

MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 20 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 20 June 2023 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Amelia Vellar
General Manager Community and Culture, Anna Ingram
Acting General Manager Infrastructure, Karl Hell
Director of Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

Two 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 5.35 pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the apology received from Councillor Garden for 20 June 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/877 – 20/06/2023

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 10 July to 15 July 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Fraser for 24 June to 2 July 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 20 June to 23 June 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/878 – 20/06/2023

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Council note that Councillor Hale is attending via Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting and approval has been granted by the CEO in accordance with the City of Palmerston Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing policy.

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5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Nil

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 June 2023 pages 11043 to 11051 be confirmed.

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Councillor Hale joined the meeting at 5.42pm.

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

25.1.1 Council Advisory Committee Membership – Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

Initials:



1. THAT Report entitled Council Advisory Committee Membership – Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council make the following member appointment to the Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee for a period of two years from date of appointment:
Sharon Binns be appointed as the Senior Community Member representative, and they attend their first Advisory Committee Meeting on 27 June 2023.
3. THAT Council make the following appointment to the Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee for a period of two years from date of appointment:
Jessica Lyn Porter be appointed as the Youth Community Member representative, and they attend their first Advisory Committee Meeting on 27 June 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 10/873 – 6/06/2023

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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	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)(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.

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11 PETITIONS

Nil

Initials: 

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Adoption of the Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Adoption of the Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Elected Member Allowance for the 2023-24 financial year as outlined in the Draft Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24.
3. THAT in accordance with Section 35(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* Council adopt the Draft Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24 at **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to this report entitled Adoption of the Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24 that incorporates the commentaries and actions outlined in this report as City of Palmerston Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24 with the following amendment that document be amended to include NT Planning Zone SP1*20 and relevant rating values and information..
4. THAT Council writes to the respondents acknowledging and thanking them for their feedback on the Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24 and detailing identified actions.
5. THAT Council provide the adopted City of Palmerston Municipal Plan and Budget 2023-24 to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet in accordance with Section 35 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* before the 30 June 2023 with a copy also provided to the Minister for Local Government.

CARRIED 10/882 – 20/06/2023

13.1.2 Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023-24

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT Council endorses the tabled document Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023-24 as a replacement document for existing **Attachment 13.1.2.2** to report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023-24.

CARRIED 10/883 – 20/06/2023

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023-24 be received and noted.

Initials:



2. THAT the Chief Executive Officer's Certificate of Assessment in accordance with *Section 29(1) of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations* being **Attachment 13.1.2.1** to report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023-24 be received and noted.
3. THAT council adopts **Attachment 13.1.2.2** to report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023-24 as its Declaration of Rates and Charges, and notes this will be placed on its website and in the Newspaper advising residents of the Rates and Charges for 2023-24.

CARRIED 10/884 – 20/06/2023

13.1.3 Adoption of Long-Term Financial Plan 2024-2033

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Adoption of Long-Term Financial Plan 2024-2033 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts **Attachment 13.1.3.1** to Report entitled Adoption of Long-Term Financial Plan 2024-2033 as City of Palmerston's Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2033.
3. THAT Council provide the adopted Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2033 to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet in accordance with Section 200 (4) of the Local Government Act 2019 before the 30 June 2023 with a copy also provided to the Minister for Local Government.

CARRIED 10/885 – 20/06/2023

13.1.4 Council Policy Review - Elected Member Allowance and Expenses

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Elected Member Allowance and Expenses be received and noted.
2. THAT amended Council Policy Elected Member Allowances and Expenses at **Attachment 13.1.4.4** of Report entitled Council Policy Review - Elected Member Allowance and Expenses be adopted and come into effect on the 1 July 2023.
3. THAT Council write to the Minister of Local Government seeking a determination regarding interpretation of Clause 4.2 of the Determination of Allowance for Members of Local Council (Determination No. 1 of 2023) in particularly the ability for Council to set different extra meeting fees outside of "normal business hours".

CARRIED 10/886 – 20/06/2023

13.1.5 Changes to Monthly Council Finance Report

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

Initials: 

1. THAT Report entitled Changes to Monthly Council Finance Report be received and noted.
2. THAT a Council workshop be held in July to consider and approve the various proposed changes and dashboards for the new format of the monthly financial reports.

CARRIED 10/887 – 20/06/2023

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Community Benefit Scheme - Update May 2023

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

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

CARRIED 10/888 – 20/06/2023

13.2.2 Major Capital Projects June 2023 Update

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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

CARRIED 10/889 – 20/06/2023

13.2.3 Finance Report for the Month of May 2023

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

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

CARRIED 10/890 – 20/06/2023

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding Mens Shed disability toilet, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Morrison regarding completion date for Ninja Course in Hobart Park, and the response provided by the Acting General Manager of Infrastructure be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/891 - 20/06/2023

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Report be prepared investigating opportunities for clothing reuse in Palmerston

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT a report be prepared investigating opportunities to further enhance and promote the collection and reuse of clothing in Palmerston and potential distribution of clothing to those in need.

CARRIED 10/892 - 20/06/2023

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 4 July 2023 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/893 - 20/06/2023

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Henderson
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 10/894 - 20/06/2023

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

Initials: 

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.39pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6.39pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.58pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date