

MINUTES

1st Ordinary Council Meeting **Tuesday 6 June 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 6 June 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 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
Acting Director of Finance and Governance, Sheree Jeeves
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

Three members of the public

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 5.30pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the apology received from Councillor Giesecke for 6 June 2023 be received and noted.

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3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 7 June to 9 June 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 13 June to 15 June 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 13 June to 16 June 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Deputy Mayor Morrison for 15 June to 18 June 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

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4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Nil

Initials:



5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Nil

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 May 2023 pages 11029 to 11037 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 - May 2023 be received and noted.

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8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Confirmation of Minutes – Conflict of Interest

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Initials:



Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. The Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict of interest in item 22.1.1.
2. THAT this decision be moved into open.

CARRIED 10/871 – 6/06/2023

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison

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 Committee Recommendations	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.
25.1.2	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)(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.
25.1.3	Council Committee Recommendations	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

Initials:



12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Review of Council Committee Memberships - June 2023

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Review of Council Committee Memberships - June 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Administrative Review Committee:
 - I. THAT the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Henderson be appointed to the Administration Review Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - II. THAT Council note that the Mayor has been previously appointed as Chair of the Administrative Review Committee for the Term of the Tenth Council.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Administrative Review Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
3. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee:
 - I. THAT the Mayor be appointed as Chair to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee for the Term of the Tenth Council.
 - II. THAT Councillor Garden and Councillor Henderson be appointed to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
4. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Risk Management and Audit Committee:
 - I. THAT the Mayor, Councillor Garden and Councillor Henderson be appointed to the Risk Management and Audit Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - II. THAT Council note that the Chair of the Risk Management and Audit Committee is held by an Independent Member, appointed by the Council.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Risk Management and Audit Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
5. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee:

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- I. THAT Councillor Fraser be appointed as Chair to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - II. THAT Councillor Giesecke be appointed to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
6. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Community Safety Advisory Committee:
- I. THAT Councillor Hale be appointed as Chair to the Community Safety Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - II. THAT Councillor Morrison and Councillor Garden be appointed to the Community Safety Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Community Safety Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
7. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee:
- I. THAT Councillor Eveleigh be appointed as Chair to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - II. THAT Councillor Henderson be appointed to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
8. THAT Council appoint or nominate to the following External Organisations and/or Committees:
- I. THAT Councillor Fraser be appointed as Council's delegate to the Palmerston Regional Business Association (PRBA), with all other members appointed as alternate members, for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - II. THAT Councillor Morrison be appointed as Council's representative to Tourism Top End, with all other members appointed as alternate members, for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

CARRIED 10/862 - 6/06/2023

13.1.2 Fees and Charges 2023-24

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Fees and Charges 2023-24 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the Fees and Charges 2023-24 at **Attachment 13.1.2.1.** to be effective from 1 July 2023 with the following change:
 - a. The two fees listed for Long Grass on page 17 are combined to form one fee retaining the charge of Cost+10% administration charges.

CARRIED 10/863- 6/06/2023

Initials: 

13.1.3 Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes - 23 May 2023

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes - 23 May 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Risk Management and Audit Committee minutes provided as **Attachment 13.1.3.1** to report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes - 23 May 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/864 - 6/06/2023

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Sustainability Strategy Update

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Sustainability Strategy Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/865 - 6/06/2023

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Response to submission for City of Darwin Draft 2023-24 Municipal Plan

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT correspondence dated 30 May 2023 14.2.1 entitled Response to submission for City of Darwin Draft 2023/24 Municipal Plan be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/866 - 6/06/2023

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

Initials: 

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding wall repairs, and the response provided by the General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding speed signs, and the response provided by the General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.
3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding Joan Fejo Park drinking water, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
4. THAT the question asked by Councillor Eveleigh regarding the development of the Reconciliation Action Plan, and the response provided by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/867 – 6/06/2023

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, 20 June 2023 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/868 – 6/06/2023

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor 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 10/869 – 6/06/2023

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.21pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6.24pm.

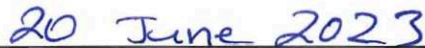
The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.04pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date