

MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 20 September 2022

The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Palmerston held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830

Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Amber Garden
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Sarah Henderson
Councillor Ben Giesecke (*via Audiovisual*)
Councillor Damian Hale
Councillor Lucy Morrison

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
General Manager Community and Culture, Anna Ingram
General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon
Director of Finance and Governance , Wati Kerta
Minute Secretary, Chloe Hayes

GALLERY

One members of the public
Three members of staff
Sean Holden, Rob Sarib, Iain Loganathan and Rosanna from
the Local Government Representation Committee.

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 5.33pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Nil

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Nil

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Council note the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Giesecke who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being a distance further than 100km from the place of meeting.
2. THAT Council note the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Morrison who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to ill health.

CARRIED 10/523 – 20/09/2022

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for Item 13.2.2 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Giesecke for Item 22.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/524 – 20/09/2022

Initials: 

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 September 2022 pages 10828 to 10836 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/525 - 20/09/2022

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 2022 Local Government Representation Committee

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the presentation by Iain Loganathan, Commissioner from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission and Sean Holden, Chief Executive Officer from the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory on behalf of the 2022 Local Government Representation Committee be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/526 - 20/09/2022

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

10.1.2 Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Application Additional Information

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Seconded: Councillor Hale

Initials:



1. THAT Council retrieves Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Application from the table and that this be the next item of consideration in the agenda.
2. THAT the retrieved Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Application be received and noted from the 2nd Ordinary Confidential Council Meeting of 19 July 2022.
3. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Application Additional Information be received and noted.
4. THAT Council declines the 2022/23 scholarship application to the value of \$10,000, for Harrison Port's studies in Bachelor of Education/Bachelor of Fine Arts (Drama) - ID24 at Queensland University of Technology.
5. THAT the Council decision relating to Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Application Additional Information be moved into the Open Minutes once the applicant has been advised.

CARRIED 10/538 – 20/09/2022

Councillor Giesecke declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7.17pm.

10.1.2 Council Advisory Committee Membership

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Council Advisory Committee Membership be received and noted.
2. THAT Council make the following member appointments to the Palmerston Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for a period of two year from date of appointment:
 - Veronica Matipira be appointed as the Youth Community Member representative.
 - Michelle Walker, Regional Executive Director, appointed as the Chief Minister and Cabinet representative.
 - Gabrielle Brown, Executive Director, Families Programs be appointed as a key government representative.
 - Senior Sergeant Siri Tennosaar, Northern Territory Police Office in Charge Palmerston Police Station be appointed as a key government representative.
3. THAT Council make the following member appointments to the Palmerston Safety Advisory Committee for a period of two years from date of appointment:
 - Ashleigh Ascoli be appointed as the Community Member representative.
 - Nelson Tinoco, Larrakia Nation Outreach Manager, be appointed as the Chief Minister and Cabinet representative.
 - Tania Jacobsen, Director of Housing be appointed as Northern Territory Families representative.
 - Superintendent Peter Malley, Northern Territory Police Palmerston, and Road Policing, be appointed as Northern Territory Police representative.
 - Sue Shearer, PRBA, be appointed as a relevant business association representative.

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4. THAT Council make the following members appointments to the Palmerston Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for a period of two years from date of appointment:
 - Sue Shearer, PRBA, be appointed as a Business or Property Association representative.
 - Mohan Kandasa and Carmine Rauseo be appointed as local business owner representatives.
 - Sarah Gotch, Territory Director, be appointed as the Northern Territory Government Chief Minister and Cabinet representative.
5. THAT the first Advisory Committees meeting be held by end of November 2022, followed by Council Network Meetings.
6. THAT following written acceptance to endorsed nominees, Council writes to all other nominees thanking them for their nomination and advising that the nomination was unsuccessful.
7. THAT this decision be made public following advice to all nominees of the outcomes.

CARRIED 10/520 – 6/09/2022

Councillor Giesecke returned to the meeting at 7.29pm.

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT pursuant to Section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items:

Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
25.1.1	External Request for Support	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , which states a 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 about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

CARRIED 10/527 – 20/09/2022

Initials:



11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council revokes the City of Palmerston Disability Access Strategy 2016 effective immediately.
3. THAT Council adopts the City of Palmerston Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025, **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to report entitled Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025.
4. THAT the City of Palmerston Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025, be provided to the NT Office of Disability for inclusion in reporting against Territory-wide disability inclusion and access outcomes.
5. THAT Council write to all participants who provided feedback, thanking them for their participation, and advising of the adoption of the Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025 for their consideration.

CARRIED 10/528 - 20/09/2022

13.1.2 Social Media Policy

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Social Media Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the new Council Policy - Social Media Policy presented as **Attachment 13.1.2** to report entitled Council Policy - Social Media Policy with the following amendments:

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- Removal of the sentence 'Council's Social Media platform includes; Facebook and instagram owned by Meta, and LinkedIn' from the Definitions section in the Policy and;
- Removal of Clause 4.2.4 noting administrative re-numbering
- That clause 4.1.3 be amended to read 'that the comments be excluded and pending outside of those hours'

CARRIED 10/529 – 20/09/2022

13.1.3 Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Review

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amended City of Palmerston FIN18, Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy to take effect from Wednesday 21 September 2022, being **Attachment 13.1.3.3** to report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Review.
3. THAT alternatives to support educational outcomes for the Palmerston community be considered as part of City of Palmerston's FIN 18, Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy to be undertaken by 11 November 2023.

CARRIED 10/530 – 20/09/2022

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Financial Report for the Month of August 2022

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of August 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/531 – 20/09/2022

Mayor Pascoe-Bell declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6.49pm.

Deputy Mayor Garden took place of the chair.

13.2.2 Community Benefit Scheme - Update August 2022

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Update August 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/532 – 20/09/2022

Initials: 

Mayor Pascoe-Bell returned to the meeting and resumed place of the chair at 6.50pm.

13.2.3 myPalmerston Final Report

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Report entitled myPalmerston Final Report be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/533 – 20/09/2022

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Acknowledgment of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT City of Palmerston record its deep regret at the death on 8 September 2022 of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and extend our deepest sympathy to His Majesty King Charles III and his family.

CARRIED 10/534 – 20/09/2022

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/535 – 20/09/2022

Initials: 

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 10/536 – 20/09/2022

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The chair declared the meeting closed at 7.28pm.



Chair

Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

4 October 2022

Date