

**CITY OF PALMERSTON**

**Minutes of Council Meeting  
held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston  
on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 at 6.37pm**

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**1. PRESENT**

- Elected Members:** His Worship the Mayor Ian Abbott (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor Sue McKinnon  
Alderman Seranna Shutt  
Alderman Geoff Carter  
Alderman Andrew Byrne  
Alderman Heather Malone
- Staff:** Ricki Bruhn, Chief Executive Officer  
Jan Peters, Acting Director of Corporate and Community Services  
Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services  
Emily Fanning, Minute Secretary
- Gallery:** Gary Boyle, Major Projects Officer  
Dani McDonald, NT News  
Mike Schokman, Director Costojic Pty Ltd  
Fiona Eddleston, Manager Landscape Architecture SMEC Australia  
Three members of the public

**2. APOLOGIES**

Alderman Bunker – Apology

**ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Moved: Alderman Carter  
Seconded: Alderman Malone

THAT the apology received from Alderman Bunker be received and granted.

**CARRIED 8/1520–19/05/2015**

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

1. THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 5 May 2015 pages 7950 to 7963, be confirmed.
2. THAT the minutes of the Confidential Council Meeting held Tuesday, 5 May 2015 pages 177 to 178 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 8/1521–19/05/2015**

**4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**M8-10**

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number M8-10
2. THAT Council approve the Mayor attending the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra.

**CARRIED 8/1522–19/05/2015**

**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 Zuccoli Stages 3 & 4 – Briefing and Q&A**

Mike Schokman, Director Costojic Pty Ltd and Fiona Eddleston, Manager Landscape Architecture from SMEC Australia, provided a high level briefing on the Zuccoli Stages 3&4 project and answered questions from Elected Members and staff.

**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 Byrne, Acting Chair of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee to provide a report to the meeting.

*A verbal report on the Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2015 was presented by Alderman Byrne.*

Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

THAT the minutes from the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 14 May 2015 be received and noted and that Council adopts the recommendations made by the Committee and accordingly resolves as follows:

#### 11.2.1 Gray School Crossing – Request for School Crossing Changes EDI/306

THAT the Member for Drysdale, Ms Lia Finocchiaro and the Gray Primary School be advised that the issue of sun glare and speeding vehicles at the Victoria Drive school crossing has been investigated and no further traffic calming measures are supported at this time.

#### 11.2.2 Request to Open a Road and Road Reserve from Durack Drive/Flack Road to the New Entrance of Archer Waste Transfer Station EDI/308

THAT Council write to the Director Land Administration seeking consent to open the section of road and road reserve from Durack Drive/Flack Road to the new entrance of Archer Waste Transfer Station.

#### 11.2.3 Tender TS2015/01 – Reseal Various Roads 2014-2015 EDI/309

1. THAT Council award contract TS2015/01 – Reseal Various Roads 2014-2015 to Downer EDI Pty Ltd for the amount of \$498,810.00 (GST exclusive).
2. THAT the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer are granted consent to sign and seal all required contract documentation for the contract TS2015/01 – Reseal Various Roads 2014-2015

**CARRIED 8/1523-19/05/2015**

### 11.3 Community Culture and Environment

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

Alderman Malone invited Deputy Mayor McKinnon to provide a report to the meeting

*A verbal report on the Committee Meeting held on 6 May 2015 was presented by Deputy Mayor McKinnon.*

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Carter

THAT the minutes from the Community Culture and Environment Committee meeting held on 6 May 2015 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/1524-19/05/2015**

#### 11.3.1 Deputy Mayor McKinnon – City of Palmerston banner, political involvement at events **CCE/0375**

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

THAT Council identifies its events, programs and activities as being politically non-aligned and seeks to represent all community members in its decision making processes.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## 12. INFORMATION AGENDA

### 12.1 Items for Exclusion

Nil

### 12.2 Receipt of Information Reports

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

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

**CARRIED 8/1525–19/05/2015**

**13. DEBATE AGENDA**

**13.1 Officer Reports**

**13.1.1 Financial Report for the month of April 2015 8/0657**

Moved: Alderman Shutt  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor McKinnon

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0657.

**CARRIED 8/1526–19/05/2015**

**13.1.2 Review of Financial Policies FIN18 and FIN19 8/0660**

Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Alderman Malone

THAT Report Number 8/0660 Review of Financial Policies FIN18 and FIN 19 be referred to the Governance and Organisation Committee meeting to be held on 11 June 2015.

**CARRIED 8/1527–19/05/2015**

**13.1.3 New Financial Policy FIN21 Debt Collection Policy 8/0661**

Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

THAT Report Number 8/0661 New Financial Policy FIN21 Debt Collection Policy be referred to the Governance and Organisation Committee meeting to be held on 11 June 2015.

**CARRIED 8/1528–19/05/2015**

**13.1.4 Tender TS2015/02 – Provision of Street, Pavement and Pathway Sweeping within the City of Palmerston. 8/0665**

Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Alderman Carter

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0665.
2. THAT Council award contract TS2015/02 – Provision of Street, Pavement and Pathway Sweeping within the City of Palmerston to Industrial Power Sweeping Pty Ltd for the amount of \$217,752.99 (GST exclusive).
3. THAT the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer are granted consent to sign and seal all required contract documentation for the contract TS2015/02 – Provision of Street, Pavement and Pathway Sweeping within the City of Palmerston.

**CARRIED 8/1529–19/05/2015**

**13.1.5 Elected Member Allowances for 2015/2016 8/0667**

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0667.

**CARRIED 8/1530–19/05/2015**

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Carter

2. THAT the Elected Member allowances for the year 2015/2016 be set out as follows:

Mayor, \$107,230.84 for the year paid on pro rata fortnightly basis in arrears (base allowance \$84,888.10, electoral allowance \$22,342.74) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,635.50.

Deputy Mayor, \$36,976.16 for the year paid on a pro rata fortnightly basis in arrears (base allowance \$31,389.30, electoral allowance \$5,586.86) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,635.50.

Aldermen, \$20,854.32 for the year paid on a pro rata fortnightly basis in arrears (base allowance \$15,267.46, electoral allowance \$5,586.86) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,635.50.

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Alderman Malone

THAT Elected Member allowances for 2015/16 remain at the same levels as the previous year being:

Mayor, \$98,337.95 for the year paid on pro rata fortnightly basis in arrears (base allowance \$77,848.15, electoral allowance \$20,489.80) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,567.00.

Deputy Mayor, \$33,909.65 for the year paid on a pro rata fortnightly basis in arrears (base allowance \$28,786.12, electoral allowance \$5,123.53) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,567.00.

Aldermen, \$19,124.83 for the year paid on a pro rata fortnightly basis in arrears (base allowance \$14,001.30, electoral allowance \$5,123.53) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,567.00.

**MOTION LOST**

Alderman Byrne called for a division – as a consequence the result of the above amendment was set aside.

Upon dividing, two members voted in the affirmative, four members voted in the negative.

Members Voting in the Affirmative

Alderman Byrne  
Alderman Malone

Members Voting in the Negative

Mayor Abbott  
Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Alderman Shutt  
Alderman Carter

The Mayor declared the amendment LOST.

The original motion was put and carried.

**CARRIED 8/1531–19/05/2015**

Alderman Byrne called for a division – as a consequence the result of the above decision was set aside.

Upon dividing, four members voted in the affirmative, two members voted in the negative.

Members Voting in the Affirmative

Mayor Abbott  
Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Alderman Shutt  
Alderman Carter

Members Voting in the Negative

Alderman Byrne  
Alderman Malone

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED.

Moved: Alderman Malone  
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

3. THAT Council does not provide any Extra Meeting Allowances for the 2015/16 financial year.

**CARRIED 8/1532–19/05/2015**

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Carter

4. THAT the Chief Executive Officer present to the Governance and Organisation Committee, a revised EM02 “Elected Members Benefits and Support Policy” incorporating the ability for Elected Members (with the exception of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and an Acting Mayor) to access an Extra Meeting Allowance.

**CARRIED 8/1533–19/05/2015**

Alderman Byrne called for a division – as a consequence the result of the above decision was set aside.

Upon dividing, four members voted in the affirmative, two members voted in the negative.

Members Voting in the Affirmative

Mayor Abbott  
Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Alderman Shutt  
Alderman Carter



Members Voting in the Negative

Alderman Byrne  
Alderman Malone

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*At the invitation of the Chair*

**16. OTHER BUSINESS - ALDERMAN REPORTS**

**16.1 Alderman Carter – Animal Management Group**

Met with community members and operators of animal management facilities, and has identified possible members for the reference group.

**16.2 Alderman Shutt**

Attended Picnic in the Park, which was well attended, and received positive feedback from community members.

Attended Flicnics, which was well attended, and congratulates staff.

**17. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Moved: Deputy Mayor McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Malone

**17.1 Application for Remission of Interest**

**8/0658**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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, Acting Director of Corporate and Community Services, Director of Technical Services and 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 report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 17.1 Application for Remission of Interest 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:

(b) Information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

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

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 19 May 2015, in relation to confidential item number 17.1 Application for Remission of Interest and associated documents remain confidential.

**17.1 Power to sell land for non-payment of rates**

**8/0658**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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, Acting Director of Corporate and Community Services, Director of Technical Services and 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 report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 17.2 Power to sell land for non-payment of rates 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:

- (b) Information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

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

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 19 May 2015, in relation to confidential item number 17.2 Power to sell land for non-payment of rates and associated documents remain confidential.

**CARRIED 8/1534–19/05/2015**

**The meeting moved into the Confidential Session at 8:41pm**

**18. CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at 8:46pm

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(Chair)