

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 23 April 2024  
Council Chambers

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING**

**Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 14:37, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph F Blyth
Councillor	Mickitja Onus (via video)
Councillor	Otto Dann
Councillor	Henry Guwiyul
Councillor	Jacqueline Phillips (via video)
Councillor	James Marrawal

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer	Andrew Walsh
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
General Manager Technical Services (Acting)	Clem Beard
Finance Manager (Acting)	Corey White
Communications and Public Relations Coordinator	Heidi Walton
Governance and Risk Advisor (Acting)	Jasmine Mortimore
Manager Community Services Support	Marnie Mitchell

**3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

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

**OCM83/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Mayor Woods  
Seconded Cr Marrawal**

**THAT COUNCIL**

1. Notes the apology received from Donna Nadjamerrek, Julius Kernan, Gabby Gumurdul and Otto Dann for the meeting held on 23 April 2024

CARRIED

**4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Acceptance of Agenda</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

**OCM84/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Cr Marrawal**

**Seconded Cr Onus**

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Council meeting held on 23 April 2024.

CARRIED

**5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

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

**OCM85/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams**

**Seconded Cr Onus**

THAT COUNCIL received no declarations of interest as listed for the Special Council meeting held on 23 April 2024.

CARRIED

**6 ACTION REPORTS**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Filling Casual Vacancy - Maningrida Ward</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Council considered a report on Filling Casual Vacancy - Maningrida Ward.

**OCM86/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Cr Blyth**

**Seconded Cr Phillips**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Filling Casual Vacancy - Maningrida Ward*; and
2. Notes the nominations received by Garth Doolan, Tim Wilton and Tyson Ryan.
3. Approved to extend nominations to fill the casual vacancy at the Ordinary Council Meeting in June 2024

CARRIED

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Capital Reserve Movements</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Imran Shajib, Management Accountant</b>

The Council deferred a report on Capital Reserve Movements.

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>6.3</b>
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Revised Operational and Capital Budget 2023-24</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Imran Shajib, Management Accountant</b>

The Council considered a report on Revised Operational and Capital Budget 2023-24.

**OCM87/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Cr Marrawal**  
**Seconded Mayor Woods**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Revised Operational and Capital Budget 2023-24*; and
2. That Council adopted the Revised Operating and Capital Budget prepared for 2023-24 , following a review at 31 March 2024, in accordance with Section 203(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

**CARRIED**

## **7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Overview of Night Patrol Services</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Marnie Mitchell, Manager Community Services Support</b>

The Council considered a report on Overview of Night Patrol Services.

**OCM88/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Cr Guwiyul**  
**Seconded Cr Marrawal**

THAT COUNCIL received and noted the report entitled *Overview of Night Patrol Services*.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Human Resources Report 1 January to 31 March</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Mark Uwarow, Manager Human Resources</b>

The Council considered a report on Human Resources Report 1 January to 31 March.

**OCM89/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Cr Onus**  
**Seconded Cr Marrawal**

THAT COUNCIL received and noted the report entitled *Human Resources Report 1 January to 31 March*.

**CARRIED**

## **8 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

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

**OCM90/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Mayor Woods**  
**Seconded Cr Blyth**

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**

## 9 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*.

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>12.3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

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

**OCM103/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Mayor Woods**  
**Seconded Cr Guwiyul**

THAT COUNCIL opened the meeting to the public after the discussion of confidential items, and approved to disclose resolution 12.1 and 12.2 from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes.

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Future of CouncilBIZ</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Finance</b>

Clem Beard declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 14:37

The Council considered a report on Future of CouncilBIZ.

**OCM101/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams**  
**Seconded Mayor Woods**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled Future of CouncilBIZ; and
2. Approve the decision that CouncilBIZ cease operations and, subject to the Minister's decision, begin dissolving as an entity by 31 December 2024;
3. Approve Council to begin the process of resigning as a member of CouncilBIZ.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Revised Commercial Budget 2023-24</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Imran Shajib, Management Accountant</b>

The Council considered a report on Revised Commercial Budget 2023-24.

**OCM102/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams**  
**Seconded Cr Marrawal**

THAT COUNCIL:

3. Receive and note the report titled Revised Commercial Budget 2023-24; and
4. That Council adopted the Revised Operating and Capital Budget prepared for 2023-24 in relation to council's commercial activities, following a review on 31 March 2024, in accordance with Section 203(2) of the Local Government Act 2019.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>12.3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

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

**OCM103/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Mayor Woods**  
**Seconded Cr Guwiyul**

THAT COUNCIL opened the meeting to the public after the discussion of confidential items, and approved to disclose resolution 12.1 and 12.2 from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes.

**CARRIED**

The public was re-admitted at 16:16.

## **12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED**

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 16:17.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 23 April 2024.