MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Held on Tuesday 26 August 2025

Civic Centre, Council Chambers
24 Stuart Highway, Katherine NT 0850

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the first nations people of the Katherine township and surrounding council communities. We recognise the first nations culture as one of the longest surviving cultures in the world and we pay our respects to Elders both past, present and future.

2 OPENING PRAYER

Grant O God to this Council wisdom, understanding and sincerity of purpose in the Governance of this Municipality. Amen

3 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Clark declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 26 August 2025 open at 12:00 pm.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS
- Mayor Elisabeth Clark (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor Denis Coburn
- Councillor Maddy Bower
- Councillor Amanda Kingdon - via video conference
- Councillor Peter McDougall
- Councillor Kerrie Mott
- Councillor Jeremy Trembath

OFFICERS
- Mrs Ingrid Stonhill – Chief Executive Officer
- Amanda Haigh – Manager Governance and Risk
- Martene Johnson - Executive Assistant - Minute Taker
- Brett Kimpton – Manager Environment and Municipal Services
- Casey Anderson – Manager Corporate Administration
- Matt Arnott - Manager Project Portfolio
- Sheralea Clemow - Rates and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator
- Jo Brosnan - Manager Strategic Communications - via video conference
- Kimberly Worrigal – Contracts Coordinator

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4.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility to declare any conflicts of interest.

Nil conflicts declared.

6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 22 JULY 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-188
Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Coburn

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 July 2025 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 6|1

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Councillor Kingdon

7.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 21 JULY 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-189
Moved: Councillor Bower; **Seconded**: Councillor McDougall

That Council confirm the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 21 July 2025 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 6|1

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Councillor Kingdon

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION UPDATE JULY 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-190
Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded**: Councillor Trembath

That Council receive and note the Action update.

CARRIED 6|1

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Councillor Kingdon

9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING JULY 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION **OMC-2025-191**
Moved: Councillor Trembath; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Coburn

That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

Attachments:
1. Letter - DPLE - Broadening and Simplifying the Container Deposit Scheme - 02 Jul 2025 - ID237535 [**10.1.1** - 1 page]
2. Letter - Minister Yan - Speed Restriction Modifications Katherine Terrace - 31 Jul 2025 - ID237536 [**10.1.2** - 2 pages]

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Nil

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING JULY 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION **OMC-2025-192**
Moved: Councillor Bower; **Seconded**: Councillor Trembath

That Council receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence:

Attachments:
1. Letter - General Santos City Mayor - Sister City - 15 Aug 2025 - ID2375274 [**10.2.1** - 1 page]
2. Letter - Katherine Softball Association - Grant application support letter - 6 Aug 2025 - ID237530 [**10.2.2** - 1 page]

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Nil

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (MATTERS REFERRED TO THE AGENDA)

There were no Questions from the Gallery at the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 26 August 2025

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

14 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1 2024-25 ACQUITTAL - IPG2400010 - NEW ANIMAL DOG POUND

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-193
Moved: Councillor Trembath; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Coburn

That Council endorses the 2024/2025 Local Government Immediate Priority Grant acquittal for the IPG2400010 New Animal Impound Facility and the acquittal be forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

CARRIED 6|1

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Councillor Kingdon

14.2 LGANT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-194
Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded**: Councillor Trembath

That Council note the Annual Membership Subscription from the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)

CARRIED 6|1

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Councillor Kingdon

15 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

15.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

16 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

17 LATE AGENDA

17.1 2024-25 ACQUITTAL - LGR2015/00010 - PROVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO BINJARI

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-195
Moved: Councillor Bower; **Seconded**: Councillor Trembath

1. That Council endorse the acquittal for 2024-2025 Local Government Grant – Provision of Local Government services to Binjari community, and that the acquittal be forwarded to the Department

of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

2. That Council approve requesting the surplus of $20,787.85 be retained to provide services as identified in the report.

CARRIED 6|1

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Councillor Kingdon

17.2 FINANCE REPORT JULY 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-196
Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded**: Councillor Trembath

That Council endorses the Finance Report for the Month of July 2025.

CARRIED 5|2

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor McDougall and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Councillor Kingdon and Councillor Mott

17.3 SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST COUNCIL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-197
Moved: Councillor Bower; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Coburn

That Council notes the following report.

CARRIED 6|1

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Councillor Kingdon

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Trembath wished KTC all the best, we are all in this together.

Deputy Mayor Coburn there was no heavy vehicle diversion funding in the 2025/26 announcement.

Condolences to the Lowe family for the loss of Teddy Lowe.

Cr Bower provided an apology to Michael Taylor on behalf of council regarding a racial candidate and what she had to endure.

Cr McDougall should he not be voted back in, he wished deepest thanks to members and KTC staff and hard work of CEO, council has been the most productive and accountable in history during the last 4 years.

Mayor Clark thank you to all staff, CEO, members and guests.

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 12:26 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-198
Moved: Mayor Clark; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Coburn

Members, pursuant with Section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* gives power to the council to close a meeting to the public to discuss the following confidential items, in relation to matters referred to in regulations 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*. This means that all members of the public are now asked to leave the Council Chambers.

I now move a motion to close the meeting to public.

Your Worship, I wish to second that the meeting be closed to public.

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Nil

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 22 JULY 2025

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-clause and Reason:	(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

20.2 MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 21 JULY 2025

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-clause and Reason:	(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-clause and Reason:	(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

20.3 FINAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW REPORT

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Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-clause and Reason:	(c) (iv) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: Subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-clause and Reason:	(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

AMENDMENT COUCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-202

Moved: Councillor Bower; Seconded: Deputy Mayor Coburn

2. That Council:

a. rescind resolution number OCM-066-2023;

That Council authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute a three (3) year lease with the option to renew for a further two (2) years, to Blue Eagle Training and Fitness for part of Lot 3177, that being the Norforce Pavillion and Norforce Toilet Block and affix the Common Seal as required;

as the lease did not go ahead and therefore affixing of the Common Seal was not required, and

b. move the resolution 2 a to the open minutes

Carried

20.4 MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 21 JULY 2025

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20.5 FINAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW REPORT

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21 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 1:05 pm.

22 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of Council was declared closed at 1:06 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 23 September 2025.