

## CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Council Meeting**  
**held via video conference**  
**live streaming from the Council website <https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au>**  
**on Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 5:30pm.**

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| <b>ELECTED MEMBERS</b>        | Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)<br>Deputy Mayor Lucy Morrison<br>Alderman Amber Garden<br>Alderman Benjamin Giesecke<br>Alderman Damian Hale<br>Alderman Sarah Henderson<br>Alderman Tom Lewis<br>Alderman Mick Spick                           |
| <b>STAFF</b>                  | Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli<br>Director Lifestyle and Community, Amelia Vellar<br>Director Organisational Services, Richard Iap<br>Acting Director City Growth and Operations, Alex Douglas<br>Minute Secretary, Caroline Hocking |
| <b>LIVE STREAMING VIEWERS</b> | Eight viewers  |

### **1** ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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*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

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The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.31pm

### **3** APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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#### 3.1 Apologies

Nil.

Initials:

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3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Nil.

## 4 REQUEST FOR TELECONFERENCING

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4.1 Attendance at Council Meetings

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison

Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT as a result of COVID-19 and ongoing restrictions, all future Council Meetings will be held via teleconferencing and/or audio visual methods and Open Sessions will be live Streamed to the public until further notice, with the Mayor or presiding member chairing the meeting utilising this technology.

CARRIED 9/1056 - 07/04/2020

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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5.1 Elected Members

Nil.

5.2 Staff

Moved: Alderman Spick

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from the Chief Executive Officer for Item 25.2.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1057 - 07/04/2020

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Alderman Garden  
Seconded: Alderman Hale

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 17 March 2020 pages 10036 to 10045, be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/1058 – 07/04/2020

### 6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil.

## 7 MAYORAL REPORT

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### 7.1 Mayoral Update Report - March 2020

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - March 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1059 – 07/04/2020

## 8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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Nil.

## 9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

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Nil.

Initials:

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**10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

28.2 JobKeepers Program

Moved: Alderman Lewis  
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT the verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer regarding the JobKeepers Program be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1073 - 07/04/2020

Moved: Alderman Spick  
Seconded: Alderman Garden

2. THAT general business item 28.2 entitled JobKeepers Program move into the 7 April 2020 Open Council minutes.

CARRIED 9/1074- 07/04/2020

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil.

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Alderman Garden  
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 following confidential items:

| ITEM   | REGULATION | REASON   |
|--------|------------|--|
| 25.2.1 | 8(a)       | This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2)</i> of the <i>Local Government Act</i> and 8(a) of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal 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 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. |

CARRIED 9/1060 - 07/04/2020

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 PETITIONS

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Nil.

## 12 NOTICES OF MOTION

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Nil.

## 13 OFFICERS REPORTS

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### 13.1 Receive and Note Reports

#### 13.1.1 City Growth and Operations Quarterly Report January - March 2020

Moved: Alderman Henderson  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

THAT Report entitled City Growth and Operations Quarterly Report January - March 2020 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/1061 - 07/04/2020**

#### 13.1.2 City of Palmerston COVID-19 Stimulus Partnerships

Moved: Alderman Garden  
Seconded: Alderman Hale

THAT Report entitled City of Palmerston COVID-19 Stimulus Partnerships be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/1062 - 07/04/2020**

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## 13.2 Action Reports

### 13.2.1 Appointment of Deputy Mayor – May to October 2020

Moved: Alderman Hale  
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Appointment of Deputy Mayor – May to October 2020 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint Alderman Garden as Deputy Mayor for a period of five months in accordance with Council Policy *EM01 Elected Members*, commencing 23 May to 23 October 2020 (inclusive).

CARRIED 9/1063 – 07/04/2020

### 13.2.2 Community Benefit Scheme April 2020 Update

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison  
Seconded: Alderman Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme April 2020 Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse amended Council Policy *FIN18 Grants, Donations, Scholarships and Sponsorships* **Attachment 13.2.2.2** to the Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme April 2020 Update, to remain in place until 30 June 2020 in response to COVID-19.
3. THAT Council approve combining the Community Benefit Scheme and the Environmental Initiatives funds remaining in 2019/2020 into a general Community Benefit Fund for the remainder of the current financial year to assist during COVID-19.

CARRIED 9/1064 – 07/04/2020

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

### 13.2.3 Assistance for Ratepayers

Moved: Alderman Henderson

Seconded: Alderman Lewis

1. THAT the Council Policy *FIN17 Rate Concession* be tabled and replace **Attachment 13.2.3.2** to Report entitled Assistance for Ratepayers as the correct attachment.
2. THAT Report entitled Assistance for Ratepayers be received and noted.
3. THAT Council adopt the amended Policy *FIN17 Rate Concession*, **Attachment 13.2.3.2** on Report entitled Assistance for Ratepayers.
4. THAT Council write to Palmerston ratepayers who have rates balance that is in credit and provide refund and retention options for their balance.

CARRIED 9/1065 – 07/04/2020

## 14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

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### 14.1 Information

Nil.

### 14.2 Correspondence

Nil.

## 15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

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Nil.

## 16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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Nil.

## 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

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Nil.

Initials:

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## 18 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

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Moved: Alderman Hale  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 21 April 2020 at 5:30pm via video conference and available to the public via live streaming from the Council website <https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au>.

CARRIED 9/1066 - 07/04/2020

## 19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

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Moved: Alderman Garden  
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT pursuant to Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* and Regulation 9 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 9/1067 - 07/04/2020

## 20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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Moved: Alderman Spick  
Seconded: Alderman Hale

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes.

CARRIED 9/1068 - 07/04/2020

The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

*The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:06 pm*

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Chair

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Print Name

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Date

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