

# **COUNCIL** MINUTES

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## CITY OF PALMERSTON

Minutes of Council Meeting held in Council Chambers Civic Plaza, Palmerston on Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 6.31pm.

Mayor	lan	Abbott
		Chair

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#### Acknowledgement of Traditional Ownership

I respectfully acknowledge the past and present Traditional Custodians of this land on which we are meeting, the Larrakia people. It is a privilege to be standing on Larrakia country.

#### 1 PRESENT

Elected Members: His Worship the Mayor Ian Abbott (Chair)

Deputy Mayor Sue McKinnon Alderman Athina Pascoe-Bell Alderman Andrew Byrne Alderman Paul Bunker Alderman Seranna Shutt

Staff: Ricki Bruhn, Chief Executive Officer

Ben Dornier, Director of Corporate Services Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services Jan Peters, Director of Community Services

Natasha Clifton, Minute Secretary Maxie Smith, Acting Finance Manager

Gerard Rosse, Manager Planning and Environment Services

Gallery: 34 members of the public

Lauren Roberts, Journalist NT News

Saramat Ruchkaew, President NT Thai Association Inc.

Alan Hudson, NT Thai Association Inc. Rob Montague, NT Thai Association Inc.

#### 2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

Seconded: Alderman Bunker

- 1. THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 4 April 2017 pages 9092 to 9097, be confirmed.
- 2. THAT the Confidential minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 4 April 2017 pages 295 to 297, be confirmed.
- 3. THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Monday, 10 April 2017 pages 9098 to 9100, be confirmed.
- 4. THAT the Confidential minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Monday, 10 April 2017 pages 298 to 302, be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/2585 - 18/04/2017

## 4 MAYOR'S REPORT

Nil.

## 5 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil.

## 6 QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

#### 7 QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

#### **8** PETITIONS

8.1 Petition against Cessation of the YMCA Fitness & Community Services in Palmerston - Presented by Joanna Taylor Petition of 2563 signatories

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

THAT Council receive the petition against Cessation of the YMCA Fitness & Community Services in Palmerston dated 13 April 2017.

CARRIED 8/2586 - 18/04/2017

#### 9 DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Land Sort for NT Thai Community Centre & Partnership with NT Thai Songkran Festival Presentation by Saramat Ruchkew, President, Rob Montague and Alan Hudson NT Thai Association Inc.

## 10 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

10.1 Inquiry and Recommendations made by the NT Ombudsman into the leasing of the Library Café to Mosko's Market – Alderman Pascoe-Bell

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

Seconded:

 THAT the Chief Executive Officer provides all correspondence both from and to the NT Ombudsman to the Council, including but not limited to the recommendations made by the Ombudsman, in a confidential report.

#### MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell Seconded: Alderman Byrne

2. THAT the Chief Executive Officer provides a report for the Council based on how the Chief Executive Officer will implement the recommendations made by the NT Ombudsman in relation to the process used for the leasing of Council property. This report is to be provided in the Open or Public Agenda of a Council Meeting.

CARRIED 8/2587 - 18/04/2017

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

3. THAT all further inquiries by the NT Ombudsman on any matter are brought to the attention of the Council for information, noting and to ensure that recommendations are implemented appropriately.

CARRIED 8/2588- 18/04/2017

## 11 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Governance and Organisation

Nil.

11.2 Economic Development and Infrastructure

Nil.

#### 11.3 Community Culture and Environment

Moved: Alderman Shutt

Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

THAT the minutes from the Community, Culture and Environment Committee meeting held on 5 April 2017, be received and noted and that Council adopts the recommendations made by the Committee with the exclusion of item 11.3.1 and accordingly resolves as follows:-

11.3.2 Financial Support – YMCA of the Top End Community Services Inc.

CCE/0684

THAT Council approve the grant to YMCA of the Top End Community Services Inc. to the value of \$11,750.

11.3.3 Financial Support - Top End Rumble

CCE/0686

THAT Council approve the sponsorship to Top End Rumble to the value of \$2,000.

11.3.4 Financial Support - Request for Variation of Terms and Conditions of Aridagawa Scholarship - Palmerston Senior College CCE/0688

THAT Council approve the variation in allocation of funds to Palmerston Senior College to the value of \$2,000.

11.3.5 Goyder Square Shade Options

CCE/0695

THAT the original shade report for Goyder Square be brought back to Council for consideration.

CARRIED 8/2589 - 18/04/2017

11.3.1 Financial Support - Scholarship - Ashlee Coleman

CCE/0682

Moved: Alderman Shutt

Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

THAT Council approve the scholarship to Ms Ashlee Coleman to the value of \$1,500.

CARRIED 8/2590 - 18/04/2017

#### 12 INFORMATION AGENDA

#### 12.1 Items for Exclusion

Nil.

#### 12.2 Receipt of Information Reports

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

THAT the information items contained within the Information Agenda, be received.

CARRIED 8/2591 - 18/04/2017

## 13.1 Officer Reports

13.1.1 Development Application – PA2017/0126 – Lot 13502 (6) Tuckeroo Boulevard, Zuccoli – 72 x 2 bedroom multiple dwellings in 5 x 4 storey buildings 8/1136

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell Seconded: Alderman Bunker

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1136.

CARRIED 8/2592 - 18/04/2017

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

2. THAT Council endorses Attachment A to Report Number 8/1136.

CARRIED 8/2593 - 18/04/2017

13.1.2 Development Application PA2017/0099 - Subdivision to create 50 lots (Zuccoli Stage 1, Sub Stage 3.3) on Lot 14375 Zuccoli Parade, Zuccoli 8/1137

Moved: Alderman Bunker Seconded: Alderman Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1137.

CARRIED 8/2594 - 18/04/2017

Moved: Alderman Bunker Seconded: Alderman Shutt

2. THAT Council endorses Attachment A to Report Number 8/1137.

CARRIED 8/2595 - 18/04/2017

13.1.3 Application for Separate Titles by way of Subdivision – Lot 9609 8/1139

Moved: Alderman Byrne

Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

- 1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1139.
- THAT Council approves the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer signing and sealing Form
  Application for Separate Titles by way of Subdivision and any other required documentation to support the issuing of separate titles for Lot 14829 and Lot 14830.

CARRIED 8/2596 - 18/04/2017

13.1.4 Financial Report for the Month of March 2017 8/1145

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell Seconded: Alderman Byrne

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1145.

CARRIED 8/2597 - 18/04/2017

13.1.5 Community Benefits Scheme 8/1149

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1149.

CARRIED 8/2598 - 18/04/2017

13.1.6 Palmerston Recreation Centre 8/1150

Moved: Alderman Bunker Seconded: Alderman Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1150.

CARRIED 8/2599 - 18/04/2017

Moved: Alderman Bunker

Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

2. THAT the City of Palmerston resume management control over the Palmerston Recreation Centre following the expiry of the YMCA Top End's Management Contract on 27 April 2017.

CARRIED 8/2600 - 18/04/2017

Moved: Alderman Shutt

Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

3. THAT the Palmerston Recreation Centre continue to be utilised as a community facility for the delivery of sporting, recreational and community programs, events and services.

CARRIED 8/2601 - 18/04/2017

13.1.7 2017 Local Government General Election Candidate Information Session 8/1138

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

- 1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1138.
- THAT the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) and Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) hold the Local Government General Election Candidate Information Session on Tuesday, 16 May 2017.

CARRIED 8/2602 - 18/04/2017

13.1.8 Palmerston Swimming Pool

8/1151

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon Seconded: Alderman Shutt

Seconded. Alderman Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1151.

3 Votes for, 3 Votes against

The Chair exercised his casting vote and declared the motion CARRIED.

CARRIED 8/2603 - 18/04/2017

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell Seconded: Alderman Bunker

2. THAT the swimming pool tender be deferred until after the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 meeting of Council.

CARRIED 8/2604 - 18/04/2017

## 14 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 15 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

## 16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair responded to a series of questions from members of the public on the future of the Palmerston Recreation Centre and the Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre and the services delivered by the YMCA.

Matt Sheddan asked if the Council is supportive of YMCA's continuing operations down at the Aquatic Lifestyle Centre.

The Chair took the question on notice.

Joanna Taylor asked if Council will commit to any public consultation exercise before making long term decisions for those of the Recreation Centre and Moulden Centre.

The Chair took the question on notice.

Amanda Paddon asked if there will be somewhere to go on the 28<sup>th</sup> April.

The Chair took the question on notice.

## 17 OTHER BUSINESS

#### 17.1 Alderman Shutt - Acknowledgment of the Heroic Actions of Melissa Lay

Alderman Shutt acknowledged the heroic actions of Melissa Lay who rescued a 1 year old boy from Sanctuary Lakes on the weekend.

## 17.2 Alderman Shutt - Multicultural Northern Territory Round Table

Alderman Shutt advised of her attendance and participation at the Multicultural Northern Territory Round Table.

#### 18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Moved: Alderman Byrne

Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

#### 18.1 Financial Hardship Application - 114299

8/1140

- 1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Community Services, Acting Finance Manager and Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 18.1 Financial Hardship Application 114299 and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:
  - (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

This item is considered confidential pursuant to Regulation 8 (b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 18 April 2017, in relation to confidential item number 18.1 Financial Hardship Application – 114299, the report and associated documents remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

8/1141

- 1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Community Services, Acting Finance Manager and Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 18.2 Financial Hardship Application 103777 and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:
  - (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

This item is considered confidential pursuant to Regulation 8 (b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 18 April 2017, in relation to confidential item number 18.2 Financial Hardship Application – 103777, the report and associated documents remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

#### 18.3 Financial Hardship Application - 105701

8/1142

- 1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Community Services, Acting Finance Manager and Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 18.3 Financial Hardship Application 105701 and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:
  - (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

This item is considered confidential pursuant to Regulation 8 (b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 18 April 2017, in relation to confidential item number 18.3 Financial Hardship Application – 105701, the report and associated documents remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

8/1143

- 1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Community Services, Acting Finance Manager and Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 18.4 Financial Hardship Application 102230 and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:
  - (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

This item is considered confidential pursuant to Regulation 8 (b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 18 April 2017, in relation to confidential item number 18.4 Financial Hardship Application – 102230, the report and associated documents remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

#### 18.5 Financial Hardship Application - 112979

8/1144

- 1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Community Services, Acting Finance Manager and Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 18.5 Financial Hardship Application 112979 and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:
  - (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

This item is considered confidential pursuant to Regulation 8 (b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 18 April 2017, in relation to confidential item number 18.5 Financial Hardship Application – 112979, the report and associated documents remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Meeting moved into the Confidential Session at 8.40pm.

- 18.6 Moving decisions from the Confidential Session into the Open Session
- 4.1 Financial Hardship Application 114299

8/1140

- 1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1140.
- 2. THAT Council approves remission of interest for the period 17 March 2017 to 30 June 2017 for assessment 114299 under the conditions of the rates concession policy FIN17.
- 3. THAT the resolutions only come back to the open session.
- 4.2 Financial Hardship Application 103777

8/1141

- 1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1141.
- 2. THAT Council approves remission of interest for the period 14 March 2017 to 30 June 2017 for assessment 103777 under the conditions of the rates concession policy FIN17.
- 3. THAT the resolutions only come back to the open session.
- 4.3 Financial Hardship Application 105701

8/1142

- 1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1142.
- 2. THAT Council approves remission of interest for the period 3 April 2017 to 30 June 2017 for assessment 105701 under the conditions of the rates concession policy FIN17.
- 3. THAT the resolutions only come back to the open session.
- 4.4 Financial Hardship Application 102230

8/1143

- 1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1143.
- 2. THAT Council approves remission of interest for the period 28 February 2017 to 30 June 2017 for assessment 102230 under the conditions of the rates concession policy FIN17 but that interest only be remitted after successfully meeting the conditions of the arrangement at the end of the financial year.
- 3. THAT the resolutions only come back to the open session.
- 4.5 Financial Hardship Application 112979

8/1144

- 1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/1144.
- 2. THAT Council approves remission of interest for the period 14 March 2017 to 30 June 2017 for assessment 112979 under the conditions of the rates concession policy FIN17.
- 3. THAT the resolutions only come back to the open session.

## 19 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 8.44pm