

CITY OF PALMERSTON

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

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Amber Garden
Alderman Tom Lewis
Alderman Benjamin Giesecke
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
Director City Growth and Operations, Nadine Nilon
Director Organisational Services, Silke Maynard
Minute Secretary, Cara Currie
Executive Assistant, To Chief Executive Officer Jessie
Schaecken
Communications Support Officer, Ashlee Haslop

GALLERY

LGANT President – Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis
LGANT CEO – Sean Holden

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.

Initials: 

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

THAT the apology received from Alderman Hale for 1 June 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1649 – 01/06/2021

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Deputy Mayor Garden for 23 July 2021 to 30 July 2021 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Alderman Hale for 2 June 2021 to 4 June 2021, and 9 June 2021 to 20 June 2021 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1650 – 01/06/2021

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Alderman Lewis
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Alderman Hale for the meeting to be held on 15 June 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1651– 01/06/2021

Initials: 

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Alderman Henderson for Item 25.2.3 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Alderman Giesecke for Item 25.2.3 be received and noted.

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5.2 Staff

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 May 2021 pages 10427 to 10436, be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/1653 – 01/06/2021

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil.

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7 MAYORAL REPORT

7.1 Mayoral Update Report - June 2021

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

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

CARRIED 9/1654 - 01/06/2021

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil.

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

23.2.1 LGANT Council Visit 2021

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Lewis

1. THAT the presentation by Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT) President and Chief Executive Officer entitled LGANT Council Visit 2021 be received and noted.
2. THAT this decision be moved into the open minutes of the ordinary meeting 1 June 2021.

CARRIED 9/1668 - 01/06/2021

Initials:



25.2.1 Taminmin Community Library Agreement

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Taminmin Community Library Agreement be received and noted.
2. THAT Council decline the request for an extension of the Fee for Service agreement with Litchfield Council to provide staff and management oversight for Taminmin Community Library for a further 12 months to 31 December 2022.
3. THAT the Council decisions relating to the report entitled Taminmin Community Library Agreement be moved into the open minutes following notification of the decision to the Litchfield Council.

CARRIED 9/1669 – 01/06/2021

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil.

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT pursuant to *Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act* 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
23.2.1	8(e)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008</i> and <i>Regulation 8(e) of the 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 and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.
25.2.1	8(a)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008</i> and <i>Regulation 8(a) of the 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

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	8(c)(iv)	discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, 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. This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 65(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2008</i> and Regulation 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.
25.2.2	8(c)(i)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 65(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2008</i> and Regulation 8(c)(i) 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.
25.2.3	8(c)(ii)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 65(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2008</i> and Regulation 8(d) 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 subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

CARRIED 9/1655 – 01/06/2021

11 PETITIONS

Nil.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

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13 OFFICERS REPORTS

13.1 Receive and Note Reports

13.1.1 Palmerston Safe Communities Committee Unconfirmed Minutes

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT Report entitled Palmerston Safe Communities Committee Unconfirmed Minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1656 – 01/06/2021

13.2 Action Reports

13.2.1 Council Policy Review - Procurement

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Spick

4. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Procurement be received and noted.
5. THAT the amended Council Policy Procurement being **Attachment 13.2.1.3** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Procurement be adopted with the following changes to replace the current policy *FIN04 Procurement*;
 - To include a definition of diversity
 - Inclusion of the following as part of 4.1 objectives;
 - The employment of aboriginal people
 - Environmental protection and sustainability

CARRIED 9/1657 – 01/06/2021

Initials: 

13.2.2 Durack Community Arts Centre Update

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Durack Community Arts Centre Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the use of the Durack Community Arts Centre as a community facility that focuses on further developing Palmerston's creative sector, through the prioritising of bookings for arts and cultural activities as detailed in report entitled Durack Community Arts Centre Update.

CARRIED 9/1658 – 01/06/2021

13.2.3 Community Venue Hire - Free Initiative

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Spick

1. THAT Report entitled Community Venue Hire - Free Initiative be received and noted.
2. THAT Council continues to offer free hire of Council venues from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 inclusive, at the Palmerston Recreation Centre's community rooms and stadium, the Palmerston Library's Community Room, Driver Resource Centre, and Durack Arts Centre to assist the community.
3. THAT a report on the outcomes from the external review regarding hire charges for Council facilities be presented to Council by the 1st Ordinary meeting in October 2021.

CARRIED 9/1659 – 01/06/2021

13.2.4 Third Budget Review 2020/21

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Third Budget Review 2020/21 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the Third Budget Review 2020/21, per Section 128 (2) of the *Local Government Act*, as presented as **Attachment 13.2.4.1** to Report entitled Third Budget Review 2020/21.
3. THAT Council adopts the revised Reserve movements for 2020/2021 of:

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- Transfers of \$180,000 to Unexpended Capital Works Reserve for the purchase of a weed harvester in the next financial year.
as presented as **Attachment 13.2.4.2** to Report entitled Third Budget Review 2020/21.
4. THAT Council will transfer \$180,000 from the Unexpended Capital Works Reserve to the Capital Works Budget 2021/22 for the purchase of a weed harvester on 1 July 2021.

CARRIED 9/1660 – 01/06/2021

13.2.5 Risk Management Audit Committee Unconfirmed Meeting Minutes – May 2021

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management Audit Committee Unconfirmed Meeting Minutes – May 2021 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Risk Management Audit Committee minutes provided as **Attachment 12.2.5.1** to Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – 25 May 2021 be received and noted.
3. THAT Council endorse the recommendations from the Risk Management & Audit Committee meeting held on 25 May 2021:
 - a. THAT the tabled correspondence received from Mr. Mark Blackburn regarding resignation from the committee be received and noted.
 - b. THAT the Mayor write a letter of thanks to Mr. Mark Blackburn for his tenure as an Independent Member and interim chair to the Risk Management and Audit Committee, we wish him all the best.

CARRIED 9/1661 – 01/06/2021

13.2.6 Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Unconfirmed Minutes

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Spick

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Unconfirmed Minutes be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the recommendations from the Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee being:

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- a. THAT a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mrs. Ann Brown on behalf of the Committee acknowledging her resignation and expressing its gratitude for her participation.
- b. THAT a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mrs. Marg Moore on behalf of the Committee acknowledging her resignation and expressing its gratitude for her participation.
- c. THAT the Chair of the Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee writes to Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics – Traffic, to request an extension of the pedestrian crossing time at the traffic lights at Roystonea Avenue providing access to Gateway Shopping Centre.

CARRIED 9/1662 – 01/06/2021

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information
Nil.

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Northern Territory Government Charges Letter.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT Council receive and note Item 14.2.1 entitled Northern Territory Government Charges Letter.

CARRIED 9/1663 – 01/06/2021

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil.

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

Initials:



18 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday 15, June 2021 at 5:30pm at the Durack Community Arts Centre 33 Packard Avenue, Durack, Palmerston.

CARRIED 9/1665 – 01/06/2021

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

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 9/1666 – 01/06/2021

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil.

The open section of the meeting closed at 5:50 pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:06 pm.

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Chair

Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

15/6/2021

Date

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