

MINUTES

1st Ordinary Council Meeting **Tuesday 4 July 2023**

The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Palmerston held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830

A Place for People

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

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Amelia Vellar
General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon
General Manager Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

Four members of the public

Initials:



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 Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 11 July to 28 July 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 28 July to 31 July 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/898 – 4/07/2023

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Hale who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being a greater distance than a 100km from the appointed place of meeting for the period of 11 July to 28 July 2023.

CARRIED 10/899 – 4/07/2023

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Nil

Initials: 

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 June 2023 pages 11056 to 11064 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/900 – 4/07/2023

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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

CARRIED 10/901 – 4/07/2023

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 Minister Paech Response to request for Inquiry of Local Government Representation Review 2022 Final Report

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

1. THAT Council receive and note Correspondence received being item 26.2.1 entitled Minister Paech Response to request for Inquiry of Local Government Representation Review 2022 Final Report.

Initials: 

2. THAT this decision be moved to the open section of the 4 July 2023 Council Meeting.

CARRIED 10/914 – 4/07/2023

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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
26.2.1	Review of Legal Matter	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)(d) 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 subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.
26.2.2	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.

CARRIED 10/902 – 4/07/2023

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 Bringing the Darwin Festival to Palmerston

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

Initials:



1. THAT Notice of Motion entitled Bringing the Darwin Festival to Palmerston be received and noted.
2. THAT a report be prepared for the 2nd Ordinary Meeting in November 2023, exploring options for engaging the Darwin Festival to potentially host activities within the Palmerston Municipality from 2024.

CARRIED 10/903 – 4/07/2023

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Driver Resource Centre Lease

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Driver Resource Centre Lease be received and noted.
2. THAT Council make the Driver Resource Centre available for hire by the community from 5 July 2023.
3. THAT the Council Fees and Charges 2023-24 be amended to include:
 - a) Driver Resource Centre - Community Room A and B as being available for rent at \$100.00 per day or \$20.00 per hour for business/private and free for not for profit groups.

CARRIED 10/904 – 4/07/2023

13.1.2 Council Policy Review - Human Resource Management

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Human Resource Management be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the Human Resources Management Policy as presents at **Attachment 13.1.2.3** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Human Resource Management.

CARRIED 10/905 – 4/07/2023

13.1.3 Community Safety Advisory Committee Minutes - 27 June 2023

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Community Safety Advisory Committee Minutes - 27 June 2023 be received and noted.

Initials:



2. THAT Council receive and note the unconfirmed minutes from the Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee being **Attachment 13.1.3.1** with the following amendments:
 - exclusion of items:
 - 3.1 Apologies, and
 - 8.1.1 Committee Membership Vacancy.
 - inclusion of Councillor Amber Garden in the attendance list.
3. THAT Council endorse the recommendations within the minutes from the Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee being **Attachment 13.1.3.1**, being:
 - Network Group Update – Palmerston Safe Communities Network
THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee recommends to Council:
THAT Report entitled Network Committee Update - Palmerston Safe Communities Network be received and noted.
 - Major Capital Projects June 2023 Update
THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee recommends to Council:
THAT Report entitled Major Capital Projects June 2023 Update be received and noted.
4. THAT Council notes that apologies were received from Sue Shearer and Nelson Tinoco for the Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 27 June 2023.
5. THAT Council amends the Terms of Reference for the Community Safety Advisory Committee, changing the wording of Larrakia Nation Representative, to First Nations Representative, in order to broaden the scope of possible representatives.
6. THAT Council seeks nominations for the position of First Nations representative on the Community Safety Advisory Committee via a public call for Expressions of Interest.

CARRIED 10/906 – 4/07/2023

13.1.4 Council Policy Review - Lease of Council Property

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Lease of Council Property be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the Policy Lease of Council Property as per **Attachment 13.1.4.3** of this report entitled Council Policy Review - Lease of Council Property.

CARRIED 10/907 – 4/07/2023

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Infrastructure Quarterly Report April to June 2023

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Initials:



Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Infrastructure Quarterly Report April to June 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/908 - 4/07/2023

13.2.2 Community and Culture Quarterly Report April to June 2023

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Community and Culture Quarterly Report April to June 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/909 - 4/07/2023

13.2.3 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 26 June 2023

Moved: Councillor Giesecke

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 26 June 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee minutes provided as **Attachment 13.2.3.1** to report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 26 June 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/910 - 4/07/2023

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

Initials:



17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 18 July 2023 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/911 - 4/07/2023

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 10/912 - 4/07/2023

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.05pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.42pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date

Initials: