

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday, 29 August 2024 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 10:17am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Chairperson | James Woods (Mayor) |
| Deputy Mayor | Elizabeth Williams |
| Councillor | Mickitja Onus |
| Councillor | Donna Nadjamerrek |
| Councillor | Monica Wilton |
| Councillor | Jermaine Namanurki |
| Councillor | Jacqueline Phillips |
| Councillor | James Marrawal |

STAFF PRESENT

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| Chief Executive Officer | Andrew Walsh |
| Director Council and Community Services | Fiona Ainsworth |
| Director Finance | Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters |
| Accountant | Corey White |
| Governance Advisor | Jasmine Mortimore |

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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| Agenda Reference: | 3.1 |
| Title: | Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice |
| Author: | Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice.

OCM244/2024 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Onus

Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

1. Notes the absence of Cr Dann, Cr Gumurdul, Cr Guwiyul, Cr Blyth; and
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Dann, Cr Gumurdul, Cr Guwiyul, Cr Blyth.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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| Agenda Reference: | 4.1 |
| Title: | Acceptance of Agenda |
| Author: | Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

OCM245/2024 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Woods

Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Council meeting held on 29 August 2024.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

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| Agenda Reference: | 5.1 |
| Title: | Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff |
| Author: | Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

OCM246/2024 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Onus

Seconded Cr Phillips

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive no declarations of interest as listed for the Special Council meeting held on 29 August 2024.
2. Cr Onus declared his employment at Energy Resources Australia (ERA) to be added to the register.
3. Cr Namanurki declared his employment at Malala Health Centre to be added to the register; and Cr Phillips declared her position on the Board of the Maningrida Homelands School Company to be added to the register.

CARRIED

6 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

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| Agenda Reference: | 6.1 |
| Title: | Finance Report for the period ended 31 July 2024 |
| Author: | Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Finance |

The Council considered a report on Finance Report for the period ended 31 July 2024.

OCM247/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Phillips
Seconded Cr Marrawal

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Finance Report for the period ended 31 July 2024*; and
2. Approve the minimum project cost threshold of \$150,000 which is to be the reporting basis of future planned major capital works projects

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7 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

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| Agenda Reference: | 7.1 |
| Title: | Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items |
| Author: | Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items.

OCM248/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Onus

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 52 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The information in this section of the Agenda is classed as confidential under Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021*.

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| Agenda Reference: | 8.1 |
| Title: | Approval to Dispose of Surplus Fleet Assets |
| Author: | Graham Baulch, Project Coordinator Fleet Operations |

The Report will remain confidential under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains 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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| Agenda Reference: | 8.2 |
| Title: | Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public |
| Author: | Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public.

OCM250/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Wilton
Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL open the meeting to the public after the discussion of confidential items, and approve to disclose 8.1 resolution and report from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes in 6 months from meeting date.

CARRIED

The public was re-admitted at 12:29.

10 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 12:30pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 29 August 2024.

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