

CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston
on Tuesday, 21 April 2015 at 6.30pm**

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1. PRESENT

Elected Members: His Worship the Mayor Ian Abbott (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Sue McKinnon
Alderman Paul Bunker
Alderman Seranna Shutt
Alderman Geoff Carter

Staff: Ricki Bruhn, Chief Executive Officer
Ben Dornier, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services
Emily Fanning, Minute Secretary

Gallery: Rachel Fosdick, Palmerston and Rural Basketball Association
Rebecca Forrest, Marketing Manager Neighbourhood Watch NT
Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton, Support and Liaison Officer
Neighbourhood Watch NT
Col Cole, RSL
Ros Charters, Palmerston Senior College
Casey Myerscough, Palmerston Senior College

2. APOLOGIES

Alderman Byrne – Apology
Alderman Malone – Apology

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved: Alderman Shutt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

THAT the apology received from Alderman Byrne and Alderman Malone be received and granted.

CARRIED 8/1472–21/04/2015

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

1. THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 7 April 2015 pages 7924 to 7939, be confirmed.
2. THAT the minutes of the Confidential Council Meeting held Tuesday, 7 April 2015 page 174 be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/1473–21/04/2015

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the LGANT General Meeting and the TOPROC meeting which he attended.

5. REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

6. QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

7. QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN

Nil

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Neighbourhood Watch NHWNT UV Marker Program

Neighbourhood Watch NT presented on the free Neighbourhood Watch NT UV Marker kit being provided to the community to mark their property.

10. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

11. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Governance and Organisation

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

THAT the minutes from the Governance and Organisation Committee meeting held on 9 April 2015 be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/1474–21/04/2015

11.1.1 Review of Elected Members Benefits and Support Policy GOC/0179 GOC/0180

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Carter

1. THAT EM02 Elected Members Gifts and Benefits Policy set the period from which the acting Mayor will be compensated for the full period of absence in lieu of their current base and electoral allowances at 14 days, and the Policy be amended accordingly.
2. THAT the reviewed City of Palmerston EM02 Elected Members Policy be approved.

CARRIED 8/1475–21/04/2015

11.1.2 Review of the Local Government Act **GOC/0182**

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

THAT Council endorse the draft letter to the Department of Local Government with suggested changes to the Local Government Act with the removal of point 7.

CARRIED 8/1476–21/04/2015

11.2 Economic Development and Infrastructure

The Chair invited Alderman Bunker, Chair of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee to provide a report to the meeting.

A verbal report on the Committee Meeting held on 9 April 2015 was presented by Alderman Bunker.

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Carter

THAT the minutes from the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 9 April 2015 be received and noted and that Council

adopts the recommendations with the exclusion of item 11.2.3 made by the Committee and accordingly resolves as follows:

11.2.1 Council landowner consent to Lodge a Development Application on Lot 9635 (15) The Boulevard, Palmerston City EDI/0296

THAT Attachment A to Report Number EDI/155 be endorsed.

11.2.2 Easement over Moulden Drain Including Undertaking Maintenance of a Section of Allotment 2411 EDI/0298

THAT Council approve the request to transfer maintenance responsibilities for the trunk drain on Lot 2411 Town of Palmerston and accept the annual maintenance costs subject to initial hazard reduction and tree maintenance being undertaken by the Northern Territory Government.

11.2.5 Real housing for Growth – Birripa Court Construction Extension Of Time and Budget Increase EDI/0301

THAT Council approve an increase in the project budget to \$6,011,000.

CARRIED 8/1477–21/04/2015

11.3 Community Culture and Environment

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

THAT the minutes from the Community Culture and Environment Committee meeting held on 1 April 2015 be received and noted and that Council adopts the recommendations made by the Committee and accordingly resolves as follows:

11.3.1 Community Grants, Place Making & Public Art CCE/0353

1. THAT Council approve \$100,000 for the Community Grants Scheme in the 2015/16 operational budget.
2. THAT Council approve \$50,000 for the Place Making initiatives in the 2015/16 operational budget.
3. THAT Council approve \$75,000 for the commissioning of Public Art in the 2015/16 operational budget.

11.3.2 Multicultural Council NT Membership and Presentation
CCE/0356 CCE/0357 CCE/0358

1. THAT Council endorse City of Palmerston becoming an Associate Organisation Member of the Multicultural Council NT.
2. THAT Council nominate Mayor Abbott to present at a Multicultural Council NT Committee meeting.
3. THAT Council nominate Alderman McKinnon to represent Council at Multicultural Council NT meetings.

11.3.3 New Initiative – Gebyar Indonesia **CCE/360**

THAT Council approve the 2015/16 operational expenditure of \$33,000 for 'Gebyar Indonesia'.

11.3.4 CDU Scholarships 2015 **CCE/0363**

THAT Council award seven (7) City of Palmerston Scholarships to applicants Aimee Mullins, Deshan Cheliah, Tess Hanna, Emma Clark, Toni Cooper, Stacey Gamston and Geraldine Cusher.

11.3.5 Financial Support – Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association **CCE/0365**

THAT Council approve a grant of \$9,300 for the purchase of wheelchairs and free standing hoops and \$5,000 towards court hire making a total of \$14,300 to the Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association.

11.3.6 Financial Support – RSL Palmerston **CCE/0367**

THAT Council approve a grant of \$10,000 to the RSL Palmerston.

CARRIED 8/1478–21/04/2015

12. INFORMATION AGENDA

12.1 Items for Exclusion

Nil

12.2 Receipt of Information Reports

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

THAT the information items contained within the Information Agenda, be received.

CARRIED 8/1479–21/04/2015

13. DEBATE AGENDA

13.1 Officer Reports

13.1.1 Financial Report for the month of March 2015 8/0641

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

Seconded: Alderman Shutt

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0641.

CARRIED 8/1480–21/04/2015

13.1.2 Concurrent Application – Rezoning and Subdivision (2 lots into 12 lots including public roads) on Lot 11498 and Lot 10011 (15) Maluka Drive and (8) Miller Court, Gunn 8/0644

Moved: Alderman Bunker

Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0644.

2. THAT Council endorse Attachment 2 to Report Number 8/0644.

CARRIED 8/1481–21/04/2015

14. CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Gerry Wood MLARegulations regarding poker machines

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

Seconded: Alderman Shutt

THAT Council receive the correspondence from Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson in regarding poker machine regulations

CARRIED 8/1482–21/04/2015

15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

At the invitation of the Chair

16. OTHER BUSINESS - ALDERMAN REPORTS

16.1 Alderman Carter

Advising he has corresponded with Commander Brenton Smyth regarding additional military items for memorial park.

Alderman Carter has worked with the Ranger Services manager to advertise for applicants to the Animal Management Committee

The Place Names Committee currently has a vacancy for a local government representative, and asked the CEO to enquire when this will be filled.

16.2 Alderman Shutt

Attended Youth Week events, and the NT Thunder game with Minister Gary Higgins and other elected members.

16.3 Regulations regarding poker machines

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon
Seconded:

THAT the City of Palmerston support the Member for Nelson's disallowance motion to enable proper consultation with the community and to express our concern with the possible effects of increasing the number of poker machines in the Northern Territory, but would like the exemption of Northern Territory sporting groups.

MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER

Moved: Alderman Shutt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

THAT the City of Palmerston support the Member for Nelson's disallowance motion to enable proper consultation with the community and express our concern with the possible effects of increasing the number of poker machines in the Northern Territory.

MOTION LOST

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Carter

THAT the CEO write to the Chief Minister requesting that the disallowance motion proposed by the Member for Nelson on the increase in poker machines in the Northern Territory be accepted by the Northern Territory Government, in order that proper and thorough public consultation can occur.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/1483 - 21/04/2015

17. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

17.1 CEO Performance Appraisal Committee Recommendations

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the Committee Recommendations in

relation to confidential agenda item 17.1 CEO Performance Appraisal Committee Recommendations and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:

- (c) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;

This item is considered confidential pursuant to Regulation 8 (a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 21 April 2015, in relation to confidential item number 17.1 CEO Performance Appraisal Committee Recommendations and associated documents remain confidential.

CARRIED 8/1484–21/04/2015

The meeting moved into the Confidential Session at 7:48pm

18. CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 7:52pm

(Chair)