



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2022
AT 9:00 AM**

**AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE - KATHERINE
29 Crawford Street, Katherine East NT 0850**



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Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



The meeting opened the time being 09:06AM

1. Present

Elected Members Present

Mayor (Chair)	Brian Pedwell
Deputy Mayor	Andrew McTaggart
Councillor	Yvette Williams
Councillor	Georgina Macleod
Councillor	Shirley Garlett

Staff Present

Chief Executive Officer	Russell Anderson
Director of Corporate and Community Services	Trudy Braun
Manager of Executive Services	Michelle Will (minute taker)
Governance Manager	Janelle Iszlaub

Guests

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	Amanda Haigh (until 09:30am)
Consultant	Elizabeth Stubbs

2. Apologies - Nil

3. Presentations - Deputations – Petitions - Nil

4. Public Question Time - Nil

5. Disclosure of Interest - Councillors and Staff

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1. Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 September 2022

Motion

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 September 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Mover: Cr Yvette Williams

Seconder: Cr Shirley Garlett

Resolution:OCM-2022/155: Carried 5 / 0

The following amendments are to be made:



- Page 14 - Amendment to be made to Motion B: OCM-2022/131, *'That the train, carriages, and shed be gifted to the Northern Territory National Trust for these heritage assets so they can be kept in good order for the benefit and continued enjoyment of the Pine Creek community'*
- Page 21 - Amendment to be made to OCM-2022/154 - remove *'unless by resolution of council'*

6.2. Special Council Meeting held on 15 October 2022

Motion

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 15 October 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Seconded: Cr Yvette Williams

Resolution:OCM-2022/156: Carried 5 / 0

7. Call for Items of General Business

8. Mayoral Report

Mayor Brian Pedwell provided a verbal update at the meeting.

- CEO and Mayor met with the Board of Gurindji Corporation.
- Special Council Meetings.
- Attended CEO interviews with panel members.
- Met with planning consultant for Pearce Street
 - Received a support letter from Jake Quinlivan.
 - Awaiting reference number to proceed with works.
- Mayor conducting research regarding action item - speed humps Nitjpurru.
- No response received from NAAJA as yet regarding Lingara Homelands.

Motion

The Mayor will circulate a Mayoral report at the meeting and provide a verbal update.

Mover: Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Shirley Garlett

Resolution:OCM-2022/157: Carried 5 / 0

9. CEO Update

9.1. CEO Report

Motion

A. That the CEO Report be received and noted.

Mover: Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Shirley Garlett

Resolution:OCM-2022/158: Carried 5 / 0

Discussions ensued regarding NDIS

Records Management requirements will be fulfilled with the adoption of AvePoint.



VDRC telecommunications is being reviewed.

Action item - thorough paper to next Ordinary Council Meeting regarding NDIS program and provision of services.

10. Reports to Council

10.1. Reports for Council Decision

10.1.1. Nauiyu - Boardroom costs for community meetings

Motion

- A. That the report "Nauiyu Boardroom costs for community meetings" is received and noted.
- B. Discretion be provided to Council Operations Managers to waver meeting room fees and charges to community groups.

Mover: Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Georgina Macleod **Resolution:OCM-2022/159:** Carried 5 / 0

***The meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10:41am.
The meeting resumed, the time being 11:00am***

10.1.2. Homelands Service Provision 2023-24 and 2024-25

Director of Council Operations, Matthew Cheminant, provided an update to council regarding Homelands service provision. Grants Manager, Keira Townsend provided additional information regarding specifics of the Homelands contract.

Motion

- A. That the report Homelands Service Provision 2023-24 and 2024-25 is received and noted
- B. Without adequate funding Council will not consider the 2023-25 contract.
- C. Council received an email from Director, Homelands Services Group on 10 October 2022 pointing out that "*service providers must be compliant with the terms of their current service agreement to be eligible for a new two-year service agreement*", therefore council will not enter the two year service agreement (2023-25) due to insufficient funding.

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Seconded: Mayor Brian Pedwell **Resolution:OCM-2022/160:** Carried 5 / 0

10.1.3. Mentor Coordinator Position

Motion

- A. That the report Mentor Coordinator Position is received and noted
- B. That Council approves the change to the current organisational structure to include an Indigenous Mentor/Support Coordinator in corporate services.



C. That Council approves the commencement of recruitment to the Indigenous Mentor/Support Coordinator position.

D. That Council approves the operational costs to be absorbed by Council funds.

Mover: Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/161: Carried 5 / 0

10.2. Reports for Information

10.2.1. Financial Report for the month of September 2022

Motion

A. That the Financial Report for the month of September 2022 report is received and noted

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Seconded: Cr Yvette Williams

Resolution:OCM-2022/162: Carried 5 / 0

10.2.2. Community Safety & Wellbeing

Motion

A. That the Community Safety & Wellbeing report is received and noted

Mover: Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Georgina Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/163: Carried 5 / 0

10.2.3. CSIRO Research - Victoria River Catchment

Motion

A. That the CSIRO Research - Victoria River Catchment documents is received and noted

Mover: Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Mayor Brian Pedwell

Resolution:OCM-2022/164: Carried 5 / 0

11. Local Authority

11.1. Local Authority Minutes - Nil

11.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations - Nil

12. Action Sheet

12.1. Action Sheet

*The meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 11:49am.
The meeting resumed, the time being 01:00pm*



Motion

A. That the Action Sheet report is received and noted

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Seconder: Cr Yvette Williams

Resolution: OCM-2022/167: Carried 5 / 0

Confidential Business was brought forward in the agenda.

The meeting moved into confidential, the time being 1:01PM

17. Confidential

THAT pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

Moved: Deputy Mayor McTaggart

Seconded: Councillor Shirley Garlett

17.1. CDP Report and Deed of Variation

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person

17.2. Business Plan - Aged Care / NDIS Facility - Timber Creek

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person

17.3. Lot 58 Bulla Community

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person



17.4. Aerodrome Contract for the period of 36 months

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person

17.5. Progress Report on Grant Applications

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person

17.6. Heron Crescent

Status 51(1)(c)(i) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person

17.7. Information for GRAC meeting

Status 51(1)(b) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

Motion

- A. That the report Information for GRAC meeting is received and noted
- B. Due to Sport and Recreation and Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) services not being provided as per the agreement with Green Rivers Aboriginal Corporation (GRAC), that all current and future funding for Nauiyu be returned to the funding provider, this being National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)
- C. That the above resolution is released to the open session minutes.

Mover: Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart



Seconder: Cr Shirley
Garlett

Resolution:OCMC-2022/55: Carried 5 / 0

Motion

That the confidential session be closed, and the open session resume.

Mover: Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart

Seconder: Cr Yvette Williams

The open session resumed, the time being 3:29PM

13. Correspondence In & Out

13.1. Correspondence

Motion

A. That the Correspondence report is received and noted

Mover: Cr Shirley Garlett

Seconder: Cr Yvette Williams

Resolution:OCM-2022/165: Carried 5 / 0

Action Item: Letter be sent from Mayor to Ministers Lawler and Fyles with supporting attachments from TCLA regarding infrastructure in Timber Creek (copy: Dheran Young, Marion Scrymgour, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy)

14. Notices of Motion - Nil

15. General Business

13.1 Kakadu Litter

Action: Letter to DIPL requesting additional roadside stops and waste facilities on Kakadu Highway outside the National Park boundary due to parks policy "take your rubbish with you", as the rubbish comes to VDRC facilities, in particular Pine Creek.

Action: Letter to West Arnhem seeking support for councils request to DIPL for more facilities on Arnhem and Kakadu Highway due to parks policy "take your rubbish with you" as the rubbish comes to VDRC facilities, in particular Pine Creek.

13.2 Homelands Audit Report

Action: Council seek the audit report on Homelands (to be distributed to elected members)

13.3 LGANT Grants Commission and Neighborhood Watch

Nil nominations received



13.3 LGANT AGM

Motion

The following members and staff will attend the LGANT GM and AGM in Darwin from 16-18 November 2022 - Mayor Pedwell, Councillor Macleod and CEO Russell Anderson.

Mover: Cr Yvette Williams

Seconder: Cr Shirley Garlett

Resolution:OCM-2022/166: Carried 5 / 0

16. Supplementary Reports

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 03:46PM

18. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 29 November 2022.

This page and the preceding nine (9) pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on 25 October 2022.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell