



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting
Thursday, 11 December 2025 at 11:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 11:05am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	Henry Yates
Councillor	Ralph McCoy
Councillor	Steven Nabalmarda

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

SCM83/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda

Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the apology received from Deputy Mayor, Jacqueline Phillips; Cr Joseph Diddo and Cr Ralph F Blyth; and
2. Determines Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips, Cr Diddo and Cr Ralph F Blyth are absent with permission of the Council.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda

SCM84/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL accepts the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Council meeting held on 11 December 2025.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

SCM85/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Micketja Onus
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL acknowledges there were no declarations of interest in relation to the items as listed for consideration during the Special Council meeting held on 11 December 2025.

CARRIED

6 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Threshold Value for a Contract
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

The Council considered a report on Threshold Value for a Contract.

SCM86/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Threshold Value for a Contract*; and
2. Approves the Chief Executive Officer be delegated the power to enter into a contract, except a lease for land and buildings, of a value up to \$2 million on behalf of the Council.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Fraud and Corruption Control Policy
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

The Council considered a report on Fraud and Corruption Control Policy.

SCM87/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Micketja Onus

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Fraud and Corruption Control Policy*; and
2. Approves the Fraud and Corruption Control Policy.

CARRIED

7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Power and Water Corporation and Heads of Agency Maningrida
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Power and Water Corporation and Heads of Agency Maningrida.

SCM88/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Henry Yates

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Power and Water Corporation and Heads of Agency Maningrida*.

CARRIED

8 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

SCM89/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda
Seconded Cr Henry Yates

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 at 11:38am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	2025-26 Budget Review
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

SCM90/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *2025-26 Budget Review*; and
2. Approve the revised 2025-26 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan subject to the following additional 2025-26 budget items:
 - a. Transfer to a balance sheet provision account \$40,000 for the CEO to begin systematic replacement of council's aged IT equipment;
 - b. Create a Sponsorship Reserve and transfer to that reserve up to \$30,000 from savings in 2025-26;
 - c. Create a Capital Reserve project to replace Jabiru Water Meters and transfer to that reserve up to \$30,000 from savings in 2025-26;
 - d. Create a Capital Reserve project for Fleet Replacements and transfer to that reserve up to \$32,500 from 2025-26 surplus funds;
 - e. Increase the unallocated Capital Reserve balance by \$50,000 to become \$200,000 for future capital projects; and
 - f. Repurpose the balance of budgeted 2025-26 savings to elected member travel to facilitate council meetings in council's Local Authority areas and the provision to visit another council.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	Local Government Act - Amendments
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Local Government Act - Amendments.

SCM91/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Micketja Onus

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Local Government Act - Amendments*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Maningrida Region Project Development Consortium
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Maningrida Region Project Development Consortium.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27pm and reconvened at 1:02pm.

SCM92/2025 RESOLVED:
 On the motion of Cr Micketja Onus
 Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Maningrida Region Project Development Consortium*;
2. Support the Maningrida Region Project Development Consortium proposal; and
3. Agree that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer signatures are applied to the draft stakeholder's letter.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

SCM93/2025 RESOLVED:
 On the motion of Mayor James Woods
 Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approve to disclose the following resolutions from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes;
 - Item 9.1 2025-26 Budget Review
 - Item 9.2 Local Government Act Amendments
 - Item 9.3 Maningrida Region Project Development Consortium; and
2. Open the meeting to the public at 1:25pm after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

The public was re-admitted at 1:25pm.

11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 1:26pm.

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