



MINUTES

**Special Meeting of Council
Held on Friday 26 July 2024**

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.

Councillor Amanda Kingdon arrived before the meeting opened and would not leave therefore the Mayor requested the meeting be postponed. Elected Members reiterated the importance for meeting to occur as soon as possible.

Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded:** Councillor Bower

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 Special Meeting of Council - 26 July 2024 open at 5:25 pm.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Elisabeth Clark (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor Denis Coburn
- Councillor Maddy Bower
- Councillor Peter McDougall
- Councillor Kerrie Mott

OFFICERS

- Amanda Haigh – Manager Governance and Risk (minute taker)

4.2 APOLOGIES

Council noted the apology of Councillor Trembath.

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 5:28 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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.

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

8.1 MAYORAL BUSINESS

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part or the Council of 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) (iii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 5:50 pm.

10 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 26 July 2024 was declared closed at 5:50 pm.