

MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 19 September 2023

The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Palmerston held at the Durack Community Arts Centre, 33 Packard Avenue, Durack NT 0831

Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Durack Community Arts Centre, 33 Packard Ave, Durack
on Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

STAFF

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

GALLERY

6 members of the public
2 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 5.30pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Nil

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

THAT it be noted Councillor Giesecke will be on leave of absence as previously granted on 15 August 2023, for the period of 7 September to 23 September 2023 inclusive.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 22 September 2023 to 26 September 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Deputy Mayor Eveleigh for 9 October 2023 to 10 October 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Deputy Mayor Eveleigh for 15 October 2023 to 19 October 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Deputy Mayor Eveleigh for 22 October 2023 to 25 October 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
5. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 4 October 2023 to 10 October 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
6. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Henderson for 22 September 2023 to 23 September 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
7. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 16 October 2023 to 20 October 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
8. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Henderson for 29 September 2023 to 1 October 2023 inclusive be received and noted.
9. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Fraser for 30 September 2023 to 1 October 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

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10. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 28 October 2023 to 5 November 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

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4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Deputy Mayor Eveleigh who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting on 17 October 2023 due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting.
2. THAT Council note that Councillor Giesecke who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting on 19 September 2023 due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting.
3. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Morrison who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting on 17 October 2023 due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting.

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5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Deputy Mayor Eveleigh for Item 13.2.1 be received and noted.

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5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 September 2023 pages 11123 to 11132 be confirmed with the administrative amendment of the year from 1993 to 1953 within the 'Taxation Administration Act' being item 13.1.5 and decision 10/990.

Initials:



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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

10.1.1 Council Advisory Committee Membership - Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Council Advisory Committee Membership - Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint Fran Ramsey to the Palmerston Community Safety Advisory Committee as the First Nations representative, for a period of two years from date of appointment.
3. THAT this decision be made public following advice to nominee of the outcome.

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10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

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:

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Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
25.1.1	Legal Advice	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	Rate Concession Assessment	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.
25.1.3	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 be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.</p>
25.1.4	Appointment of Committee Member	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

Initials:



- Nil
- 12 NOTICES OF MOTION

- Nil
- 13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

- Nil
- 13.2 Receive and Note Reports

Deputy Mayor Eveleigh declared a conflict and left the meeting at 5.44 pm

13.2.1 Community Benefit Scheme - Update August 2023

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Garden

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

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Deputy Mayor Eveleigh returned to the meeting at 5.49pm.

13.2.2 Major Capital Projects September 2023 Update

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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

CARRIED 10/1011 - 19/09/2023

13.2.3 Finance Report for the Month of August 2023

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the tabled document entitled 'Creditors List as at 31 August 2023' be received and noted and form part of Attachment 13.2.3.2.
2. THAT Report entitled Finance Report for the Month of August 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1012 - 19/09/2023

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Palmerston Magpies Football Club - Request for Mayor's Patronage for a further two years

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT correspondence dated 31 August 2023 14.2.1 entitled Palmerston Magpies Football Club - Request for Mayor's Patronage for a further two years be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1013 - 19/09/2023

14.2.2 Minister Eva Lawler - Proposal to amend the NT Planning Scheme Greater Holtze Area

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT correspondence dated 25 August 2023 14.2.2 entitled Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics - Proposal to amend the NT Planning Scheme Greater Holtze Area be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1014 - 19/09/2023

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

THAT the verbal report received by Councillor Fraser regarding Palmerston Regional Business Association be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1015 - 19/09/2023

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding Flynn Park maintenance was taken on notice by the General Manager Infrastructure.

CARRIED 10/1016 - 19/09/2023

Initials: 

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Safety Concerns at Palmerston Bus Interchange

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics regarding ongoing safety concerns and anti social behavior at the Palmerston Bus Interchange and what action the Northern Territory Government have and will put into place to address these issues.

CARRIED 10/1017 - 19/09/2023

17.2 Palmerston Lakes

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Council thanks the staff for the work undertaken in managing the Palmerston Lakes and the promotion relating to Hooked on Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/1018 - 19/09/2023

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 3 October 2023 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/1019 - 19/09/2023

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

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 10/1020 - 19/09/2023

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.20pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.59pm.



Chair

Mayor Pascoe Bell

Print Name

3 October 2023

Date