



MINUTES

**Special Meeting of Council
Held on Friday 6 March 2026**

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 Holden declared the Special Meeting of Council - 6 March 2026 open at 8:33 am and the meeting is being recorded for minute taking purposes.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Joanna Holden (Chair) - via videoconferencing
- Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle - via videoconferencing in the Manager Governance and Risk office
- Councillor Jim King - via videoconferencing in the Manager Governance and Risk office
- Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse - via videoconferencing
- Councillor Kathy Glass - via videoconferencing
- Councillor Anjali Palmer - via videoconferencing

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- Amanda Haigh – Manager Governance and Risk - Minute Taker - via videoconferencing

4.2 APOLOGIES

Councillor Tapp Coutts is an apology for the meeting.

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Tapp Coutts is on leave of absence for this meeting.

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 8:34 am.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Holden; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Doyle

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 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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:	(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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2026-5

Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Doyle

1. That Council approve the appointment of Ms Casey Anderson, interim CEO of the Katherine Town Council until the Council finalises the recruitment process for a permanent appointment to the position of the CEO.
2. That Council move the resolution to the public minutes.

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9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 8:54 am.

10 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 6 March 2026 was declared closed at 8:54 am.

