



MINUTES

**Special Meeting of Council
Held on Wednesday 14 May 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

Deputy Mayor Coburn declared the Special Meeting of Council - 14 May 2025 open at 12.00pm.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

OFFICERS

- Ms Ingrid Stonhill – Chief Executive Officer
- Ms Casey Anderson - Manager Corporate Administration (minute taker)
- Ms Desiree Rodgers - Manager Finance
- Mr Brett Kimpton - Manager of Environment and Municipal
- Mr Matt Arnott - Manager Projects Portfolio
- Ms Kimberly Worrigal - Contracts Coordinator
- Ms Jaime Stiles - Business Analyst

PUBLIC - NIL

4.2 APOLOGIES

That Council acknowledged the apology of Councillor Mott.

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 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 12.00pm.

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.

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

8.1 DRAFT 2025-2026 MUNICIPAL PLAN

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 <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2025-1

Moved: Councillor Trembath; **Seconded:** Councillor Bower

1. That Council approve the Draft 2025/2026 Municipal Plan; including budget, long term financial plan, rates and fees and charges; for public consultation from 15 May 2025 to 4 June 2025.
2. That Council move the motion and attachments to the open minutes.

CARRIED 6|0

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

8.2 KATHERINE AQUATIC CENTRE - INVOICE PAYMENT APPROVAL

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 <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-clause and Reason:	(c) (i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

8.3 LINDSAY STREET COMPLEX AMENITIES REPLACEMENT

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 <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
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Sub-clause and Reason:	(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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COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2025-3

Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded:** Councillor Kingdon

1. That Council note that Northern Building and Property Services Pty Ltd have been appointed as the contractor for the Lindsay Street Complex Amenities Replacement at their submitted Quotation price of \$221,470.25 (GST Exclusive).
2. That Council move the resolution to the open minutes.

CARRIED 6|0

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

9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 12.13pm.

10 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 14 May 2025 was declared closed at 12.13pm.