

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, Palmerston
on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 5:32pm.**

ELECTED MEMBERS	Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell Deputy Mayor Damian Hale Alderman Amber Garden Alderman Benjamin Giesecke Alderman Lucy Buhr Alderman Mick Spick Alderman Sarah Henderson Alderman Tom Lewis
STAFF	Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli Director Corporate Services, Chris Kelly Director Community Services, Jan Peters Director City Growth and Operations, Gerard Rosse Finance Manager, Shane Nankivell Communications Officer, Samantha Abdic
GALLERY	1 member of the public

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting - the Larrakia People - and pay my respects to their elders, past, present and future.

2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:32pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Nil.

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil.

Initials: _____

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Alderman Buhr
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 1 October to 9 October 2018 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Alderman Giesecke for 8 September to 18 September 2018 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0245 – 04/09/2018

4 REQUEST FOR TELECONFERENCING

Nil.

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hale

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Alderman Giesecke for Item 6.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0246 – 04/09/2018

5.2 Staff

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Alderman Giesecke left Chambers at 5.35pm due to a Conflict of Interest in Item 6.1.

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Lewis

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 21 August 2018 pages 9530 to 9540, be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/0247 – 04/09/2018

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

Alderman Giesecke returned to Chambers at 5.36pm.

Initials: _____

7 MAYORAL REPORT

7.1 Mayoral Report M9/004

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Buhr

THAT Report Number M9/004 entitled Mayoral Update Report – August 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0248 – 04/09/2018

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Deputations

Nil.

8.2 Presentations

Nil.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

9.1 Hiney Smordowski, Rosebery

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT the following public question from Hiney Smordowski and response as tabled regarding Rates be received and noted.

Question: “In the current economic climate and with CPI running below 2% how can you justify a 10.45% rate increase?”

Answer: “By way of clarification, the total increase in rates revenue as part of the 2018/19 Municipal Plan is 2.9%, not 10.45%. In finalising this year’s Budget, Council considered many factors, including service and infrastructure levels and the current economic climate, and as a result of the 2.9% rates increase and the reduction in the Waste Service Charge, 64% of property owners will not see any change in their total rates and charges from last year.

Council requires revenue each year to deliver services and infrastructure. Rates revenue is calculated by multiplying the Unimproved Capital Value of a property against a rate in the dollar for properties based on their zoning. The Valuer-General independently sets the valuations for properties every three years and Council sets the differential. The rate in the dollar varies to ensure that there are sufficient funds available, and the change this year resulted in a 2.9% increase in total rates revenue.

Council is establishing a volunteer-based Community Reference Group to assist in the development of a Rating Strategy for the next ten years. If you wish to be involved, nomination forms are available on Council’s website.”

CARRIED 9/0249 – 01/06/2018

Initials: _____

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- 10.1 Confidential Items
Nil.
- 10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential
Nil.
- 10.3 Moving Confidential Items into Open
Nil.

11 PETITIONS

Nil.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

13 OFFICERS REPORTS

- 13.1 Receive and Note Reports
Nil.
- 13.2 Action Reports
- 13.2.1 LGANT Call for Policy and Action Motions 9/0071
- Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hale
1. THAT Report Number 9/0071 entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Call for Policy and Action Motions be received and noted.
 2. THAT Council endorses the following motions to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 8 November 2018:
 - Helping our Elected Members represent our community;
 - Future use of glyphosate; and
 - Uniform Northern Territory Animal Management Laws.

being **Attachment A, B and C** to Report Number 9/0071 entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Call for Policy and Action Motions.

CARRIED 9/0250 - 04/09/2018

Initials: _____

13.2.2 City Centre Parking Review Update 9/0075

Moved: Alderman Lewis
Seconded: Alderman Garden

1. THAT Report Number 9/0075 entitled City Centre Parking Review Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve urban renewal improvements to the Council owned vacant Lot 12965, known as 14 The Boulevard, Palmerston City which will include the provision of approximately 24 car parking spaces to Zone B (all day parking).
3. THAT Council engage with the Northern Territory Government for the possible use Lot 10027, 20 The Boulevard, Palmerston City as a short-term public car park including urban improvements as outlined in Report Number 9/0075 entitled City Centre Parking Review Update and that a further report be presented to Council on the outcomes.
4. THAT a further report be presented to Council in March 2019 which presents outcomes and recommendations of the City Centre Parking Review and considers Council Policy REG03 *City Centre Parking*.

CARRIED 9/0251 – 04/09/2018

13.2.3 Facing North 9/0077

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Buhr

1. THAT Report Number 9/0077 entitled Facing North be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the attendance of the Mayor to the Facing North event on 19 September 2018 held in Canberra.
3. THAT the leave of absence for Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell for period 18 to 20 September 2018 inclusive to attend Council Business be received and noted.
4. THAT in accordance with Section 61(4) of the *Local Government Act* and Decision Number 9/0066, Council note that Mayor Pascoe-Bell requests Teleconferencing Meeting Attendance for the Second Ordinary Meeting of 18 September 2018.

CARRIED 9/0252 – 04/09/2018

13.2.4 Regional Capitals Australia Membership 2018/2019 9/0076

Moved: Alderman Buhr
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hale

1. THAT Report Number 9/0076 entitled Regional Capitals Australia Membership be received and noted.
2. THAT Council decline the offer of membership of Regional Capitals Australia.

Initials: _____

CARRIED 9/0253 – 04/09/2018

13.2.5 Council Policy Review – *FIN02 Financial Management* 9/0078

Moved: Alderman Buhr
Seconded: Alderman Lewis

1. THAT Report Number 9/0078 entitled Council Policy Review – *FIN02 Financial Management* be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind Council Policy *FIN02 Financial Management* at **Attachment A** to Report Number 9/0078 entitled Council Policy Review – *FIN02 Financial Management*.

CARRIED 9/0254 – 04/09/2018

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil.

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Australian Local Government Association National Election Advocacy

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hale
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT Item 14.2.1 entitled Australian Local Government Association National Election Advocacy as tabled be received and noted.
2. THAT Council confirms its support of the Australian Local Government Association seeking to restore funding of Financial Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

CARRIED 9/0255 – 04/09/2018

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

15.1 Tourism Top End

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the verbal report received from Alderman Henderson regarding Tourism Top End Meeting be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0256 – 04/09/2018

Initials: _____

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

16.1 Graffiti Management

Moved: Alderman Lewis
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the question asked by Alderman Lewis seeking an updated Graffiti Management Report, and the response by the Director City Growth and Operations be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0257 - 04/09/2018

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 RSPCA Save the Paws Ball 2018

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT Council approve attendance by Alderman Garden and partner to the RSPCA (Darwin Regional Branch) Annual Save the Paws Ball on 13 October 2018 as Council's representative.

CARRIED 9/0258 - 04/09/2018

18 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 5.30pm in the Council Chambers, First Floor, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace Palmerston.

CARRIED 9/0259 - 04/09/2018

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Alderman Lewis
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the *Local Government Act* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Item of the Agenda.

CARRIED 9/0260 - 04/09/2018

Initials: _____

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Lewis

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes for media liaison.

CARRIED 9/0261 – 04/09/2018

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Athina Pascoe-Bell
MAYOR

Date:
