

After Council members swearing an Oath of Office and determination of position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for West Daly Regional Council, Mayor John Wilson welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 10:49am.

### **PRESENT**

John Wilson	Mayor
Terry Sams	Deputy Mayor
Ralph Narburup	Councillor
Wally Minjin	Councillor
Mark Tunmuck-Smith	Councillor

### Staff

Shaun Hardy	Chief Executive Officer
Ramesh Pudasaini	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Rebecca Purser	Governance Manager
Raj Khanal	Procurement Officer
Shae Reilly	Administration Officer

### Guests

Nicolas Sharah	Department of Housing and Community Services
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### **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil apologies received.

Councillor Andrew Brown was absent and subsequently tendered his resignation.

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**

There were no declarations of interest at this Council Meeting.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 July 2017**

**119/2017 RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**That** the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

#### **Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 2 August 2017**

**120/2017 RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin

Resolution: Unanimously

**That** the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

### **Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 21 August 2017**

#### **121/2017 RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Narburup

Seconded: Cr. Minjin

Resolution: Unanimously

**That** the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

### **CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

Ramesh Pudasaini called for a discussion regarding telephones and iPads for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors and vehicle for the Mayor. Matter to be discussed under confidential session.

### **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

#### **1) Swearing in Ceremony of Newly Elected Councillors**

At 10:20am all elected members committed to and signed an Oath of Office prior to the opening of the meeting and appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

#### **2) Appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

At 10:28am, two nominations for the position of Mayor being Councillor John Wilson and Councillor Andrew Brown were received. The appointment was determined by a members vote with the result being 5 to 1 in favour of Councillor John Wilson.

There was only one nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor being Councillor Terry Sams.

#### **12 Motion:**

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- 1. That Councillor John Wilson is appointed to the position of Mayor of the West Daly Regional Council for the term of office and will cease at the conclusion of the next general election.**
- 2. That Councillor Terry Sams is appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor of the West Daly Regional Council and will cease at the conclusion of the next general election.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

#### **3) Meeting procedures and Casting Vote by the Chair**

Councillors had a general discussion around Councillor Brown being absent for the meeting after Mayor and Deputy Mayor were appointed. CEO advised that Councillor Brown would be given an opportunity for a cooling off period regarding his intention to resign. If it is his intention then once a written resignation is received the CEO will contact NTEC as a By-Election will be held.

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**Motion:**

- 1. That Council adopt policy 1.1.19 Meeting Procedures with the policy to be reviewed at the conclusion of the next general election.**
- 2. That council approves and notes that the Chair of any meeting will have a casting vote.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith  
Resolution: Unanimously

Cr Mark Tunmuck-Smith left the meeting, the time being 11:17am

Cr Mark Tunmuck-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 11:23am

Deputy Mayor Terry Sams left the meeting, the time being 11:24am

Deputy Mayor Terry Sams returned to the meeting, the time being 11:26am

**4) Chief Executive Officer Report**

The Chief Executive Officer spoke to his written report.

Councillors asked for a plaque or headstone for The Late Mayor. General discussion took place regarding a possible welcoming ceremony for the new Council which could be combined with an AFL NT competition and a shield in honour of The Late Mayor be presented.

CEO to arrange some options and will present at the next council meeting.

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**Motion:**

- 1. That Council receive the report from the CEO.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**5) Elected Member Allowances**

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**Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the information regarding allowances.**
- 2. That Council adopt the following policies with the policies to be reviewed prior to the next financial years' budget being adopted:**
  - (a) 1.1.09 – Elected Members Allowance**
  - (b) 1.1.14 – Local Authorities**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**6) Schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings for 2017/2018**

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**Motion:**

**1. That Council confirms the following dates for Ordinary Council Meetings to be set down and a notice be placed on the website:**

- (a) 25 October 2017 – Palumpa
- (b) 22 November 2017 – Darwin
- (c) 13 December 2017 – Darwin
- (d) 24 January 2018 – Darwin
- (e) 21 February 2018 – Wadeye
- (f) 21 March 2018 – Peppimenarti
- (g) 25 April 2018 – Emu Point
- (h) 23 May 2018 – Palumpa
- (i) 20 June 2018 – Wadeye
- (j) 25 July 2018 – Peppimenarti
- (k) 22 August 2018 – Emu Point
- (l) 26 September 2018 – Palumpa
- (m) 24 October 2018 – Wadeye
- (n) 21 November 2018 – Darwin
- (o) 12 December 2018 – Darwin

**2. That Council resolves not to form a Finance Committee for the term of council with the decision to be reviewed at the conclusion of the next general election.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

**7) Audit Committee and nomination of members**

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**Motion:**

**1. That Council appoints Deputy Mayor Terry Sams and Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith as the committee members for the audit committee.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**8) Nominations for Local Authority Members**

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**Motion:**

**1. That Council appoints the following members to the Local Authority for Palumpa:**

- a) Andrea Cameron**

- b) Chris Jones
- c) Karen Anglitchi
- d) Jeff Wodidj
- e) Amy Narburup
- f) Jill Wodidj
- g) Moses Wodidj
- h) Warren Wodidj
- i) Adrian Ariuu

**2. That Council appoints the following members to the Local Authority for Peppimenarti:**

- a) Annunciata Wilson
- b) Dean Wilson
- c) Karl Lukanovic
- d) Henry Wilson
- e) Leanne Black
- f) Anthony Thomas

**3. That Council appoints the following members to the Local Authority for Wadeye:**

- a) Cyril Ninnal
- b) Damien Tunmuck
- c) Romelo Tchernia
- d) Alphonsus Kungul
- e) Mark Martin
- f) Leon Melpi
- g) Ken James

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
 Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
 Resolution: Unanimously

**9) Local Authority Project/Action Items**

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**Motion:**

**1. That Council receives and notes the update regarding local authority projects.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
 Seconded: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith  
 Resolution: Unanimously

Cr Mark Tunmuck-Smith left the meeting, the time being 11:45am  
 Cr Mark Tunmuck-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 11:46am

Cr Ralph Narburup left the meeting, the time being 11:47am  
 Cr Ralph Narburup returned to the meeting, the time being 11:51am

**10) Nomination of Two Delegates for LGANT General and Annual General Meetings**

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**Motion:**

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**1. That Council nominates the following elected members as the delegated representatives for LGANT General and Annual General Meetings.**

- a) **Mayor John Wilson**
- b) **Councillor Wally Minjin**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

#### **11) Nominations to the LGANT Executive Board**

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**Motion:**

- 1. That Council nominates Councillor Ralph Narburup for the vacant position of Executive Board Member of the LGANT Executive Board.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith  
Resolution: Unanimously

#### **12) Call for Nominations to LGANT Committees**

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**Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and note the request for nominations to LGANT Committees and decline to nominate an elected member.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

Chairperson closed the meeting at 12:25pm for lunch break for one hour.

Chairperson re-opened the meeting at 1:32pm.

Administration Officer, Shae Reilly, did not return to the meeting.

#### **13) Budget - FY17/18**

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**Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives the information on council's Budget for FY17/18.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

#### **14) Financial Report - August 2017**

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**1. That Council receives the financial report for Aug 2017.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

**15) 2017-18 Municipal and Essential Services Special Purpose Grant (MESSPG) Funding Agreement**

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**Motion:**

**1. That Council receives and notes the 2017-18 Municipal and Essential Services Special Purpose Grant Funding Agreement and approves the use of the common seal.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

**COMMUNITY REPORTS**

Community Services Manager Wadey, Michael Fitisemanu, joined the meeting at 2:15pm

**16) Wadey Community Services Manager's Report**

In response to the Wadey Festival, Deputy Mayor Sams requested that all communities be notified of any future festivals/community activities in advance.

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**Motion:**

**1. That Council receives and notes the Community Services Manager's report**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

**17) Peppimenarti Community Services Manager's Report**

In the absence of the Peppimenarti Community Services Manager, the CEO spoke the written report.

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**Motion:**

**1. That council receives and notes the Community Services Manager's report**

Moved: Cr. Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT**

**18) Incoming Correspondence**

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**Motion:**

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Moved: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**19) Outgoing Correspondence**

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Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**20) Common Seal Register**

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01 **1. That Council receives and notes the use of the common seal.**  
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Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

To be discussed under confidential session.

**DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION at 2:46pm**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

**21 Darwin Office Accommodation** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (f) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains Under Part 4 of the Local Government Regulations 8 (c) (i) "cause commercial prejudice to or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person".*

**22. Elected Member Telephones and iPads and Vehicle for Mayor** – *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains 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.*



The meeting closed at 3:10pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING 8 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Meeting of Council HELD ON Wednesday, 13 September 2017 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 25 October 2017.