

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Danielle Eveleigh
Councillor Amber Garden
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

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 Garden

THAT the apology received from Councillor Giesecke for 18 July 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/917 - 18/07/2023

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Councillor Hale is on leave of absence as previously granted on 4 July 2023, for the period of 11 July 2023 to 28 July 2023 inclusive.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 30 July 2023 to 31 July 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 1 September 2023 to 10 September 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 10 November 2023 to 11 November 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 21 December 2023 to 4 January 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
5. THAT the leave of absence relating to Council Business received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell to attend Facing North for 1 August 2023 to 3 August 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
6. THAT the leave of absence relating to Council Business received from Councillor Fraser to attend Facing North for 1 August 2023 to 3 August 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

7. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Henderson for 27 July 2023 to 1 August 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

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4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Garden who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting from 1 September 2023 to 10 September 2023.

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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: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 July 2023 pages 11068 to 11075 be confirmed.

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6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Initials: 

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Nil

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Garden

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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 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)(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.
25.1.2	Council Project Initiative	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

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11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - June 2023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - June 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council receive and note the unconfirmed minutes from Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee meeting **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes – June 2023:
3. THAT Council endorses the recommendations within the respective minutes from the Palmerston Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee minutes being **Attachment 13.1.1.1** as follows:
 - *Major Projects June 2023 Update*
THAT Report entitled Major Capital Projects March 2023 Update be received and noted.
 - *City of Palmerston 2023 Events Calendar*
THAT Report entitled City of Palmerston 2023 Events Calendar be received and noted.
 - *Network Group Updates – Palmerston and Rural Youth Services Network*
THAT Report entitled Network Update - Palmerston and Rural Youth Services Network be received and noted.
 - *Network Group Updates – Palmerston Kids Network*
1. THAT Report entitled Network Update - Palmerston and Kids Network be received and noted.

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2. THAT the Committee request that the Council write to the Minister of Education regarding free meal programs in Palmerston schools and financial support for the reinstatement of this program.

- *Network Group Updates – Palmerston Seniors Network*
THAT Report entitled Network Committee Update - Palmerston Seniors Network be received and noted.
- **GENERAL BUSINESS**
THAT the Committee requests Council invite Woodroffe Care Community Group to attend the next Seniors Network Group Meeting.

CARRIED 10/922 – 18/07/2023

13.1.2 Community Satisfaction Survey 2023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Satisfaction Survey 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the inclusion of a free text question providing the community with the opportunity to comment on Council's decision making and ability to interact with Council.
3. THAT a report be prepared for the Second Ordinary Council Meeting in October 2023 providing the results of the Community Satisfaction Survey 2023.

CARRIED 10/923 – 18/07/2023

13.1.3 Driver Community Centre Renewal Update

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Driver Community Centre Renewal Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the preliminary design of the renewal of the Driver Resource Centre as the Driver Community Centre for the purposes of community consultation, with a further report to be presented to Council following the community consultation by November 2023.
3. THAT Council continue its advocacy work with the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to secure funding for the construction of the Driver Community Centre.

CARRIED 10/924 – 18/07/2023

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Office of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer Quarterly Report April to June 2023

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Initials: 

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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

CARRIED 10/925 – 18/07/2023

13.2.2 Community Benefit Scheme End of Financial Year 2022/23 Update

Moved: Councillor Garden

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme End of Financial Year 2022/23 Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/926 – 18/07/2023

13.2.3 Finance Report for the Month of June 2023

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Garden

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

CARRIED 10/927 – 18/07/2023

13.2.4 Major Capital Projects July 2023 Update

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

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

CARRIED 10/928 – 18/07/2023

13.2.5 Finance and Governance Quarterly Report April to June 2023

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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

CARRIED 10/929 – 18/07/2023

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

Initials: 

A Place for People

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding library borrowing software be taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding types of beverages sold at events such as On Francis, be taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.
3. THAT the question asked by Deputy Mayor Eveleigh regarding the provision of additional disability parking bays at the SWELL Project and the response provided by the General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.
4. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding the provision of additional seating at the Ninja Playground and the response provided by the General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/930 – 18/07/2023

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Palmerston Youth Festival 2023

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

THAT Council thank all staff involved with the delivery of a successful Palmerston Youth Festival 2023.

CARRIED 10/931 – 18/07/2023

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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

CARRIED 10/932 – 18/07/2023

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

Initials: 

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 10/933 – 18/07/2023

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.17pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.34pm.


Chair


Print Name


Date

Initials: 