

CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston
on Tuesday, 13 January 2015 at 6.32pm**

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1. PRESENT

Elected Members: His Worship the Mayor Ian Abbott (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Heather Malone
Alderman Paul Bunker
Alderman Andrew Byrne
Alderman Seranna Shutt

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

Gallery: Silke Reinhardt, Finance Manager
Chanelle Prance, Rates Officer
Nitesh Pant, Media Projects Officer
John Love, Valuer-General Dept. Lands and Planning
Andrew Nosedo, Senior Property Analyst Government Property Analytics
Richard Langshaw, Valuation Contracts Dept. Lands and Planning
Verity Haskett, Valuer Property Analyst Government Property Analytics
Dani MacDonald, Journalist NT News

2. APOLOGIES

Alderman McKinnon – Apology
Alderman Carter – Apology

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved: Deputy Mayor Malone
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

THAT the apologies received from Alderman McKinnon and Alderman Carter be received and granted.

CARRIED 8/1364–13/01/2015

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Malone

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 9 December 2014 pages 7801 to 7830, be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/1365–13/01/2015

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

M8-06

Moved: Deputy Mayor Malone
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

THAT Council receives Report Number M8-06.

CARRIED 8/1366–13/01/2015

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 Palmerston 2014 Valuer-General's Unimproved Capital Value Assessment
Presented by John Love, Valuer-General Department Lands and Planning and
Andrew Nosedo, Senior Property Analyst Government Property Analytics

10. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

11. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Governance and Organisation

Nil

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 8 January 2015 was presented by Alderman Bunker.

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Malone

THAT the minutes from the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 8 January 2015 be received and noted and that Council adopts the recommendations made by the Committee and accordingly resolves as follows:

11.2.1 Street Naming – Zuccoli Stage 2, Mitchell Creek Green EDI/0255

THAT Council support the naming of the west loop road in Zuccoli Stage 2 subdivision to be “Tuckeroo Boulevard”.

11.2.2 Lot 11201 (26) Angel Road, Johnston EDI/0258

THAT Council support the Department of Lands Planning and Environment’s request for direct access to and from Farrar Boulevard from the Multiple Dwelling Residential site at Lot 11201 (26) Angel Road, Johnston.

CARRIED 8/1367–13/01/2015

11.3 Community Culture and Environment

The Chair invited Deputy Mayor Malone, Chair of the Community Culture and Environment Committee to provide a report to the meeting.

A verbal report on the Committee Meeting held on 7 January 2015 was presented by Deputy Mayor Malone.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Malone
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

THAT the minutes from the Community Culture and Environment Committee meeting held on 7 January 2015 be received and noted and that Council adopts the recommendations made by the Committee and accordingly resolves as follows:

11.3.1 Clean Up Australia Day Event CCE/0325 CCE/0326 CCE/0327

1. THAT Council endorse the City of Palmerston registration as a participating Council in the Northern Territory.
2. THAT Council endorse the suburbs of Moulden and Driver as sites for the 2015 Clean Up Australia Event.
3. THAT Council provide an amount of \$2,000 to Clean Up Australia Day.

CARRIED 8/1368–13/01/2015

12. INFORMATION AGENDA

12.1 Items for Exclusion

Nil

12.2 Receipt of Information Reports

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Malone

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

CARRIED 8/1369–13/01/2015

The Chair invited the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Corporate and Community Services and Director of Technical Services to provide a verbal update on the outstanding matters contained within the Action Report.

Officers provided a verbal report to the meeting and answered questions from the Elected Members.

13. DEBATE AGENDA

13.1 Officer Reports

13.1.1 FIN 09 Internal Audit Committee Policy 8/0603

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0603.
2. THAT Council approves FIN09 Internal Audit Committee Policy.

CARRIED 8/1370–13/01/2015

13.1.2 Review of the Local Government Act 8/0605

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0605.

CARRIED 8/1371–13/01/2015

Moved: Deputy Mayor Malone
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

2. THAT Mayor Abbott be nominated as a suitable person to represent the Municipal Councils on the Departmental Working Party to review the Local Government Act;
3. THAT an initial report be provided to the Governance and Organisation Committee which includes suggested changes to legislation which can be considered as part of Council's submission.

CARRIED 8/1372–13/01/2015

13.1.3 Lambrick Avenue / Farrar Boulevard / Zuccoli Parade Intersection 8/0606

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Malone

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0606.

CARRIED 8/1373–13/01/2015

13.1.4 LGANT Nomination to the NT Planning Commission 8/0609

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Malone

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0609.
2. THAT the City of Palmerston nominate Mark Spangler as a member of the NT Planning Commission.

CARRIED 8/1374–13/01/2015

13.1.5 Palmerston Festival Logistics 8/0610

Moved: Deputy Mayor Malone
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0610.
2. THAT Council approves proceeding to tender for the provision of Palmerston Festival logistical services for 2015 – 2017.

CARRIED 8/1375–13/01/2015

13.1.6 Financial Report for the month of December 2014 8/0612

Moved: Deputy Mayor Malone
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0612.

CARRIED 8/1376–13/01/2015

13.1.7 Amendments to Palmerston Eastern Suburbs planning principles and plan 8/0614

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0614.

CARRIED 8/1377–13/01/2015

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

2. THAT Council write a letter to the Department for Lands and Planning requesting a review of the Palmerston Eastern Suburbs Area Plan and Planning Principles.

CARRIED 8/1378–13/01/2015

13.1.8 NT Black Spot Road Program

8/0615

Moved: Deputy Mayor Malone
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0615.

CARRIED 8/1379–13/01/2015

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Malone

2. THAT Council allocate \$250,000 in the Capital Works budget for 2015/2016 to construct the Temple Terrace / Emery Avenue roundabout in conjunction with funding received under the Black Spot Programme.

CARRIED 8/1380–13/01/2015

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

At the invitation of the Chair

Nil

16. OTHER BUSINESS - ALDERMAN REPORTS

16.1 City of Palmerston Car Parking Advisory Group Representation

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Malone

1. THAT Mayor Abbott and Alderman Bunker be appointed as Council Representatives to the City of Palmerston Car Parking Advisory Group.
2. THAT Alderman Bunker be nominated as Chairperson to the City of Palmerston Car Parking Advisory Group.
3. THAT Deputy Mayor Malone be the alternate member on the City of Palmerston Car Parking Advisory Group.

CARRIED 8/1381–13/01/2015

16.2 Internal Audit Committee Selection Panel Recommendation

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Malone

THAT Council appoint Mr Tim Flynn as the Independent Chair of Council's Internal Audit Committee for a period of two years.

CARRIED 8/1382–13/01/2015

16.3 Alderman Byrne

Gave a briefing on a recent meeting with the Department of Lands and Planning in relation to the NT Planning Scheme and the Planning Act and asked Elected Members for their support in receiving legal advice for an interpretation of the NT Planning Scheme.

17. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

17.1 Funding Options for Future Capital Works

8/0613

Moved: Deputy Mayor Malone
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

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 Chief Executive Officer, Minute Secretary, Director of Corporate Community Services and Director of Technical Services 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 Funding Options for Future Capital Works 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or

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

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 13 January 2015, in relation to confidential item number 17.1 Funding Options for Future Capital Works and associated documents remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 2 years from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED 8/1383–13/01/2015

The meeting moved into the Confidential Session at 8:05pm

17.2 Moving Decisions from the Confidential Session into the Open Session

In accordance with the resolution of Council, the following decisions from the Confidential Session are moved into the Open Session:

Funding Options for Future Capital Works

8/0613

- THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0613.
- THAT the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to commence an open tender process for The Boulevard Redevelopment Stage 2 and the Goyder Square Redevelopment Stage 2 once design work is finalised.
- THAT Council seeks to complete The Boulevard Redevelopment Stage 2 and Goyder Square Redevelopment Stage 2 projects during the 2015 calendar year;
- THAT the method of funding required to complete The Boulevard Redevelopment Stage 2 and the Goyder Square Redevelopment Stage 2 be determined following the outcome of funding submissions lodged and in conjunction with the preparation of the 2015/2016 budget.
- THAT the resolutions only be released to the Public Record.

18. CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

(Chair)

CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston
on Tuesday, 14 January 2014 at 8:04pm**

RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. PRESENT

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

Staff: Ben Dornier, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services
Caroline Hocking, Minute Secretary

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 Application – Remission of Interest for Lot 2849

8/0429

Moved: Alderman Malone
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Byrne

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0429.
2. THAT Council approves the remission of interest for the period to 31 July 2014 for Lot 2849.

CARRIED 8/0917– 14/01/2014

5. MOVE TO OPEN

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Alderman Malone

THAT the Council move into the open session.

CARRIED 8/0918– 14/01/2014

The meeting moved to the Open session at 8:06pm.

CONFIRMED AT MEETING TO BE HELD 4 FEBRUARY 2014

(Chair)

ITEM NO. 17.1 **Application – Remission of Interest for Lot 2849**

FROM: Director of Corporate and Community Services

REPORT NUMBER: 8/0429

MEETING DATE: 14 January 2014

Municipal Plan:

4. Governance & Organization

4.1 Responsibility

We are committed to corporate and social responsibility, the sustainability of Council assets and services, and the effective planning and reporting of Council performance to the community.

Summary:

Application for remission of interest for the remainder of the 2013/2014 financial year in regards to 11 James Circuit, Woodroffe, NT, 0830. Assessment number 104350, Lot 2849.

In line with policy FIN17 application for remission of interest has to be presented to council for consideration.

General

Lot 2849: The Ratepayer has owned the property since 2002 and it's only in 2012 when she was made redundant that the rates started to fall behind. She was a consistent payer prior to becoming redundant. She has tried to maintain a weekly payment but has gradually fallen behind. The current outstanding amount, including the 2013-2014 rates is \$1,894.

Payment agreement of \$20 fortnightly increasing further as Ratepayer is able.

Ratepayer has requested a remission of interest for the maximum period for interest remission in the current case is to 31 July 2014.

Interest remission equates \$143.50 for this period.

If a ratepayer does not maintain payment plan one written warning will be sent.

If a ratepayer fails a second time to maintain the pay agreement the interest will immediately be reinstated and the assessment will go back to Debt Collection.

Financial Liability:

Lot 2849 - Interest remission equates to \$143.50

Policy / Legislation:

Pursuant to Part 11.7 Section 163 of the Local Government Act.

Part 11.7 Interest on unpaid rates

163 Remission of interest

A council may remit interest wholly or in part.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0429.
2. THAT Council approves the remission of interest for the period to 31 July 2014 for Lot 2849.

Recommending Officer: Ben Dornier, Director of Corporate and Community Services

Any queries on this report may be directed to Ben Dornier, Director of Corporate and Community Services on telephone (08) 8935 9976 or email ben.dornier@palmerston.nt.gov.au

Schedule of Attachments: