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DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 29 MAY 2012

MEMBERS: The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Ms Katrina Fong Lim, (Chairman); Member J M Anictomatis; Member R K Elix; Member H I Galton; Member G J Haslett; Member R M Knox; Member G A Lambert; Member G Lambrinidis; Member R Lesley; Member A R Mitchell; Member S J Niblock; Member R Want de Rowe; Member K J Worden.

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

GUESTS: Dr Jim Green from the Environment Centre, Nuclear Waste Transportation will be in attendance from 5.15 p.m. to brief the Council on Environmental Issues.

Representatives from Darwin Festival will be in attendance from 5.45 p.m. to brief the Council on Tourism in Darwin.

The lessee of Gardens Parks Golf Links, Mr Rodger Dee, will be in attendance from 6.15 p.m. to brief the Council on the Lighting of the Golf Course.

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LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

Dr Nancy "Nan" Giese MBE OBE AO

Pursuant to By-law 152 of the Council's By-laws, I submit the following minute for consideration by the Council:

INTRODUCTION

The City of Darwin wishes to extend it's sincerest condolences to the family of Dr Nancy Giese and wish to acknowledge the legacy that Nan has left the Darwin community.

Nan, born 31 January 1922, passed away on 8 May 2012 aged 90.

Nan moved to Darwin in 1954 and as an educator, was deeply involved in establishing and growing the education sector in Darwin. Nan led organisations pioneering tertiary education in the Territory, including the Darwin Community College, the first in Australia, which became the Institute of Technology and then the Northern Territory University (now Charles Darwin University).

Nan was the Chair of the Darwin Community College Council, and Commissioner of the NT Vocational Training Commission and then appointed the inaugural Deputy Chancellor of the Northern Territory University. In 1993 she became the second Chancellor of the Northern Territory University (which became Charles Darwin University in 2003). She served as Chancellor for 10 years.

From the late 1960s she played a major part in building up arts organisations, and served on the Arts Council, the North Australian Eisteddfod Council, the National Council of Women, the Darwin Performing Arts Centre, and the Museums and Art Galleries Board of the NT.

Nationally, she served on the Music Board of the Australia Council, and was its Vice-President from 1975-80.

When in 2004 she was made Doctor of Education, the citation noted that she had given 'outstanding service to the Northern Territory community, particularly in education and the arts'. Her contributions have been recognised by a number of awards and honours, including:-

- Tribute to Northern Territory Women 2005.
- Doctor of Education, honoris causa, Northern Territory University 2004.

- Administrator's Medal 2003.
- Centenary Medal 2003.
- Northern Territory Senior Australian of the Year 2001
- Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) 1997.
- Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) 1978
- Member of the British Empire (MBE) 1970

In 2011, Charles Darwin University honoured Nan by naming a Casuarina campus art gallery after her in recognition of her contributions to the Northern Territory arts community and the university over many years. The Nan Giese Gallery provides a dedicated space for emerging and established Territory artists to display their works.



KATRINA FONG LIM
LORD MAYOR

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies

4.2 Leave of Absence Granted

THAT it be noted that Member R M Knox is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 16 April 2012 for the period 18 May 2012 to 4 June 2012.

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4.3 Leave of Absence Requested

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Common No. 2221528

THAT Council note, that pursuant to Section 61 (4) of the Local Government Act and Decision 21\0009 – 16/04/12, the following member requested Electronic Meeting Attendance at the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 May 2012:

- Member Knox

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6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Confirmation of the Previous Ordinary Council Meeting Common No. 1955119

THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 May 2012, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.21\() (29/05/12)

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

8.1 Business Arising

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

10 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

10.1 Environmental Issues

Dr Jim Green from the Environment Centre, Nuclear Waste Transportation will be in attendance from 5.15 p.m. to brief the Council on Environmental Issues.

THAT the presentation from the Dr Jim Green, in relation to Environmental Issues, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (29/05/12)

10.2 Darwin Festival

Representatives from Darwin Festival will be in attendance from 5.45 p.m. to brief the Council on Tourism in Darwin.

THAT the presentation from Darwin Festival, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (29/05/12)

10.3 Gardens Parks Golf Links - Lighting Common No. 1602597

The lessee of Gardens Parks Golf Links, Mr Rodger Dee, will be in attendance from 6.15 p.m. to brief the Council on the Lighting of the Golf Course.

THAT the presentation from Gardens Parks Golf Links, be received and noted.

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11 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

11.1 National Government's Low Carbon Communities Program

Document No. 2236057 (04/0/5/12) Common No 2236057

Name: Joanna Parish

Address: Resident of Fannie Bay

Background

I offer a question for consideration and action at the Next Open Forum Session of the Darwin City Council.

Question

"Will Council submit to the National Government's Low Carbon Communities Program and report on implementation at subsequent Open Forum Sessions?"

Answer

City of Darwin launched it's Climate Change Action Plan in 2011 which outlines a series of actions Council will undertake to manage its carbon and environmental footprint. Council proactively seeks external funding to undertake projects associated with the Action Plan.

Council had prepared a grant application for funding under the Low Carbon Communities Program however received advice from the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency that the Council nominated project was not eligible under the program guidelines.

Council is working to ensure they are project ready for the second round of the Low Carbon Communities Program, taking into account feedback received.

Progress reports on implementation of climate change and environment programs are provided to Council on a quarterly basis. These reports are available on the City of Darwin website at <http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au>.

DECISION NO.21\() (29/05/12)

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

12.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items

Common No. 1944604

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 including Confidential Committee Items, and the following Items:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C24.1	8(c)(ii)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.
C29.1	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
C29.2	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.
C29.3	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

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12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

12.2 Moving Open Items Into Confidential

12.3 Moving Confidential Items Into Open

13 PETITIONS

Nil

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

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15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (21/05/12)

Presentation of Report by Acting Chairman - Member A R Mitchell

Recommendations from the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 21 May 2012

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES MEETING

At the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 21 May 2012, this item was laid on the table and to be referred to the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 May 2012 to be received and confirmed.

THAT the minutes of the previous Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 13 February 2012 tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.21\() (29/05/12)

2 **Darwin City Brass Band's Operational Funding Submission and Proposed Budget for 2012/2013 and Audited Accounts**

Document Number 2177405 (21/05/12) Common No. 2177405

THAT the Darwin City Brass Band's Operational Funding Submission and Proposed Budget for 2012/2013, and Audited Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2011, Document Number 2177405, be received and noted.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (21/05/12)

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3 Community & Cultural Services Team Report –February, March & April 2012

Report No. 12C0019 KH:es (21/05/12) Common Number 1733166

THAT Report Number 12C0019 KH:es entitled, Community & Cultural Services Team Report – February, March and April 2012, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (29/05/12)

4 Regulatory Services Monthly Update – February, March & April 2012

Report No. 12C0017 DN:mrg (21/05/12) Common Number 1330602

THAT report number 12C0017 DN:mrg entitled, Regulatory Services Update, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (29/05/12)

4 Libraries Information Update for February, March & April 2012

Report No. 12P0004 KC:md (21/05/12) Common Number 1943023

THAT Report Number 12P0004 entitled, Libraries Information Update for March and April 2012 be received and noted.

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6 **Minutes Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee 2 February 2012**

Report No. 12C0024 AG:kl (21/05/12) Common Number 2229542

THAT Report Number 12C0024 AG:kl entitled, Minutes Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee 2 February 2012, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (29/05/12)

7 **Survey of Resident Views on State of Origin Events at The Beachfront Hotel**

Report No. 12C0029 (21/05/12) Common Number 1760915

THAT Report Number 12C0029 FR:mrg entitled, Survey of Resident Views on State of Origin Events at the Beachfront Hotel, be received and noted.

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15.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (21/05/12)

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8 **Minutes Youth Advisory Group 1 February 2012 - Membership Appointments, Resignations and National Youth Week Funding** Report No. 12C0020 SP:es (21/05/12) Common Number 2226603

- A. THAT Report Number 12C0020 SP:es entitled, Youth Advisory Group Minutes February 2012, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the following be appointed as members of the Youth Advisory Group for a three (3) year term from 29 February 2012 to 28 February 2015:

Gabrielle White
Madeline Tait

- C. THAT the Youth Advisory Group accept the resignation of Katie Withers and Honey-Lyn Lisson and a letter of thanks from the Lord Mayor be provided.
- D. THAT the National Youth Week funding and partnership invitation from Neighbourhood Watch NT be accepted.

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9 **Youth leisure, Activities & Events initiative Draft Program Plan 2012** Report No. 12C0031 KH:kl (21/05/12) Common Number

- A. THAT Report Number 12C0031 KH:kl entitled, Subject, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the Youth Activities, Leisure and Events program Plan January – December 2012.

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10 **City of Darwin Community Access Plan 2012 – 2017**

Report No. 12C0025 NM:kl (21/05/12) Common Number 1041889

- A. THAT Report Number 12C0025 NM:kl entitled, City of Darwin Community Access Plan 2012 - 2017, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the City of Darwin Community Access Plan 2012 – 2017 contained in **Attachment A** to Report Number 12C0025 NM:kl, be endorsed.
- C. THAT the Community Access Plan 2012 – 2017 once endorsed by Council be lodged with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (21/05/12)

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11 Lease Agreement with Power and Water Corporation over Part Lot 4243 (125) Mitchell Street Larrakeyah for use as Car Park by Mitchell Street Childcare Centre

Report No. 12C0022 TS:kl (21/05/12) Common Number 2189272

- A. THAT Report Number 12C0022 TS:kl entitled, Lease Agreement With Power and Water Corporation Over Part Lot 4243 (125) Mitchell Street Larrakeyah For Use As Car Park By Mitchell Street Childcare Centre, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council enters into a new lease agreement with Power & Water Corporation which allows the Mitchell Street Child Care Centre to use Part Lot 4243 (125) Mitchell Street, Larrakeyah, as an off street car park and emergency evacuation assembly point.
- C. 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 carry out all works necessary to implement a new lease over Part Lot 4243 (125) Mitchell Street, Larrakeyah, for the use by the Mitchell Street Child Care Centre as an off street car park and emergency evacuation assembly point.
- D. THAT Council approve the affixing of the common seal to all associated lease documentation for the lease with Power and Water Corporation of Part Lot 4243 (125) Mitchell Street, Larrakeyah, and the documentation be executed by signatures of the Chief Executive Officer and Lord Mayor.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (21/05/12)

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11 Review of Organised Commercial Recreational Activity in Open Space Report No. 12C0026 FR:kl (21/05/12) Common Number 1996075

- A. THAT Report Number 12C0026 FR:kl entitled, Review of Commercial Fitness Training and Other Recreational Activity in Open Space, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the proposed Annual Fee structure in Report Number 12C0026 FR:kl effective as of 1 July 2012 and the associated communication process.

Annual Permit Fee

Sessions/week	Group Size		
	1 - 3	4 - 8	8 - 20
1 -2	\$200	\$250	\$500
3 -4	\$350	\$500	\$750
5 - 7	\$500	\$750	\$1500

- C. THAT Council endorse the circulation of a survey to gain public and provider feedback on the management of commercial fitness and other recreational activity in open space.
- D. THAT a further report be prepared containing the results and discussion of the survey to further refine the management of commercial recreational activity in open space.

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15.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (21/05/12)

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12 Community Grants Program 2012/2013 – Applications for 1st Round of Funding for Community Projects Plus Applications for Annual Funding for Climate Change and Environment Projects

Report No. 12C0030 NM:es (21/05/12) Common Number 2179682

A. THAT Report Number 12C0030 NM:es entitled Community Grants Program 2012/2013 – Applications For 1st Round Of Funding For Community Projects Plus Applications For Annual Funding For Climate Change And Environment Projects, be received and noted.

B. THAT the following grant applications for the 1st Round of the 2012/2013 Community Grants Program be recommended for approval and referred to Council:

i) Cancer Council NT Inc	In-kind \$2,600
ii) Darwin Malayalee Association Inc	\$3,000
iii) Northern Territory Working Women's Centre Inc	\$3,670
iv) SIDS and Kids NT Inc	\$4,614
v) The Arthritis Foundation of the NT Inc	\$ 750
vi) Catholic Care NT	\$2,000
vii) Down Syndrome Association for the NT Inc	\$2,481
viii) Danila Dilba Biluru Butji Binnilutlum Health Service & Healthy Living NT	\$10,000
ix) Darwin Dragons Rugby Union Club Inc	\$4,000
x) Girl Guides NT Inc	\$6,000
xi) Alzheimer's Australia NT Inc	\$3,220
Total	\$42,335

C. THAT the following grant applications for the annual Climate Change and Environment Grant funding be recommended for approval and referred to Council:

i) Malak Family Centre Inc	\$ 6,252
ii) COOLmob (sponsoring body NT Environment Centre Inc)	\$ 9,200
iii) Environment Centre NT Inc	\$10,000
iv) Casuarina Swimming Club Inc	\$ 585
Total	\$26,037

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15.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (21/05/12)

Presentation of Report by Acting Chairman - Member A R Mitchell

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13 **Minutes Haikou Sister City Community Committee 27 February 2012** Report No. 12C0016 HB:es (21/05/12) Common Number 2207458

THAT Report Number 12C0016 HB:es entitled, Minutes Haikou Sister City Community Committee 27 February 2012, be received and noted.

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4 **Minutes Dili Sister City Community Committee 28 February 2012 - Youth Exchange** Report No. 12C0021 HB:kl (21/05/12) Common Number 2228487

- A. THAT Report Number 12C0021 HB:kl entitled, Dili Sister City Community Committee 28 February 2012 – Youth Exchange, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Dili Sister City Community Committee recommends that up to \$4475 is allocated to a youth exchange between Darwin and Timor-Leste.
- C. THAT the Dili Sister City Community Committee recommends that up to \$2500 is allocated to the development of Library facilities for Action for Change Foundation, Dili, Timor-Leste.
- D. THAT the Dili Sister City Community Committee recommends that up to \$500 is provided as ongoing support for the development of basketball facilities at No. 3 School Tuana-Laran, Dili, Timor-Leste.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (21/05/12)

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15 **Minutes Anchorage Sister City Community Committee 29 February 2012 and 30th Anniversary Delegation**

Report No. 12C0028 HB:es (21/05/12) Common Number

- A. THAT Report Number 12C0028 HB:es entitled, Minutes Anchorage Sister City Community Committee 29 February 2012 and 30th Anniversary Delegation, be received and noted.
- B. THAT The Anchorage Sister City Community Committee recommends that consideration be given to an increase in the Sister Cities funding as they have been maintained at the current level for 5 years.
- C. THAT the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee recommends that a delegation to Anchorage for the purpose of celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Darwin and Anchorage Sister City relationship be the subject of a report to Council.

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15.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (21/05/12)

Presentation of Report by Acting Chairman - Member A R Mitchell

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16 **Minutes Ambon Sister City Community Committee 1 march 2012 - Student Exchange, Language Teachers Association of the NT Language Speaking Competition, Sister Cities Film Night**

Report No. 12C0018 HB:es (21/05/12) Common Number 2225884

- A. THAT Report Number 12C0018 HB:es entitled, Ambon Sister City Community Committee - Minutes 1 March 2012, Student Exchange, Language Teachers Association of the NT Language Speaking Competition, Sister Cities Film Night, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee recommends that up to \$3500 be allocated to a three (3) week exchange of two students and one teacher from Ambon to Darwin in 2012.
- C. THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee recommends that up to \$600 be allocated to the B'hasa Indonesia section of the Language Teachers Association of the Northern Territory 2012 Language Speaking Competitions.
- D. THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee supports a joint fundraising film night at the Deckchair Cinema in 2012.

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15.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (23/05/12)

Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley

Recommendations from the Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 May 2012

1 Corporate Services Monthly Report – February to April 2012

Report No. 12A0046 (27/04/12) Common No. 339108

THAT Report Number 12A0046, Corporate Services Monthly Report – February to April 2012, be received and noted.

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2 Listing of Cheques / EFT Payments – March 2012

Report No. 12A0048 (11/05/12) Common No. 339125

THAT Report Number 12A0048 entitled, Listing of Cheques / EFT Payments – March 2012, be received and noted.

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3 Listing of Cheques / EFT Payments – April 2012

Report No. 12A0049 (11/05/12) Common No. 339125

THAT Report Number 12A0049 entitled, Listing of Cheques / EFT Payments – April 2012 be received and noted.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (23/05/12)

Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley

Recommendations from the Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 May 2012

4 Financial Report to Council – March 2012

Report No. 12A0051 (11/05/12) Common No. 339122

THAT Report Number 12A0051 entitled, Financial Report to Council – March 2012, be received and noted.

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5 Financial Report to Council – April 2012

Report No. 12A0052 (11/05/12) Common No. 339122

THAT Report Number 12A0052 entitled, Financial Report to Council – April 2012, be received and noted.

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6 Third Quarter Budget Review 2011/12

Report No. 12A0043 (28/03/12) Common No. 978289

A. THAT Report Number 12A0043 entitled, Third Quarter Budget Review 2011/12, be received and noted.

B. THAT **Attachment A & B** of Report Number 12A0043 entitled, Third Quarter Budget Review 2011/12, be adopted.

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15.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (23/05/12)

Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley

Recommendations from the Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 May 2012

7 **Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – March 2012** Report No. 12A0054 (11/05/12) Common No. 376351

THAT Report Number 12A0054 entitled, Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – March 2012, be received and noted.

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8 **Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – April 2012** Report No. 12A0055 (11/05/12) Common No. 376351

THAT Report Number 12A0055 entitled, Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – April 2012, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (29/05/12)

9 **Invitations Accepted or Declined by the Lord Mayor or Representative for Final Quarter of Term** Report No. 12TC0016 MB:sv (23/05/12) Common No. 381402

THAT Report number 12TC0016 MB:sv entitled, Invitations Accepted or Declined by the Lord Mayor or Representative for Final Quarter of Term, be received and noted.

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15.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (23/05/12)

Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley

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10 **Minutes of the Risk Management & Audit Committee meeting held on 2 March 2012**

Report No. 12A0065 (23/04/12) Common No. 353196

THAT Report Number 12A0065 entitled, Minutes of the Risk Management & Audit Committee meeting held on 2 March 2012, be received and noted.

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11 **Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – February 2012**

Report No. 12A0053 (11/05/12) Common No. 376351

THAT Report Number 12A0053 entitled, Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – February 2012, be received and noted.

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15.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (22/05/12)

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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 20 February 2012, this item was laid on the table and to be referred to the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 May 2012 to be received and confirmed.

THAT the previous minutes of the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 20 February 2012 tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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2 Climate Change & Environment Team Quarterly Report Report No. 12TS0049SF (22/05/12) Common No. 1792647

THAT Report Number 12TS0049SF entitled, Climate Change & Environment Team Quarterly Report, be received and noted.

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3 Asset Management – Quarterly Report – December 2011 Report No. 12TS0072 ND:lm (22/05/12) Common No. 1832912

THAT Report Number 12TS0072 ND:lm entitled, Asset Management – March 2012 – Quarterly Report, be received and noted.

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4 Waste Management and Recycling – March 2012 Quarterly Report Report No. 12TS0071 (22/05/12) Common No. 1738353

THAT Report Number 12TS0071JW:m entitled, Waste Management and Recycling – March 2012 Quarterly Report, be received and noted.

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5 Infrastructure Maintenance – March 2012 Quarterly Report No. 12TS0050 KS:nf (22/05/12) Common No. 1887505

THAT Report Number 12TS0050 KS:nf entitled, Infrastructure Maintenance – March 2012 Quarterly Report, be received and noted.

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6 Infrastructure – Design, Planning & Projects – March 2012 Quarterly Report No. 12TS0065 DL:lm (22/05/12) Common No. 1832896

THAT Report Number 12TS0065 DL:lm entitled, Infrastructure – Design, Planning & Projects – March 2012 Quarterly Report, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (29/05/12)

7 Coastal Harbour Erosion Management Plan – Project Update – May 2012 Report No. 12TS0074 DC:lm (22/05/12) Common No. 2072884

THAT Report number 12TS0074 DC:lm entitled, Coastal Harbour Erosion Management Plan – Project Update – May 2012, be received and noted.

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8 Northern Territory Government – Nightcliff Projects Update May 2012 Report No. 12TS0066 DC:lm (22/05/12) Common No. 2179914

- A. THAT Report Number 12TS0066 DL:lm entitled, Northern Territory Government – Nightcliff Projects Update May 2012, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the incoming correspondence entitled, Sunset Park Nightcliff from a resident of Nightcliff, tabled by the General Manager Infrastructure, be received and noted.

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16 OFFICERS REPORTS

Nil

17 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

17.1 Public Housing Safety Officers to be Operational in June 2012

Document No. 2240474 (10/05/12) Common No. 2240474

THAT the incoming letter from Ms Colleen Gwynne, Executive Director, Regulation and Compliance, Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services, dated 10 May 2012, relating to the Territory Government's Public Housing Safety Strategy to reduce incidents of antisocial behaviour, and to provide a safer environment to public housing tenants and their neighbours, Document Number 2240474, be received and noted.

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Dear Brendon

Public Housing Safety Officers to be operational in June 2012

The Territory Government's Public Housing Safety Strategy will reduce incidents of antisocial behaviour, and provide a safer environment for public housing tenants, and their neighbours.

Public Housing Safety Officers are currently completing training and will be on the ground in both Alice Springs and the Greater Darwin region in the first week of June this year.

Public Housing Safety Officers will proactively engage with tenants, unwanted visitors and affected neighbours around public housing properties. They will also work with community service providers to case manage tenancies that are consistently coming to the attention of Territory Housing and Police relating to incidents of antisocial behaviour.

It is essential that a coordinated approach is taken to tackle issues of antisocial behaviour. The Public Housing Safety Officers will need to have a strong working relationship a range of community service providers to ensure appropriate support is in place.

The enclosed fact sheet explains the role and responsibilities of Public Housing Safety Officers, their authorised powers, and how they will operate. Please circulate this fact sheet within your organisation to provide your staff with an understanding of this new initiative.

If you would like to meet with me to discuss the implementation of this Strategy please contact me on 8999 8831 or email ColleenM.Gwynne@nt.gov.au. I look forward to working together.

Yours Sincerely

Colleen Gwynne
Executive Director, Regulation and Compliance
10 May 2012



Public Housing Safety Officers

The Territory Government is introducing Public Housing Safety Officers to enhance management of and reduce incidents of antisocial behaviour in and around public housing sites.

The introduction of Public Housing Safety Officers is the first initiative of its kind in Australia and is part of the government's broader Public Housing Safety Strategy.

What is the Public Housing Safety Strategy?

The Public Housing Safety Strategy is a plan to improve public housing safety for tenants and surrounding neighbours.

What will Public Housing Safety Officers do?

Public Housing Safety Officers will provide an after hours service for Territory Housing to support the work that Territory Housing officers do throughout the day.

The officers will work proactively with tenants, neighbours and visitors to resolve and reduce antisocial behaviour in and around public housing.

They will also work closely with the NT Police and act on complaints of antisocial behaviour in or around public housing sites made by tenants or members of the public.

Existing security patrols will gradually be phased out once Public Housing Safety Officers are established.

What authority will Public Housing Safety Officers have?

The officers will undergo an intensive training program which will equip them with the knowledge and skills to carry out their role effectively by adopting a community engagement and problem solving approach to reducing antisocial behaviour.

Although their primary function will be to engage and communicate with tenants and their visitors, in certain circumstances, the officers will be required to exercise their powers under the *Housing Act* and:

- direct individuals to stop antisocial behaviour conduct
- direct non-residents to leave Territory Housing premises
- ban people from public housing for up to 12 months
- tip out alcohol
- seize dangerous items.

How will I recognise Public Housing Safety Officers?

Public Housing Safety Officers will drive vehicles that are clearly marked Public Housing Safety. They will wear a grey shirt and black pants, and carry an identification card that states they are a Public Housing Safety Officer appointed under the *Housing Act*.

What is antisocial behaviour?

Antisocial behavior includes::

- involvement of abusive or violent behaviour directed to a person
- creating alarm or fear in, or annoyance to, neighbours or others in the vicinity
- graffiti, littering or vandalism.

Examples of antisocial behaviour include:

- excessive noise
- loud, unruly behaviour
- verbal abuse
- serious harassment
- threats to a person's health and safety.

How do I report incidents of antisocial behaviour in Territory Housing properties?

To report incidents of antisocial behaviour call 131 444.

What happens after the incident is reported?

If the incident reported involves elements of criminal behavior or events, then the matter will be attended to by NT Police.

Public Housing Safety Officers will attend if the matter does not relate to acts of criminality, and is on or around a public housing site.

In some circumstances Public Housing Safety Officers may also attend an incident with Police.

When do Public Housing Safety Officers begin operating?

The officers will commence operation in Alice Springs and the Greater Darwin region in the first week of June. There will be 15 Public Housing Safety Officers based in Darwin and 5 in Alice Springs.

More information?

For more information about Public Housing Safety Officers, the Territory Government's Public Housing Safety Strategy or antisocial behaviour management visit www.safeterritory.nt.gov.au or call Territory Housing on 1800 104 076.

18 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

19 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

20 GENERAL BUSINESS

21 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 12 June 2012, at 5.00 p.m. (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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22 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.

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23 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING (MEDIA LIAISON)