

MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 18 April 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 18 April 2023 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Lucy Morrison
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Amber Garden
Councillor Ben Giesecke
Councillor Damian Hale (*Via Audio-Visual*)
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

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 5.31pm.

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: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 16 April to 20 April 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/792 – 18/04/2023

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Council notes that Councilor Hale is attending via Audio/Audiovisual conferencing, who will be physically prevented from attending due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting.

CARRIED 10/793 – 18/04/2023

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Deputy Mayor Morrison for Item 6.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/794 – 18/04/2023

Initials: 

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Deputy Mayor Morrison declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 5.37pm

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 04 April 2023 pages 10991 to 10998 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/795 – 18/04/2023

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Deputy Mayor Morrison returned to the meeting at 5.38pm.

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Voice to Parliament 2023 Referendum

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

THAT the presentation by Georgia Corrie, NT Campaign Organiser of Yes Campaign Alliance on Voice to Parliament/2023 Referendum be received and noted.

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9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Nil

Initials: 

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Nil

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Council Policy Review - Fraud and Corruption Protection

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Fraud and Corruption Protection Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy as per **Attachment 13.1.1.3** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Fraud and Corruption Protection is adopted which contains minor administrative changes.

CARRIED 10/797 - 18/04/2023

13.1.2 Laneway Closure Request - Broadarrow Circuit Woodroffe

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Laneway Closure Request - Broadarrow Circuit Woodroffe be received and noted.
2. THAT following consideration of the Broadarrow Circuit laneway closure request received 9 January 2023, that the laneway remains open at this time.

Procedural Motion

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

THAT this report be laid on the table subject to further information regarding the consultation undertaken and feedback received.

CARRIED 10/798 - 18/04/2023

Initials:



13.1.3 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 27 March 2023

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 27 March 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council receives and notes the unconfirmed minutes from the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meeting, listed below to the report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 27 March 2023:
 - a. Palmerston Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee provided as **Attachment 13.1.3.1.**
3. THAT Council endorses the recommendations from the Palmerston Vibrant Economy Committee meeting held on 27 March 2023, being:
 - *Priority Actions - Palmerston Local Economic Plan*
 1. THAT Report entitled Priority Actions - Palmerston Local Economic Plan be received and noted.
 2. THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the priority actions of the Palmerston Local Economic Plan for the next six months are:
 - a. Development of a website to support and promote Economic Development within Palmerston.
 - b. Conduct a business survey of businesses located within Palmerston.
 - *Update on Committee Membership*
THAT Report entitled Update on Committee Membership be received and noted.
 - *Update on the Progress of Palmerston Local Economic Plan*
THAT Report entitled Update on the Progress of Palmerston Local Economic Plan be received and noted.
 - *Major Capital Projects March 2023 Update*
THAT Report entitled Major Capital Projects March 2023 Update be received and noted.
 - *Property Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Report*
THAT the Committee request the Property Council of the Northern Territory present at the 26 June 2023 Meeting, the Property Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Report - Palmerston specific.

CARRIED 10/799 – 18/04/2023

13.1.4 Community Safety Advisory Committee Minutes - 28 March 2023

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

Initials: 

1. THAT Report entitled Community Safety Advisory Committee Minutes - 28 March 2023 be received and noted.
 2. THAT Council receive and note the unconfirmed minutes from the Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting as listed below to the report entitled Community Safety Advisory Committee Minutes - 28 March 2023:
 - a. Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee provided as **Attachment 13.1.4.1.**
 3. THAT Council endorse the recommendations within the respective minutes from the Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee being:
 - **Committee Schedule and Membership**
 THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee recommends to Council:
 1. THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee be received and noted.
 2. THAT meetings for 2023 be scheduled quarterly as follows:

5.30pm Tuesday	28 March 2023	in Council Chambers
5.30pm Tuesday	27 June 2023	in Council Chambers
5.30pm Tuesday	26 September 2023	in Council Chambers
5.30pm Tuesday	28 November 2023	in Council Chambers
 - 3. THAT as per the Palmerston (Procedures for Meetings) By-Laws 2003, Section 2 Part 23, members of the Community Safety Committee are not required to stand when speaking to a matter being considered.
 - 4. THAT Council readvertises the current Community Safety Committee membership vacancies, and writes directly to the following organisations to invite nominations:

Senior Community Member: Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors Association
 Youth Community Member: Palmerston Youth Representative Group
 Larrakia Nation Representative: Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation
- **Committee Process and Terms of Reference**
 THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee recommends to Council:
 THAT Report entitled Committee Process and Terms of Reference be received and noted.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Safety Update**
 THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee recommends to Council:
 THAT Report entitled Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Safety Update be received and noted.
- **Animal Management Update**
 THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee recommends to Council:
 THAT Report entitled Animal Management Update be received and noted.
- **Major Projects Update**
 THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee recommends to Council:
 THAT Report entitled Major Projects Update be received and noted.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Initials: 

*THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee recommends to Council:
THAT Committee invites DCMC and other suitable government delegates to undertake a presentation regarding current Antisocial behaviours and lessons learnt.
THAT Committee recommends the Mayor writes to the CM requesting to be part of a debriefing process regarding experiences relating to antisocial behaviour in Palmerston resulting from displaced persons.*

CARRIED 10/800 – 18/04/2023

13.1.5 Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - March 2023

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - March 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council receive and note the unconfirmed minutes from Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee meeting listed below to report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - March 2023:
 - a. Palmerston Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee minutes provided as **Attachment 13.1.5.1**.
3. THAT Council endorses the recommendations within the respective minutes from the Palmerston Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee being:
 - *Network Group Updates – Palmerston Kids Network*
THAT the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee (Committee) recommends to Council:
THAT Report entitled Network Group Updates - Palmerston Kids Network be received and noted.
 - *Network Group Updates – Palmerston and Rural Youth Services Network*
THAT the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee (Committee) recommends to Council:
THAT Report entitled Network Update - Palmerston and Rural Youth Services Network be received and noted.
 - *Update to City of Palmerston's Community Environmental Initiatives*
THAT the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee (Committee) recommends to Council:
THAT Report entitled Update to City of Palmerston's Community Environmental Initiatives be received and noted.
 - *Adoption of the City of Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2023 – 2027*
THAT the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee (Committee) recommends to Council:
THAT Report entitled Adoption of the City of Palmerston Creative Industries Plan be received and noted.

Initials:



- *City of Palmerston 2023 Events Calendar*
THAT the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee (Committee) recommends to Council:
THAT Report entitled *City of Palmerston 2023 Events Calendar* be received and noted.
- *Major Projects March 2023 Update*
THAT the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee (Committee) recommends to Council:
THAT Report entitled *Major Capital Projects March 2023 Update* be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/801 – 18/04/2023

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Major Capital Projects April 2023 Update

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Major Capital Projects April 2023 Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/802 – 18/04/2023

13.2.2 Community and Culture Quarterly Report January to March 2023

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Community and Culture Quarterly Report January to March 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/803 – 18/04/2023

13.2.3 Community Benefit Scheme - March Update 2023

Moved: Councillor Hale

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - March Update 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/804 – 18/04/2023

13.2.4 Abandoned Vehicles in Palmerston

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Abandoned Vehicles in Palmerston be received and noted.

Initials:



CARRIED 10/805 – 18/04/2023

13.2.5 Finance and Governance Quarterly Report January to March 2023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Report entitled Finance and Governance Quarterly Report January to March 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/806 – 18/04/2023

13.2.6 Finance Report for the Month of March 2023

Moved: Councillor Garden

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Finance Report for the Month of March 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/807 – 18/04/2023

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

Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/808 – 18/04/2023

Initials:



19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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 10/809 - 18/04/2023

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

Councillor Fraser left the meeting at 6.51pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.52pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

Councillor Fraser returned to the meeting at 6.54pm.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6.55pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.03pm.



Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Chair

Print Name

Date

2 May 2023

Initials: