



# MINUTES

## **1st Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 7 November 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 7 November 2023 at 5:30pm.

## PRESENT

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### ELECTED MEMBERS

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

### STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Amelia Vellar  
Acting General Manager Infrastructure, Peter Lander  
General Manager Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta  
General Manager Community, Kylie Darley  
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

### GALLERY

One member 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 5.40pm.

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the apology received from Councillor Fraser for 7 November 2023 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/1073 – 7/11/2023**

### 3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

### 3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the leave of absence received from Deputy Mayor Eveleigh for 20 November to 24 November 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/1074 – 7/11/2023**

## 4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Deputy Mayor Eveleigh who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting on the 21 November 2023.

**CARRIED 10/1075 – 7/11/2023**

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

### 5.1 Elected Members

Nil

Initials: 

## 5.2 Staff

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Luccio Cercarelli, Chief Executive Officer for Item 22.1 - Confirmation of Minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1076 - 7/11/2023

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 October 2023 pages 11160 to 11169 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1077 - 7/11/2023

### 6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

## 7 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED 10/1078 - 7/11/2023

## 8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

## 9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the public questions from Mr Trevor Jenkins and response as tabled be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1079 - 7/11/2023

*Noting Mr Jenkins was not present in the gallery.*

## 10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### 10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Initials: 

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 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)(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	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)(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.

**CARRIED 10/1080 - 7/11/2023**

## 11 PETITIONS

Nil

## 12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

## 13 OFFICER REPORTS

### 13.1 Action Reports

#### 13.1.1 Community Benefit Scheme Individual Representation Support Applications

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Initials:



Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Individual Representation Support Application be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Community Benefit Scheme Individual Representation Support applications for \$250 each for the four (4) applicants as described in the report titled Community Benefit Scheme Individual Representation Support Application

CARRIED 10/1081 – 7/11/2023

### 13.1.2 Men's Shed Accessibility Bathroom

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Men's Shed Accessibility Bathroom be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses that the scope of the accessible bathroom works at Shed 3 & 4 at 60 Georgina Crescent Yarrawonga, to construct an extension to Shed 4 as an additional bathroom.
3. THAT Council endorses a further \$36,400 to be drawn from the working capital reserves, to modify the premises at Shed 3 & 4-60 Georgina Crescent Yarrawonga, to provide a disability toilet, resulting in a total construction budget of \$136,400.

CARRIED 10/1082 – 7/11/2023

### 13.1.3 Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application - Darwin Symphony Orchestra

Moved: Councillor Hale

Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application - Darwin Symphony Orchestra be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Darwin Symphony Orchestra Sponsorship request of \$25,000, as per **Attachment 13.1.3.1.** to report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application - Darwin Symphony Orchestra, to be funded from the Community Benefit Scheme.

CARRIED 10/1083 – 7/11/2023

### 13.1.4 Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes - 24 October 2023

Moved: Councillor Garden

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes - 24 October 2023 be received and noted.



2. THAT the unconfirmed Risk Management and Audit Committee minutes provided at **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes – 24 October 2023 be received and noted.
3. THAT Council does not endorse the recommendations from the Risk Management and Audit meeting held 24 October 2023 as dates conflict with a Council meeting and other Council activities:
  - a. THAT the Risk Management and Audit Committee adopts the proposed 2024 Committee Meeting schedule being:
    - Tuesday 27 February 2024
    - Tuesday 21 May 2024
    - Tuesday 27 August 2024
    - Tuesday 22 October 2024
4. THAT Council endorse the proposed Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting schedule for 2024 as the following:
  - Tuesday 27 February 2024
  - Tuesday 28 May 2024
  - Tuesday 27 August 2024
  - Tuesday 29 October 2024

**CARRIED 10/1084 – 7/11/2023**

### 13.2 Receive and Note Reports

Nil

## 14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 14.1 Information

Nil

### 14.2 Correspondence

Nil

## 15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

## 16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding SWELL shared carpark and possible amendments to entry/exits, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

**CARRIED 1085 – 7/11/2023**

Initials: 

**17 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Moved: Councillor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2023 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

**CARRIED 10/1086 – 7/11/2023**

**19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh  
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 10/1087 – 7/11/2023**

**20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.10pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.

  
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Chair  
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Print Name  
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Date