

MINUTES

1st Ordinary Council Meeting **Tuesday 2 May 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 2 May 2023 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Lucy Morrison
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh (*Via Audio-Visual*)
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
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

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Three 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 5.34pm.

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 Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 30 April to 01 May 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Deputy Mayor Morrison for 15 June to 18 June 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 11 July to 28 July 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/812 – 2/05/2023

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT Council note the approval request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Eveleigh who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to ill health and approval has been granted by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the City of Palmerston Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing policy.

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5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Garden for Item 13.1.2 be received and noted.

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5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 April 2023 pages 11003 to 11012 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/815 - 2/05/2023

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

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

CARRIED 10/816 - 2/05/2023

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 Council Advisory Committee Membership

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Council Advisory Committee Membership be received and noted.
2. THAT Council make the following member appointment to the Palmerston Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for a period of two years from date of appointment: Sheryl Sephton be appointed as the Senior Community Member representative, and they attend their first Advisory Committee Meeting on 30 March 2023.
3. THAT Council make the following member appointment to the Palmerston Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for a period of two years from date of appointment: Ruth Palmer be appointed as the relevant business or property association representative, and they attend their first Advisory Committee Meeting on 28 March 2023.
4. THAT Council writes to all nominees endorsing their nomination.
5. THAT this decision be made public following advice to all nominees of the outcomes.

CARRIED 10/763 – 2/05/2023

25.1.1 Long Term Financial Plan 2023-34

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Long Term Financial Plan 2023-34 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the City of Palmerston draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2034 being **Attachment 25.1.1.1** to Report entitled Long Term Financial Plan 2024-34 for 28 days public consultation amended to reflect a \$47.00 increase to residential waste charges and commentary that this final figure is subject to decisions by City of Darwin relating to charges at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.
3. THAT Council be presented with the City of Palmerston draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2034, inclusive of the feedback from the public consultation for adoption at the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting on 20 June 2023.
4. THAT the decisions be moved into the Open Minutes following the Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24 Media Briefing.

CARRIED 10/829 – 2/05/2023

25.1.2 Draft Municipal Plan 2023-24

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Draft Municipal Plan 2023-24 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the City of Palmerston draft Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24 at **Attachment 25.1.2.1.** contained in this report entitled Draft Municipal Plan 2023-24 for 28 days public consultation amended to reflect a \$47.00 increase to residential waste charges and commentary that this final figure is subject to decisions by City of Darwin relating to charges at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.
3. THAT Council be presented with the City of Palmerston draft Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24, inclusive of the feedback from the public consultation for adoption at the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting of 20 June 2023.
4. THAT the decisions relating to Report entitled Draft Municipal Plan 2023-24 be moved into the Open Minutes following the Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24 Media Briefing.

CARRIED 10/830 - 2/05/2023

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor 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 Request	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 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	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

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25.1.2	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.

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11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Community Benefit Scheme - Sponsorship 50+ Club

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Sponsorship 50+ Club be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves the sponsorship for \$3000 to the Palmerston 50+ Club for a personal protection workshop to be funded from the Community Benefit Scheme as detailed in Community Benefit Scheme – Sponsorship – Palmerston 50+ Club.

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Councillor Garden left Chambers at 5.45pm.

13.1.2 Community Benefit Scheme - Sponsorship - RSPCA

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Sponsorship - RSPCA be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves RSPCA Darwin Platinum Sponsorship request of \$10,000 per year for three years being 2023, 2024 and 2025, representing a total value of \$30,000, as per **Attachment 13.1.2.1** to report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Sponsorship - RSPCA, to be funded from the Community Benefit Scheme.

CARRIED 10/819 - 2/05/2023

Councillor Garden returned to Chambers at 5.49pm.

13.1.3 LATE ITEM - Submission to City of Darwin draft Municipal Plan

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT late request item - Submission to City of Darwin draft Municipal Plan be accepted and included in the 2 May 2023 Ordinary Meeting agenda in Officers Reports for consideration.

CARRIED 10/820 - 2/05/2023

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Submission to City of Darwin draft Municipal Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the letter as per Attachment 13.1.3.1 as it's submission to the City of Darwin 2023/24 Draft Municipal Plan and Fees and Charges.

CARRIED 10/821 - 2/05/2023

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Office of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer Quarterly Report January to March 2023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Office of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer Quarterly Report January to March 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/822 - 2/05/2023

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Initials: 

A Place for People

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the verbal report from Deputy Mayor Morrison on Tourism Top End April 2023 meeting be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/823 – 2/05/2023

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the question asked by Deputy Mayor Morrison regarding the commencement date of Hooked on Fishing Palmerston, and the response provided by the General Manager Community and Culture be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Hale regarding Christmas in July ice skating rink, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding school speed sign operations, was taken on notice by the General Manager Infrastructure.
4. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding non operational lights in Goyder Square, and the response provided by the General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/824 – 2/05/2023

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 16 May 2023 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/825 – 2/05/2023

Initials: 

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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 10/826 – 2/05/2023

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.15pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6.16pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.42pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date

Initials: _____