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New structure to Council Meeting agendas

Alice Springs Town Council meetings will take on a new feel with a change in the structure and order of business to come into effect this month.

The new structure will see the Open Section of the Ordinary Council Meeting move ahead of the Confidential section, beginning now at 9am. Members of the public will be able to enter the Council Chamber from the beginning of the meeting to ask questions of their Elected Members.

The Open meeting will continue until business has concluded with the Confidential section taking place immediately after.

"As a Council, we are always looking for opportunities to adapt and do things in the most efficient and effective way possible," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"This move allows us to follow what is considered best practice around the country and comes with guidance from the Department of Local Government. It also ensures that the most critical items we discuss as a Council are front and centre.

"The most important thing for residents to know is that if you have a question for your Elected Members, you can address us at the beginning of the meeting or email us at eaexecutive@astc.nt.gov.au."

The new meeting structure will be in place for the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 August 2024, beginning at 9am in the Council Chamber. All members of the public are welcome to attend. Those that can't make it in person can watch the livestream on Council's <u>Vimeo channel</u>.

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