

CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 5:30pm.**

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Tom Lewis
Alderman Amber Garden
Alderman Benjamin Giesecke
Alderman Damian Hale
Alderman Sarah Henderson
Alderman Lucy Morrison
Alderman Mick Spick

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director Lifestyle and
Community, Amelia Vellar
Environmental/Urban Planner, Damien Scalora
Communications Officer, Catherine Einoder
Minute Secretary, Ashlee Gaddes

GALLERY

ABC Reporter, Kate Ashton
NT News Journalist, Alicia Perera
Minister for Local Government, Hon. Chanston Paech
Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain
Engagement and Communications Advisor Northern Territory
Government, Alyce Mokrzycki
One Member of the Public

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting – the Larrakia People – and pay my respects to their elders, past, present and future.

2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:30pm.

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3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Nil.

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Alderman Morrison

Seconded: Alderman Hale

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Alderman Henderson for 4 February to 11 February 2021 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Alderman Hale for 3 February to 4 February 2021 inclusive be received and noted.

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4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Alderman Henderson

Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Alderman Henderson for 4 February to 11 February inclusive be received and noted.

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5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Alderman Morrison for Item 25.2.1 be received and noted.

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5.2 Staff

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli for Item 25.2.1 be received and noted.

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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 January 2021 pages 10297 to 10307, be confirmed.

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6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil.

7 MAYORAL REPORT

7.1 Mayoral Update Report - 2 February 2021

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Spick

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THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - 2 February 2021 be received and noted.

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8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil.

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

23.1 Presentation by the Minister for Local Government

Moved: Alderman Giesecke

Seconded: Alderman Garden

1. THAT the presentation by Hon. Chanston Paech, Minister for Local Government be received and noted.
2. THAT the Council Decision relating to Agenda Item 23.1 be moved to the Open Minutes of the 2 February 2021 Council Meeting.

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25.2.1 Risk Management and Audit Committee Appointment of Chair

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Appointment of Chair be received and noted.

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Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Hale

2. THAT Mr Mark Blackburn, Independent Member be appointed as Interim Chair to the Risk Management and Audit Committee until a formal permanent appointment of Chairperson to the Committee is made.

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Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Hale

3. THAT Council approve the advertising of the position of Independent Chair and/or Independent Member of the Risk Management and Audit Committee for a period of two years with applications to the Chief Executive Officer in writing, by 5pm Monday 22 March 2021 with a subsequent Council Report providing any applications being presented to the Second Ordinary Council Meeting in April 2021.

CARRIED 9/1475 – 02/02/2021

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

4. THAT the Council Decisions relating to Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Interim Chair and Membership be moved to the Open Minutes of the 2 February 2021 Council Meeting.

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10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil.

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Alderman Giesecke
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT pursuant to *Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008* and *Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items:

ITEM	REGULATION	REASON
23.1	8(e)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act</i> and 8(e) of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal 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 provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.
25.2.1	8(c)(iv)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act</i> and 8(c)(iv) of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal 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 prejudice the interests of the council or some other person is discussed.

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11 PETITIONS

Nil.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

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13 OFFICERS REPORTS

13.1 Receive and Note Reports

13.1.1 Playground Renewal and Play Space Strategy Update

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Hale

THAT Report entitled Playground Renewal and Play Space Strategy Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1461 – 02/02/2021

13.1.2 Catch and Release Fishing Competition Update February 2021

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT Report entitled Catch and Release Fishing Competition Update February 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1462 – 02/02/2021

13.2 Action Reports

13.2.1 Lighting Up Palmerston

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Lighting Up Palmerston be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the Lighting Up Palmerston Policy, as a Policy of Council being **Attachment 13.2.1.1** with clause 4.1.8 to be deleted.

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13.2.2 Certification of Rates Concession

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Certification of Rates Concession be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Certification of Rates Concession provided to eligible commercial/industrial ratepayers in 2019/20 and 2020/21 as presented at **Attachment 13.2.2.2** to report entitled Certification of Rates Concession.

CARRIED 9/1464 - 02/02/2021

13.2.3 Council Advisory Committee Membership Review

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Council Advisory Committee Membership Review be received and noted.
2. THAT a letter offering a membership extension be sent to the Committee Members of the listed Advisory Committees of a continuation of membership term to 14 December 2021, with a response of acceptance due by 5pm Wednesday 3 March 2021:
 - a) Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee:
 - RSPCA Chair of the Board, Danny Moore
 - One Representative, Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities
 - Palmerston Resident, Andrea Ruske
 - Palmerston Resident, Katrina Stafford
 - Palmerston Resident, Jill Pascoe
 - b) Palmerston Safe Communities Advisory Committee:
 - One representative, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (Transit Safety)
 - One Representative, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (Road Safety)
 - One representative, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (Public Transport)
 - One representative, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
 - One representative, from Northern Territory Police
 - One representative, from Northern Territory Police CCTV Unit

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- One representative, from Territory Families
- Youth Outreach and Reengagement Team
- One representative, from Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (Public Housing Safety Unit)
- One representative, from NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- One representative, from NT Community Corrections
- One representative, Licensing NT
- One representative, Amity Community Services NT
- One representative, Buslink
- One representative, Jesuit Social Services
- One representative, Larrakia Nation
- One representative, Local Drug Action Team
- One representative, Mission Australia
- One representative, Neighbourhood Watch NT
- One representative, NT Legal Aid Commission
- One representative, Australian Red Cross (NT)
- One representative, Victims of Crime NT
- One representative, YMCA NT
- One representative, YWCA

c) Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee

- Palmerston Resident, Sheryl Sephton
- Palmerston Resident, Neville Driver
- Palmerston Resident, Maggie Grave
- Palmerston Resident, Ann Brown
- Palmerston Resident, Anne Coutts
- Palmerston Resident, Margaret Moore
- Palmerston Resident, Trevor Miller
- Palmerston Resident, Mary Oliffe
- Litchfield Resident, Lillian Mann
- Litchfield Resident, Barbara Crane
- Litchfield Resident, Dot Chapman
- Litchfield Resident, Sandra Parker

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13.2.4 Council Policy Review MEE01 - Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Confidential Minutes

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Lewis

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review MEE01 - Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Confidential Minutes be received and noted.
2. THAT Council Policy MEE01 Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Confidential Minutes be rescinded.
3. THAT Council adopt policy Confidential Information being **Attachment 13.2.4.2** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - MEE01 Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Confidential Minutes as a policy of Council with the following amendments:
 - Replace section 4.2.1 a) with 'be released to the Open Minutes at a time determined by Council; or'
 - Replace section 4.2.1 b) with section 4.2.1 c).
 - Amend section 4.2.2 to read 'Should a Council Decision not be made under 4.2.1 the decision will be added to the City of Palmerston confidentiality Review List.'

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14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil.

14.2 Correspondence

Nil.

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil.

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil.

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17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

18 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 16 February 2021 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, First Floor, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace Palmerston.

CARRIED 9/1467 – 02/02/2021

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT pursuant to Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* and Regulation 9 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 9/1468 – 02/02/2021

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes for media liaison.

CARRIED 9/1469 – 02/02/2021

The meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 6:02pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:39pm.

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Chair

Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Print Name

16/2/2021
Date

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