

Responses to Public Questions/Comments
Tabled at Ordinary Meeting of Council
on 26 May 2020
Chambers – Civic Centre

Name	Questions/comments for Elected Members	Response
Mr Douglas De Vere	<p>Can the council look into providing a safe swimming zone in the river?</p> <p>Various technologies exist to monitor and detect crocodiles. Waiting till someone is taken is not an option.</p>	<p>This is a matter for Parks and Wildlife. I would encourage you to ask them this question.</p> <p>Note: CEO has met with Mr De Vere and intend to discuss further.</p>
	<p>Recycling options ultimately involving kerbside collect. Needs to be explored - how it would start. There are possibilities - biowaste - manufacture. It would reduce landfill costs and provide employment.</p>	<p>We understand that this matter has been discussed and workshopped with the community in the past. Apparently, there was a survey conducted with a majority wanting a recycling collection service but not wanting to pay the 70 dollars per annum calculated as the break-even amount at the time.</p> <p>Introducing a recycling service can be done relatively easily. The main challenges are what to do with the recycled waste afterwards and implementing a charge that will be acceptable to all.</p>
Mr Peter McDougall	<p>With the NT Government lightly easing the restrictions. Is the Council going to ease the restrictions on its public services like the Hot Springs, the Library and the open forum council meetings. If so then when?</p> <p>In regards to the Town Square Project and the CBD Revitalization Grant Funds. Since I couldn't asked this question last month, I'll asked it now.</p> <p>Is the council going to spend \$3.5 million dollars on the project including on the \$1.5 Million dollars the council took out for the Hot Springs Project (Which isn't part of the CBD) and the</p>	<p>Council will continue to take the lead of the NT Government on this one. There will and has already been an ease on restrictions. It is likely that the open forum council meetings will re-open in June.</p> <p>The CBD project has been put out to tender (21 May 2020). We do not want to speculate on the cost of the project but it is expected to be within budget.</p> <p>Regarding the \$1.5m, we understand that council will be undertaking a continuation of the CBD upgrade down the track. We don't expect this to be soon as there are</p>

	council have said they are returning. Which adds another question, when does the council expected to return the \$1.5 Million to the CBD Grant?	current projects that we would like to have completed before we take on anymore.
Ms Lauren Reed	Letter received on behalf of the Museum to request repurposing the Arts NT Sensory Grant.	This matter has been dealt with and her request agreed to.
Mrs Shirley Crane	There are rumours of a cost blow-out for the Hot Springs turtle. What is the current costing? If there is a cost blow-out, what other projects are going to be delayed or scrapped to fund the turtle?	The rumours are unfounded and there is no blowout.
	Is there any intention to seek ratepayers' approval for a permanent shade structure over the turtle, since it will be far too hot for anyone to approach in summer, or has that already been contracted out without ratepayers' input?	Agreed. Council has resolved to provide the additional funds required to provide shade for the Turtle Project.
	Has the council tested the flammability of the rubber-based product that is to provide the cushioning for the turtle? Given that we have people who go around lighting fires to destroy items such as wheelie bins and the public toilets, what will be the outcome if someone lights the base of the turtle? Can a fire be extinguished, since it would be burning underground, and will it create another situation like the burning tyres? If it can be ignited, what steps will be taken to prevent this from happening?	From Ashford "The product we are using is Rosehill TPV – Attached the brochure for information. It is self-extinguishing, however, nothing is fire proof when accelerant is added to the mix. We use this product in remote locations because of its fire retardant principles and have only very limited damage when a fire has been placed on the surface, localized damage, not the entire playground will burn down."
Alderman Matthew Hurley	Letter received	This matter was tabled, and the information provided to our insurers
Ms Kerrie Mott	Report Title: Election of Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the current term This motion could be viewed as both divisive and discriminatory. This community selected our Alderman from a pool of 16 candidates. The current six Alderman have the confidence of the community to serve our interests and in turn had confidence in each other (refer to the original motion) by	Her Worship Mayor Miller responded directly to Ms Mott

	<p>supporting an eight-month turnabout process as Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>The motion on tonight's agenda denies two Alderman the opportunity to act in the Deputy Mayor role and divides the current team. Not good.</p> <p>While it is incredibly unfortunate that our elected Mayor is unable to complete this four year term due to personal circumstances rather than divide the Alderman by imposing a secret ballot to determine a Deputy Mayor, would it not be more advantageous to resign and leave the community to select a new mayor for the remainder of the term ?</p>	
	<p>Report Title: Northern Territory Police Fire and Emergency Services - CCTV Licence Deed</p> <p>Way too big to digest in the short time this Agenda has been available to the public for scrutiny.</p> <p>I would like to see this Item tabled and held over to the next meeting. A number of residents have key concerns that require closer scrutiny.</p>	<p>Matter was dealt with. Do not understand why it was considered to be too big?</p>
	<p>Report Title: Naming of The Dog Park in Lockheed Reserve</p> <p>Absolutely support naming this park after Andrew Wilson. Great bloke and this is a very appropriate way to honour his memory.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
	<p>Report Title: Partnership/Support Enquiry from Menzies School of Health Research</p> <p>Do not support this item at all. Drug addiction needs to be discouraged not fostered by providing free needles. The proposed site for this unit is a key meeting place/car park/tourist facility and I cannot for the life of me see how placing such a unit at the VIC could be considered safe for the general public. I do not support this proposal in the least and I am not alone in my view.</p>	<p>The matter has been referred back to Menzies for discussion when they come back to us.</p>

	<p>There are a few other items of concern but time does not permit me to list them here.</p> <p>In closing the general sentiment from a number of people is one of discontent that as elected members you are processing agenda items without sufficient community consultation.</p> <p>One way to remedy this may be to consider having the open forum in the open.</p> <p>In other words if you can hold the citizenship ceremony downstairs in the open - why not the community forum too?</p>	<p>In relation to the community forum, this proposal will be considered.</p>
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