

# MINUTES

## **2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 18 October 2022**

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

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Minutes of Council Meeting  
held in Council Chambers  
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston  
on Tuesday 18 October 2022 at 5:30pm.

## PRESENT

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### ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor Amber Garden (*via audiovisual*)  
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh  
Councillor Mark Fraser  
Councillor Sarah Henderson  
Councillor Ben Giesecke  
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

Four Members of Staff

## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*City of Palmerston acknowledges the Larrakia people as the Traditional Custodians of the Palmerston region. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future leaders and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.*

## 2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.31pm.

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 3.1 Apologies

Nil

### 3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

*Councillor Giesecke entered the meeting at 5.31pm.*

Nil

### 3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Eveleigh for 25 to 27 October 2022 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Eveleigh for 10 to 19 December 2022 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 6 to 12 November 2022 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/561 – 18/10/2022

## 4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Deputy Mayor Garden who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being ill.

CARRIED 10/562 – 18/10/2022



5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Eveleigh for Item 23.1 and 23.2 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Eveleigh for Item 25.1.2 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/563 – 18/10/2022

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 October 2022 pages 10854 to 10861 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/564 – 18/10/2022

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

### 10.1.1 Presentation by Venture Housing

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. That the Presentation by Karen Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, and Allan McGill, Chairperson, from Venture Housing be received and noted.
2. THAT this decision be moved to the open section of Council Meeting on 18 October 2022.

CARRIED 10/586 – 18/10/2022

### 10.1.2 Presentation by Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the Presentation by Maree De Lacey, Executive Director of Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Karen Broadfoot, General Manager Greater Darwin Region, Jared Collins, Executive Director Market Programs and Reforms and Yvette Park, Director Community Housing Reform from the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities be received and noted.
2. THAT this decision be moved to the open section of Council Meeting on 18 October 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/587 – 18/10/2022

### 10.1.3 Request for Rates Exemption – Venture Housing

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Request for Rates Exemption - Venture Housing be received and noted.
2. That Council endorse the response to Venture Housing Company refusing to provide an exemption of rates being **Attachment 25.1.2.1** to Report entitled Request for Rates Exemption - Venture Housing.
3. THAT the Council decisions relating to Report entitled Request for Rates Exemption - Venture Housing be moved to the Open Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Council Meeting of October 2022.

CARRIED 10/589 – 18/10/2022

## 10.1.4 NT Remuneration Tribunal – Local Government Submission

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Council adopt the tabled document as replacement for **Attachment 25.1.1**.
2. THAT Report entitled NT Remuneration Tribunal - Local Government Submission be received and noted.
3. THAT Council endorse the City of Palmerston submission with minor amendments to the Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal being **Attachment 25.1.1.1** to report entitled NT Remuneration Tribunal - Local Government Submission.
4. THAT this decision be moved to the open section of Council meeting once the Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal have received the submission.

CARRIED 10/590 – 18/10/2022

## 10.1.5 Uniform Animal Management Legislation

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT correspondence received from Minister Chansey Paech, Minister for Local Government dated 4 October 2022 entitled Uniform Animal Management Legislation be received and noted.
2. THAT this decision be moved to the open section of Council Meeting on 18 October 2022.

CARRIED 10/591 – 18/10/2022

## 10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

## 10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

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
23.1	External Presentation	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)(e) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , which states a council may close to the public only so

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		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.
23.2	External Presentation	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)(e) 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 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.
25.1.1	Review of Confidential Matters	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)(c)(iv) 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
25.1.2	Rate Concession Assessment	<p>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.</p> <p>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)(d) 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 subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.</p>
26.2.1	Review of Confidential Matters	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)(c)(iv) 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
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CARRIED 10/565 - 18/10/2022

## 11 PETITIONS

Nil

## 12 NOTICES OF MOTION

### 12.1 Community Environmental Initiatives

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT a report to be prepared for the 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting in February 2023, outlining current City of Palmerston programs and events that promote Environmental Sustainability particularly in relation to greening and cooling our city, and identifying potential opportunities to assist in developing and promoting these initiatives in alignment with relevant local sustainability strategies.

CARRIED 10/566 - 18/10/2022

## 13 OFFICER REPORTS

### 13.1 Action Reports

#### 13.1.1 Financial Reserve Policy Review

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Financial Reserve Policy Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the amended FIN19 Financial Reserves Policy as per **Attachment 13.1.1.3** to this report.
3. THAT Council approve a Financial Reserves Workshop to be held in the first week of March 2023.

CARRIED 10/567 - 18/10/2022

#### 13.1.2 Appointment of Deputy Mayor November 2022 to June 2023

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Appointment of Deputy Mayor November 2022 to June 2023 be received and noted.

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2. THAT Council appoint Councillor Morrison as Deputy Mayor for a period of 207 days in accordance with Council Policy, Appointment of Deputy Mayor, commencing 12 November 2022 to 6 June 2023 (inclusive).

CARRIED 10/568 – 18/10/2022

### 13.1.3 Social Media Policy Adjustment

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Social Media Policy Adjustment be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the adoption of amended City of Palmerston Social Media Policy to take effect from Wednesday 19 October 2022, being Attachment 13.1.3.1 to Report entitled Social Media Policy Adjustment.

CARRIED 10/569 – 18/10/2022

### 13.1.4 Council Policy Grants, Donations and Sponsorships Amendment

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Grants, Donations and Sponsorships Amendment be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the amended Council Policy Grants, Donations and Sponsorships, being **Attachment 13.1.4.3** to report entitled Council Policy Grants, Donations and Sponsorships Amendment.

CARRIED 10/570 – 18/10/2022

### 13.1.5 Local Government Representation Review 2022

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Local Government Representation Review 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse **Attachment 13.1.5.1**, as its submission to the 2022 Local Government Review, Preliminary Report, strongly objecting to the introduction of wards with the Municipality of Palmerston and raising concerns about the potential presence of apprehension of bias and to include amendments identified by Council.
3. That the Mayor writes to the Chief Minister and the Minister of Local Government expressing its concerns regarding the potential presence of apprehension of bias by a 2022 Local Government Review Committee member.

CARRIED 10/571 – 18/10/2022

Initials: 

### 13.1.6 End of Financial Year 2021/22 Reserve Allocation

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled End of Financial Year 2021/22 Reserve Allocation be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/572 - 18/10/2022

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

2. THAT Council adopts the end of financial year reserve movements for 2021/22 of:  
Transfers to Reserve:
  - \$670,942 transfer to the Waste Management Reserve.
  - \$42,872 transfer to the Developer Contribution (FILOC) Reserve.
  - \$779,817 transfer to the Unexpended Grants Reserve.
  - \$50,000 transfer to the Election Reserve.
  - \$ 618,942, or balance of surplus as calculated, transfer to the Major Initiative Reserve

CARRIED 10/573 - 18/10/2022

### 13.2 Receive and Note Reports

#### 13.2.1 Community Benefit Scheme - Update September 2022

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED 10/574 - 18/10/2022

#### 13.2.2 Community and Culture Quarterly Report July to September 2022

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Community and Culture Quarterly Report July to September 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/575 - 18/10/2022

#### 13.2.3 Major Capital Projects October 2022 Update

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Report entitled Major Capital Projects October 2022 Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/576 - 18/10/2022

### 13.2.4 Finance and Governance July to September 2022 Quarterly Report

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Finance and Governance July to September 2022 Quarterly Report be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/577 – 18/10/2022

### 13.2.5 Edible Pocket Gardens Policy

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Report entitled Edible Pocket Gardens Policy be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/578 – 18/10/2022

## 14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 14.1 Information

Nil

### 14.2 Correspondence

#### 14.2.1 Palmerston Youth Festival Funding 2024-2026

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT correspondence received from Chief Minister Natasha Fyles dated 12 October 2022 entitled Palmerston Youth Festival Funding 2024-2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/579 – 18/10/2022

## 15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

## 16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

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### 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 17.1 Recognition of Service and Retirement

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Council express its thanks to Michael Staunton for his 22 years of service to the Palmerston Community in his various roles at the City of Palmerston and wishing him all the best in his retirement.

CARRIED 10/580 – 18/10/2022

### 18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 1 November 2022 at 5:30pm at the Durack Community Hall, Durack Heights, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/581 – 18/10/2022

### 19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

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 10/582 – 18/10/2022

### 20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes.

CARRIED 10/583 – 18/10/2022

The meeting adjourned at 6.18pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.59pm.

Chair

Print Name

Date

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