

MINUTES

1st Ordinary Council Meeting **Tuesday 7 March 2023**

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 7 March 2023 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Amber Garden
Councillor Ben Giesecke
Councillor Damian Hale
Councillor Sarah Henderson

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Amelia Vellar
General Manager Community and Culture,
Anna Ingram
General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon
Director of Finance and Governance, Wati
Kerta
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden
Executive Assistant to the CEO, Kate Roberts

GALLERY

One member of the public
Five 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 5.32pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the apology received from Deputy Mayor Morrison for 7 March 2023 be received and noted.

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3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

THAT it be noted Deputy Mayor Morrison will be on leave of absence as previously granted on 7 February 2023, for the period 4 March to 28 March 2023 inclusive.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 8 March to 10 March 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 21 March to 23 March 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 2 June to 5 June 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 27 July to 29 July 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
5. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 10 October to 15 October 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
6. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Giesecke for 24 March to 29 March 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/721 – 7/03/2023

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4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Eveleigh for Item 25.2.1 be received and noted.

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5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 February 2023 pages 10953 to 10960 be confirmed.

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6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - February 2023 be received and noted.

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Councillor Giesecke arrived at 5.42pm.

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

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9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Nil

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor 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	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	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.
25.2.1	Rate Concession Assessment	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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11 PETITIONS

Nil

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12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2023

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Mayor Pascoe-Bell or her representative and Councillor Hale, attendance to the 2023 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra being held 13 to 15 June 2023.

CARRIED 10/726 - 7/03/2023

13.1.2 Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) and Mayors Forum 2023

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) and Mayors Forum 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Mayor Pascoe-Bell or her representative, attendance at the Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) and Mayors Forum 2023 in Brisbane, being held 11 to 13 October 2023.

CARRIED 10/727 - 7/03/2023

13.1.3 Laneway Closure Request - Broadarrow Circuit Woodroffe

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Laneway Closure Request - Broadarrow Circuit Woodroffe be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes the commencement of the laneway closure process for Broadarrow Circuit, Woodroffe, with a further report to be provided to Council by April 2023.

CARRIED 10/728 - 7/03/2023

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13.1.4 Adoption of the City of Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2023 - 2027

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Creative Industries Plan 2023-2027 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the City of Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2023-2027 being **Attachment 13.1.4.1** to report entitled Adoption of the City of Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2023 - 2027.
3. THAT Council write to all participants who provided feedback, thanking them for their participation and advising them of adoption of the Creative Industries Plan 2023-2027.

CARRIED 10/729 - 7/03/2023

13.1.5 Rates Concession

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Rates Concession be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse that no significant changes will be made to the *Rates Concession Policy*, other than minor administrative changes that do not alter the intent of the policy within the CEO delegations.
3. THAT Council notes that the website will be amended to better promote the rate payment assistance options that Council provides the community.
4. THAT Council notes that a review of the administration of the financial hardship applications will be undertaken to alleviate the burden of the process on the applicant.

CARRIED 10/730 - 7/03/2023

13.1.6 Budget and Monthly Financial Reporting

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Budget and Monthly Financial Reporting be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes that dashboard reporting will be implemented in the May 2023 monthly financial report, which will be reported in June second ordinary meeting. This is to incorporate traffic light indicators and ratios that assist Council in monitoring the financial performance of Council's operations.
3. THAT Council notes the Quarterly Report on Planned Major Capital Works as at 28 February 2023 at **Attachment 13.1.6.1**

CARRIED 10/731 - 7/03/2023

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13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Play Space Strategy Update

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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

CARRIED 10/732 – 7/03/2023

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding City of Palmerston Bin App and International Womens Day use of SWELL facility and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Hale regarding Anti social behavior in the city centre and the response provided by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/733 – 7/03/2023

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 21 March 2023 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/734 – 7/03/2023

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19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

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.

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20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.14pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

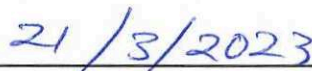
The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.16pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date

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