
- D. THAT the following Item No's. from the Audit Closing Report for Year Ended 30th June 2008, be included in the Outstanding Issues Register:-
 - i) 2 Revaluation of Infrastructure
 - ii) 3. Inability to obtain information from Controlled Entity
 - iii) 4. Fixed Asset Register needs Improvement
 - iv) 5. Incorrect accounting treatment for Disposal Assets
 - v) 6. Supporting evidence for Disposal of Assets
 - vi) 7. Long Outstanding Payables
- E. THAT a further report containing management responses for the Audit – Review of Existing Systems and Processes for Impounding Stray Animals, be brought back to the Audit Committee meeting to be held 29 May 2009.
- F. THAT a further report be provided to the Audit Committee identifying which recommendations from the Physical and Staff Security Audit have been actioned and which recommendations are intended to be actioned.
- G. THAT Council undertake the Annual Performance Review of the Audit Committee.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (24/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

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6 Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics November 2008

Report No. 08A0240 LC:fc (09/12/08) Common No. 376351

THAT Report Number 08A0240 entitled, Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics November 2008, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)

7 Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics December 2008

Report No.09A0038 LC:fc (13/02/09) Common No. 376351

THAT Report Number 09A0038 entitled, Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics December 2008, be received and noted.

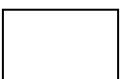
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8 Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics January 2009

Report No.09A0050 LC:fc (13/02/09) Common No.376351

THAT Report Number 09A0050 entitled, Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics January 2009, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)



9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (24/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

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9 Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics February 2009

Report No. 09A0051 NF:fc (13/02/09) Common No.376351

THAT Report Number 09A0051 entitled, Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics February 2009, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)

10 Fees and Charges – CBD Car Parking Fees

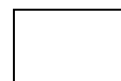
Report No.09A0044 FC:lc (03/02/09) Common No.1137056

The Committee resolved that the matter lay on the table and be referred for consideration to the 2nd Ordinary Meeting of Council on 31 March 2009.

(Elected Members please note, as this Item has been referred to Council, a copy of the report is attached under separate cover for your inspection.)

- A. THAT Report Number 09A0044 entitled, Fees and Charges – CBD Car Parking Fees, be received and noted.
- B. THAT there be no increase in CBD car parking fees for the financial year ended 30 June 2009.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)



9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (24/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

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11 Fees and Charges 2009/2010

Report No. 09A0047.LC:eng (03/03/09) Common No.1137056

The Committee resolved that the matter lay on the table and be referred for consideration to the 2nd Ordinary Meeting of Council on 31 March 2009.

(Elected Members please note, as this Item has been referred to Council, a copy of the report is attached under separate cover for your information.)

- A. THAT Report Number 09A0047 entitled, Fees and Charges 2009/2010, be received and noted
- B. THAT Council adopts the proposed Fees and Charges for the 2009/2010 financial year, effective from July 1 2009, with the exception of fees and charges for waste disposal at the Shoal Bay Waste Disposal facility.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)

12 Sale of Lot 7839 Darwin, Shadforth Lane Carpark

Report No.09A0056 LD:ab (03/03/09) Common No.99647

- A. THAT Report Number 09A0056 entitled, Sale of Lot 7839 Darwin, Shadforth Lane Carpark, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorses the signing under Council's Common Seal of the Shadforth Lane Carpark Statutory Vesting Form, and all other documentation associated with the sale of Lot 7839 Town of Darwin.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)



9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (24/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

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13 Amendment to Lease Seawash Pty Ltd T/A Pee Wees

Report No.09A0058 (04/03/09) Common No.188273

- A. THAT Report Number 09A0058 entitled, Amendment to Lease Seawash Pty Ltd T/A Pee Wees be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorses the signing under Council's Common Seal of the new Lease to issue to Seawash Pty Ltd and all associated documentation.

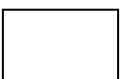
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14 Request to Reduce Mall Out-Traders Fees in the Wet Season

Report No.09A0059 FC:lc:(24/02/09) Common No. 1524863

- A. THAT Report Number 09A0059 entitled, Request to Reduce Mall Out-Traders Fees in the Wet Season be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council advise Ms Veronica Stanfield that this matter will be considered further pending a review of Council Policy 212.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)



9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (23/03/09)

Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 23 March, 2009

1 Information Report - Larrakeyah Outfall Sewer and Darwin CBD Water Supply Enhancement – The Esplanade

Report No.09TS0041 TV:lc (10/03/09) Common No.1292292

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS0041 entitled, Information Report - Larrakeyah Outfall Sewer and Darwin CBD Water Supply Enhancement – The Esplanade, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Lord Mayor write to Power Water Corporation requesting that a third pipe be installed as part of the Water and Sewage Upgrade Program to ensure that flexibility is provided for the reuse of grey water in the future.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)

2 Casuarina Library Monthly and Final Progress Report – March 2009

Report No. 09TS0030 DL:lc (10/03/09) Common No. 179165

THAT Report Number 09TS0030 entitled, Casuarina Library Monthly and Final Progress Report - March 2009, be received and noted.

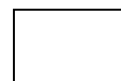
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3 Capital Works Report - February 2009

Report No. 09TS0040 LC:kb (09/03/09) Common No.1540601

THAT Report Number 09TS0040 entitled, Capital Works Report - February 2009, be received and noted.

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9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (23/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 23 March, 2009

4 Exceloo – Bicentennial Park

Report No. 09TS0035 KS:nh (03/03/09) Common No.394569

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS00035 entitled, Exceloo – Bicentennial Park, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council approves the installation of an Exceloo toilet in Bicentennial Park within the area shown in **Attachment A** to Report Number 09TS00035
- C. THAT the installation of an Exceloo toilet within Bennett Park be deferred and a review of future locations, need and operations be undertaken prior to the installation of additional facilities.

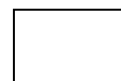
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5 Woolner Road Black Spot Project

Report No.09TS0015 DL:nj (05/03/09) Common No.497836

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS0015 entitled, Woolner Road – Black Spot Project, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council proceed to tender and commence construction in 2008/2009, with the Woolner Road – Black Spot Project subject to receiving an additional \$1 million in Black Spot funding as part of the Australian Government's Nation Building Package.
- C. THAT Council allocate \$680,000 in the Darwin City Council 2009/10 budget for the completion of the Woolner Road – Black Spot Project.

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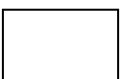
9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (23/03/09)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

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6 Developers Contribution to Public Art
Common No.218448

THAT a Report be submitted to a future Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting regarding options for developers contributions towards public art.

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10 MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

Nil

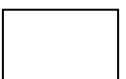
11 PETITIONS**11.1 Petition Closure of Public Walkway Parer Drive and Carstens Crescent, Wagaman**

Document No.1545768 (24/03/09) Common No. 1545768

Alderman J D Bailey will present the attached Petition

THAT the Petition, Document Number 1545768, in relation to the closure of the walkway between Parer Drive and Carstens Crescent, Wagaman, be received and noted.

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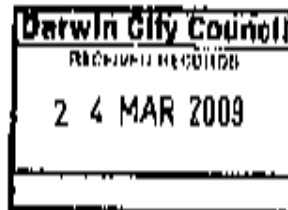


Hristo Barov

50 Parer Drive

Wagman, 0810

Darwin City Council



Re: Closing walkway between 50/52 Parer Drive and Curstons Crescent during the night hours or permanent closure.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter to express my frustration at the current situation around my property - 50 Parer Drive, Wagman. I settled in this house on 16.10.2007. Since then within 19 months my letter box has been blown up with fire crackers 5 times. My car has been painted with black spray paint (graffiti). Recently I was burgled. For 19 months I have had 7 criminal events - damage and stealing from my property. After the last blowing up of my letter box I visited Casuarina Police Station to ask for help, advice and assistance. I explained that I am relatively new in Darwin and I have no disputes or arguments with neighbours or anyone in Darwin. I suggested that I cannot be a target for these events. I had an answer from the police officer "Don't worry, you are not the target. The target is your property. If you want to stop these events you must move from this house." I was shocked and speechless. I will not comment on the answer from the Police, the Officials who are responsible for the safety of the citizens, their property and order on the streets.

I hope that you can understand my frustration at the situation. I am in the process of installing stronger new security screens, home alarm and fence. Already I have installed security lights with motion sensors. So far all these security measures plus my loss from damages, burglary and insurance excess is about \$10'000 AUD. You can calculate the percentage from the annual budget of one household.

All these criminal events happened due to the walkway 50/52 Parer Drive and Curstons Crescent being open 24hours/7 days a week. On 6/X Parer Drive and Tasman Circuit there is a walkway with gates which are closed at 8pm and open at 5am. The neighbourhood around this walkway had the same problems as ours. Since the gates had been closed during night hours they had relief from these criminal events. My house is 21 houses down on Parer Drive. Please could you install gates on the walkway at 50/52 Parer Drive and Curstons Crescent with the same closing and opening times as 6/X Parer Drive and Tasman Circuit?

You can find enclosed a petition with signatures from my neighbours.

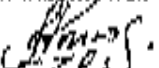

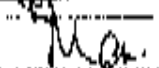
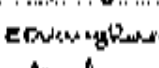
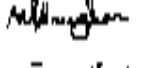
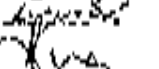

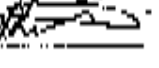


Yours Sincerely

Barov 17.03.2009

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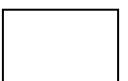
**Petition to Gate The Walkway Between:
50 & 52 Parer Drive/Carstens Crescent**

Petition summary and background	Due to the lack of an escape route provided via the Parer Drive/Carstens Crescent Walkway at night, the incidence of Criminal offences such as vandalism (Graffiti), Property Destruction/Public Danger (Puncturing tyres on motorbikes) and burglary, is rising a few, have been seen previously. Therefore it is requested that the walkway be gated between the hours of night and dawn. There is a precedent for this based on a walkway (6 & 8 Parer/Tasman Circuit) about 20 metres further along Parer Drive that was Gated in 2000 due to similar issues.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who request our Council to go ahead to Gate the walkway in question.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Phone	Date
THALIA KOUROS		47 Parer Drive, Mait	Stolen mtrns	89274043	14-03-09
Huong Thoi		41 Parer Drive, Mait		89279660	14-03-09
Nathan Horsford		54 Parer Drive		89280335	14-3-09
Niam Pham-Sydney		52 Parer Drive		894651783	14/3/09
Liz Vaughan		118 Parer Drive		89459488	14-3-09
Mark Vaughan		128 Parer Drive		89453438	14-3-09
Krista Rindler		50 Parer Drive		89259170	15.3.09
Tom Lai-Lauke		46 Parer Drive		01003686	15/3/09
Chauhan, Kousha		112 Parer Drive		892714226	14/6/09
A. J. Morris		20 Carstens Cres		894650716	15-3-09

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Phone	Date
Juan Chan	<i>[Signature]</i>	18 Carlton Street Singapore		040814111	9/7/09
George Anker	<i>[Signature]</i>	40 Tiger Drive Singapore	Large Sprinkler Costly to Replace	083723332	15/5/09
Cathy Wall	<i>[Signature]</i>	100 MOI Green Mews		043884250	15/3/09
James Lim	<i>[Signature]</i>	141 Telok Ayer		043957771	15/3/09
KEW GILSON	<i>[Signature]</i>	17 Pagar Besar	Waterworks - 150' AS Pipes are 150' AS at 17' level	044186441	16/3/09
Jenny Henth	<i>[Signature]</i>	27 Corbett Cr, Singapore	The Workway is valuable showing the way out of the tunnel. It will help the fire department to find the exit.	87451003	16/3/09
Andrew Newitt	<i>[Signature]</i>	50 Harrow Drive		044186441	17/3/09

12 NOTICES OF MOTION



ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 31/03/09**REPORT****TO:** 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN**APPROVED:** BD**FROM:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**APPROVED:** AH**REPORT NO:** 09TC0014**APPROVED:****COMMON NO:** 1230662**SUBJECT:** DARWIN CITY COUNCILS 2008-2012 CORPORATE PLAN**ITEM NO: 13.1****SYNOPSIS:**

This report presents the Darwin City Council's 2008-2012 Corporate Plan which has been developed to reflect how the organisation will achieve the Evolving Darwin, Towards 2020 strategies through the implementation of the actions undertaken by Council staff.

This report also highlights:-

- Councils' Planning and Reporting Framework
- Proposed changes to the Evolving Darwin, Towards 2020 Strategic Plan; including
- A suite of indicators to monitor the effectiveness of the plan delivery

GENERAL:

In December 2008 the revised "Evolving Darwin, Towards 2020" Strategic Plan was presented to Council.

Per decision number 20\1098 (below) Council gave in principle endorsement of the Plan including support for the development of a an appropriate suite of indicators so the extent as to which these community goals, outcomes and strategies are being achieved can be assessed and reported back to Council and the community.

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13 OFFICER'S REPORTS

13.10 Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions Towards 2020 Report No.08TC0101 BD:ah (03/12/08) Common No.1230662

(Elix/Marrone)

- A. THAT Report Number 08TC0101 entitled Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions Towards 2020, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse, in principle, the Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions Towards 2020 contained in Attachment A to Report No 08TC0101.
- C. THAT an Action Plan incorporating Performance Indicators be developed for the implementation of Council's Towards 2020 and Beyond Plan.

DECISION NO.2011098

(16/12/08)

Carried

The recommendation also supported the development of a detailed (Corporate) plan which will specify how the organisation is going to achieve the Evolving Darwin strategies.

Also contained within this report is:-

- Darwin City Council's Planning Framework;
- Proposed changes to the Evolving Darwin Strategic Plan;
- State of the City indicators; and
- Strategic Plan indicators.

Each of these elements are described in further detail below.

Planning Framework (Attachment A)

In order to ensure that Council has a holistic and rigorous mechanism for planning and reporting a planning framework has also been developed.

This diagrammatic representation illustrates all of the layers of planning applicable for an organisation of this size and complexity. The intention of the framework is to show how each of these layers are aligned to achieving the overarching goals of Darwin City Council and ensures that there is a clear plan forward for all staff.

The framework also outlines the frequency of reporting against each of these planning layers. There are performance indicators attached to each layer of planning in order to accurately assess the success of implementation of all actions and strategies.

The framework also acknowledges that all layers of planning must be within the parameters of the Annual and the Long Term Financial Plans.

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Darwin City Council's 2008-2012 Corporate Plan (Attachment B)

Throughout January and February 2009 a series of workshops were held with every Middle Manager and their staff to develop detailed business plans.

From this, a number of key strategic initiatives were identified to specifically describe what Council staff will be doing over the next 3 years to achieve the Evolving Darwin Strategic Plan. Many of these actions are long term, high profile activities which will take several years to fully implement.

Council will receive half yearly reports to assess progress of all of these initiatives.

Evolving Darwin, Towards 2020 Strategic Plan (Attachments C & D)

As acknowledged by the Elected Members in the Council meeting of 16 December 2008, it is only after this detailed planning had been completed that we would be able to fully test and understand the relevance of all of the outcomes and strategies contained within the Strategic Plan.

Attachment C shows via 'tracked changes' the specific changes proposed.

The main reason for the proposed changes is that further analysis showed that many of the original strategies were very similar in intent and staff were unable to clearly align their actions with just one of the strategies. Therefore, the majority of changes recommended are simply the merging of one or more strategies.

Attachment D provides a 'clean copy' of the new proposed Evolving Darwin Plan.

State of the City Indicators (Attachment D)

It is important for our key decision makers to know and understand the current "State of our City".

The majority of the indicators proposed are outside of Council's control, however they are important sets of data to monitor and report upon. It is this data that will provide us with current trends and therefore a picture of the future. This in turn will allow us to more accurately plan for future services and infrastructure required to match our changing population and community needs.

These indicators have been included in Attachment D and will be reported half yearly to Council.

Strategic Indicators (Attachment D)

These indicators have been specifically developed so we can understand the impact of the actions which have been implemented and the success of the strategies.

These indicators have also been included in Attachment D and will be reported half yearly to Council.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Implementation will have a variety of financial implications. All actions as outlined in the Corporate Plan have been factored into and budgeted for within the 2009-2010 Annual Budget (to be presented to Council in April 2009).

EVOLVING DARWIN STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Outcomes of the Evolving Darwin, Towards 2020 Strategic Plan:

Goal

7 DEMONSTRATE EFFECTIVE, OPEN AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE

Outcome

7.1 Effective Governance

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Positive

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Open and transparent reporting of Councils actions and progress towards achieving the Evolving Darwin Strategic Plan.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Various

DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

Chief Officers Group;
 All Middle Managers of Darwin City Council; and
 Other key staff

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PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. THAT Report Number 09TC0014 entitled Darwin City Council's 2008-2012 Corporate Plan, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the Corporate Plan contained in **Attachment B** to Report No 09TC0014.
- C. THAT Council endorse the proposed changes to the Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions Towards 2020 contained in **Attachment C** to Report No 09TC0014.
- D. THAT Council endorse the State of the City and the Strategic Indicators contained in **Attachment D** to Report No 09TC0014

ANNE HAMMOND
MANAGER STRATEGY
AND OUTCOMES

BRENDAN DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Any queries on this report may be directed to Anne Hammond on 5531

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL
REPORT

DATE: 04/03/09

TO:	2 nd ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN	APPROVED:	FC
FROM:	GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES	APPROVED:	LC
REPORT NO:	09A0060	APPROVED:	AB
COMMON NO:	1532524		
SUBJECT: GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS			

ITEM NO: 13.2**SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides details of correspondence to be forwarded to the Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government in relation to the global financial crisis.

GENERAL:

Attached is correspondence from the Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government in relation to the global financial crisis seeking views from Council in relation to how the Commonwealth Government is ensuring regional Australia is equipped to respond.

Attached is a letter of response under signature of the Chief Executive Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be recommendation to Council:

THAT Report Number 09A0060 entitled, Global Financial Crisis, be received and noted.

LIAM CARROLL
MANAGER BUSINESS SERVICES

FRANK CRAWLEY
GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Liam Carroll on 89300559.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

PO Box 6021, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2601 Phone (02) 6277 2352 Fax (02) 6277 4424 e-mail: itrd@rep.saph.gov.au

24 February 2009

Mr Brendan Dowd
Chief Executive Officer
Darwin City Council
GPO Box 84
DARWIN NT 0801



CC: Lord Mayor Peter Adamson

Dear Mr Dowd

Inquiry into the impact of the global financial crisis on regional Australia

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government is conducting an inquiry into the impact of the global financial crisis on regional Australia.

Regional Australia will face a number of challenges over the coming period as regional areas tend to feel the impacts of economic downturns before metropolitan areas and do not always have the same capacity as capital cities to absorb job losses and economic declines.

The purpose of this inquiry is to identify some of the key challenges facing Australia's regional areas and recommend ways in which the Commonwealth Government can assist in enhancing the liveability of these regions in order to secure future growth and prosperity. It will have a particular focus on supporting regional economies and jobs, as well as the development of essential services and social infrastructure.

The Committee is interested in your views on any of the issues raised in the terms of reference noted below. The Committee seeks receipt of submissions by **3 April 2009**.

Terms of Reference:

The Committee is to inquire into the impact of the current global financial crisis on regional Australia and the role of the Commonwealth Government in ensuring that regional Australia is equipped to respond, with particular focus on:

- the encouragement of economic development and employment; and
- the development of sustainable essential services and social infrastructure designed to enhance the liveability of regional Australia.

Submissions can be e-mailed to itrdlg.reps@aph.gov.au or sent to:

The Secretary
Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Local Government
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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It would assist the secretariat if you could provide, as soon as possible, a contact name and details for the purpose of this inquiry. Also, the Committee requests that a copy of this letter be provided to your council leader (as set'd above).

Should you have any questions in regard to this inquiry please contact me on (02) 6277 2329 or by email at michael.crawford.reps@aph.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Michael Crawford
Inquiry Secretary

Please quote: 1532524

23 March 2009

Mr Michael Crawford
Inquiry Secretary
Standing Committee on Infrastructure Transport
and Regional Development and Local Government
PO Box 6021
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Crawford

Inquiry into the Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Regional Australia.

We refer to your correspondence to Council dated the 24th February 2009 seeking our views as to how the Commonwealth Government can ensure regional Australia is equipped to respond to the global financial crisis and in particular in relation to employment, essential services and social infrastructure.

The full impact of the global financial crisis on the Northern Territory remains unknown but it is generally accepted that Darwin and the Northern Territory may fair well compared to other jurisdictions in Australia due to a number of key initiatives which require the support of the Commonwealth Government.

The most recent publically available economic forecast for the Northern Territory is that produced by Access Economics in December 2008 which has forecast Gross State Product to growth by 2.0% for the five year period to 2013, with and an unemployment rate of less than 6.0%.

The Northern Territory Treasury are in the process of revising their economic forecast for the Territory, however this information will not be available to the public until May 2009.

The key economic sectors in the Northern Territory predicted to be most affected by the crisis are mining and tourism, mining comprising 24.5 % of GSP and tourism comprising 7.0% of GSP of the \$15.6 billion economy.

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It is understood that mining-related investment in Australia is already being scaled back which will ultimately flow through to other related sectors of the economy in addition to reducing future employment in mining-related industries. Reducing commodity prices means reduced tax revenue and a corresponding impact on the Government's fiscal position.

To date two mining companies have closed in the Northern Territory in the past 12 months, being GBS Gold and Compass Australia. The impact on the other key mining players is unknown at this time but it is not expected to be as significant as other states such as Western Australia or Queensland.

The Northern Territory Chief Minister, Hon. Paul Henderson MLA has publically announced that while the Northern Territory is not immune to the impact of the global financial crisis, the Northern Territory is well placed to withstand the fallout. He stated that the Northern Territory Government is attempting to maintain economic strength through a "four pronged attack" which includes:

- A range of housing initiatives;
- Record spending on capital works;
- Maintaining a very competitive taxation environment; and
- Attracting investment.

A major project which is set to help Darwin withstand the global economic financial crisis is the massive \$20.0 billion injection to its economy with the construction of the Inpex gas plant. The investor is currently proceeding with the final design and planning stage of the gas plant before the company makes a final investment decision.

Darwin City Council has recently applied for \$4.6m grant under the Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) as part of its Strategic Projects for the City Centre Revitalisation. This project will help to buffer our economy. Council has also applied for \$140,000 (for a consortium of 3 Councils) under the Local Adaption Pathways Program plus \$500,000 under the Proceeds of Crime Act (Aust Govt Attorney-Generals Dept) for a Youth Precinct development project.

The Commonwealth Government's support for these initiatives along with the current stimulus package will assist the Northern Territory to deal with the difficult times ahead.

Yours faithfully

BRENDAN DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL
REPORT

DATE: 23/03/2009

TO: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: LC

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE

REPORT NO: 09TS0044LC:KB

COMMON NO: 316857

SUBJECT: MCMINN STREET DUPLICATION - STAGE 1

ITEM NO: 13.3

SYNOPSIS:

The Northern Territory Government has advised Council that it intends to duplicate McMinn Street from Tiger Brennan Drive to Frances Bay Drive this coming dry season. This report is to inform Council of the proposed project.

GENERAL:

McMinn Street is a Northern Territory Government controlled road reserve and has been identified by Government as an important transport linkage.

The Northern Territory Government has previously informed Council of its intend to duplicate McMinn Street from the Stuart Highway to Frances Bay Drive.

The Government has advised that it will be undertaking stage 1 of this project being the duplication of McMinn Street between Tiger Brennan Drive and Frances Bay Drive in the 2009 dry season. **Attachment A.**

Elements of Stage 1 include:

- Duplication to four lanes;
- Provision of elevated shared path on western side to disability requirements;
- Pathway on eastern side;
- Landscaping in road corridor;
- Hard surfaces to included coloured concrete paving;
- The use of the dragonfly image in various elements i.e. Balustrading.

Government have advised that the proposal is to be placed on public display in April 2009 and has provided the concepts for Council's information.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

Goal

1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

Outcome

1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

Key Strategies

1.1.1 Effectively engage with Territory and Australian Government officials, particularly in the Darwin region

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

DELEGATION:

Nil.

CONSULTATION:

Nil.

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SUBJECT: MCMINN STREET DUPLICATION - STAGE 1

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

McMinn Street is a Government road any consultation is the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government. They have indicated the proposal will be placed on public display in April 2009.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Report Number 09TS0044 entitled, McMinn Street Duplication - Stage 1, be received and noted.

LUCCIO CERCARELLI
GENERAL MANAGER
INFRASTRUCTURE

Any queries on this report may be directed to Luccio Cercarelli on 89300518

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL
REPORT

DATE: 03/03/09

TO: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: KS

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE

APPROVED: LC

REPORT NO: 09TS0036LC:kb

COMMON NO: 1530561

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO EXCISE PART OF LOT 4522 DARWIN GENERAL CEMETERY

ITEM NO: 13.4

SYNOPSIS:

This report was considered by the Chief Officer's Group on 24 March 2009 and now referred to 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting for consideration.

The Northern Territory Government has been approached by Mr Manuel Zaroufis of Vynence Pty Ltd (Vynence), who has expressed interest in purchasing approximately 6000m² of Crown land identified as being part of Lot 4522 McMillans Road, Town of Nightcliff (Darwin General Cemetery), for the purpose of consolidation to enable expansion of Vynence's development currently under construction (**Attachment A**). The Department of Planning & Infrastructure is seeking comments from Council by 1 April 2009.

GENERAL:

Vynence holds freehold title over adjoining Lot 9718, Town of Nightcliff (225 McMillans Road), covering an area of 3000m² which is currently zoned C (Commercial) under the NT Planning Scheme. On 19th January 2007, the Development Consent Authority (DCA) issued Development Permit DP07/0125 over the above lot for the purpose of a 64 room motel in 3 x 3 storey buildings including a caretakers residence.

The Department of Planning & Infrastructure has received a request from the developer to purchase 6,000m² of Lot 4522 (Darwin General Cemetery). The Government has been advised by the developers that the proposed development on part of Lot 4522 which falls within zone MZ-Multi Zone i.e. CP (Community Purposes) and C (Commercial) under the Scheme will be similar to what is currently being constructed on Lot 9718, with additional communal facilities i.e. meeting/conference rooms, gym and health treatment rooms to cater for national sports teams. (**Attachment B**)

Lot 4522 (Darwin General Cemetery), although is reserved as a public reserve (Reserve No. 1199), this Lot is under the control of the Department of Local Government and Housing, with Darwin City Council being appointed as the Board of Trustee of the cemetery and therefore the trustee over the entire Lot 4522.

If approval is granted partial revocation of the reserve would be necessary. As well as rezoning of the area under consideration of open space forming part of the Reserve, from CP to C and from C to CP. Approval from DCA would also be required for development and subdivision (survey) and consolidation with the adjoining freehold title (Lot 9718) to create one lot would also be required.

It should be noted that an area of approximately 5000m² received previous approvals (1992) for partial revocation, rezoning and subdivision for the purposes of consolidation with the previous landowners property (formerly Lot 3251) but now Lots 9716 to 9718. Accordingly an offer of a Crown Lease (convertible to freehold) to the previous landowner was made. However, the previous landowner advised the Department that the Company was undergoing a restructuring, as such was not in a position to proceed with acceptance of the Minister's offer and as a result, the offer lapsed. Council did not object to the offer in 1992 subject to the following 3 conditions:

- a) The Darwin City Council as trustees for the Darwin Cemetery being advised of the proposed terms of transfer of the site.
- b) The design of buildings and landscaping works to be forwarded to Council for consideration prior to consideration by the Northern Territory Planning Authority.
- c) Compensation to Council for monies expended to date in the maintenance of the site for the community benefit.

In 2003 the Minister declared closing of cemetery namely the Darwin General Cemetery in Northern Territory Government Gazette No. G15, **Attachment C**. this resulted in burials being discontinued except for burials in allotments in respect of which an exclusive right has been granted.

The land in question, is currently fenced off and being used by the developer as a storage area. Council has no record of a formal request from the Northern Territory Government or approvals supporting the temporary use of this land by the developer.

If approved the shift in boundaries will result in a parcel of land approximately 30 metres wide remaining between the fenced cemetery and the rear of the new development. Officers are concerned that this "closed in" public space could become an area for anti-social behaviour. To avoid this it would be recommended that fencing be realigned and that this balance of land becomes part of the fenced in formal cemetery area. The fencing should be designed to be in keeping with the amenity of the area and prevent easy access to the area.

Currently the cemetery has an open frontage this proposal will amend this vista and amenity. The Officers do not see the proposal as effecting the technical operation of the cemetery. **Attachment D** is a series of photographs of the area.

Council as trustees has been asked to comment, the final decision on the sale of the land rests with the Government

It is recommended that Council advises the Government that it has no objections to the partial revocation of part Lot 4522 for the purposes outlined in their correspondence, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) That Darwin City Council as trustees for the Darwin Cemetery be advised of the terms and conditions of the transfer of part Lot 4522.
- (2) That the Developer be required to landscape their boundaries adjoining Lot 4522 to the approval of Darwin City Council at the developers costs.
- (3) That resulting balance of area at the rear of the proposed new allotment and the current fenced off frontage of the cemetery be incorporated into the fenced off formal area of the cemetery by realigning and installing new fences, to Darwin City Council's requirements.
- (4) That proceeds of the sale of land be provided to Darwin City Council as a contribution to the ongoing maintenance and upgrading of the Darwin General Cemetery, Lot 4522.
- (5) That Government undertake public consultation regarding the proposed land revocation and sale.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

Goal

- 1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

Outcome

- 1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

Key Strategies

- 1.1.3 Develop partnerships and joint projects with other levels of government

Goal

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

Outcome

2.1 Improve urban enhancement around Darwin

Key Strategies

2.1.1 Manage and maintain the municipal landscaping and infrastructure to a standard that meets community needs

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

- a) The Cemetery remains a cemetery for the purposes of the *Local Govt Act* and the *Cemeteries Act*.
- b) The reservation and appointment of DCC as trustee under the *Crown Lands Act* remains effective.
- c) The proposed partial revocation of the reserve appears to be within the power of the Minister.
- d) After the partial revocation, DCC will remain the trustee of the balance of the Cemetery for the purposes of:
 - i) the *Crown Lands Act*; and
 - ii) the *Local Govt Act* and the *Cemeteries Act*.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

The general community and community members with loved ones buried at the Darwin General Cemetery may object to the proposal.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

The balance of area between fence cemetery and rear of proposed allotment may attract anti-social behaviour.

DELEGATION:

Nil.

CONSULTATION:

Chief Officer's Group
 Council's Superintendant of Cemeteries

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Request the Northern Territory Government undertake public consultation.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

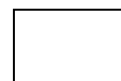
- A. THAT Report Number 09TS00036 entitled Request To Excise Part Of Lot 4522 Darwin General Cemetery, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council advises the Northern Territory Government that it has no objections to the partial revocation of approximately 6,000m² forming part of Lot 4522 for the purposes of consolidation with Lot 9718 to enable the expansion of Vynence's existing development on Lot 9718 subject to:
 - (1) THAT Darwin City Council as trustees for the Darwin Cemetery be advised of the terms and conditions of the transfer of part Lot 4522.
 - (2) THAT the Developer be required to landscape their boundaries adjoining Lot 4522 to the approval of Darwin City Council at the developers costs.
 - (3) THAT resulting balance of area at the rear of the proposed new allotment and the current fenced off frontage of the cemetery be incorporated into the fenced off formal area of the cemetery by realigning and installing new fences, to Darwin City Council's requirements.
 - (4) THAT proceeds of the sale of land be provided to Darwin City Council as a contribution to the ongoing maintenance and upgrading of the Darwin General Cemetery, Lot 4522.
 - (5) THAT Government undertake public consultation regarding the proposed land revocation and sale.

KERRY SMITH
MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE
MAINTENANCE

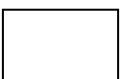
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GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE

Any queries on this report may be directed to Kerry Smith on 8930 0655.

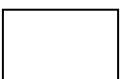
14 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS



15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS



16 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED



17 GENERAL BUSINESS**18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

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.20\() (31/03/09)

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING and MEDIA LIAISON**20 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 14 April, 2009, at 5.00 p.m. (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

DECISION NO.20\() (31/03/09)

