

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 21 April 2020 at 5:30pm.

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Lucy Morrison
Alderman Amber Garden
Alderman Benjamin Giesecke
Alderman Damian Hale
Alderman Sarah Henderson
Alderman Tom Lewis
Alderman Mick Spick

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
Director Lifestyle and Community, Amelia Vellar
Director Organisational Services, Richard Iap
Acting Director City Growth and Operations, Alex Douglas
Minute Secretary, Caroline Hocking

LIVE STREAMING VIEWERS

Four live stream viewers

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 Chair declared the meeting open at 5.39pm.

Initials: _____

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Nil.

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Nil.

4 REQUEST FOR TELECONFERENCING

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Nil.

5.2 Staff

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from the Chief Executive Officer for Item 22.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1076 – 21/04/2020

Initials: _____

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Hale

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 7 April 2020 pages 10050 to 10057, be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/1077 – 21/04/2020

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil.

7 MAYORAL REPORT

7.1 Mayoral Update Report - April 2020

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

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

CARRIED 9/1078 – 21/04/2020

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED 9/1079 – 21/04/2020

The meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

Initials:

RECONVENED

Moved: Alderman Garden

Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the meeting be reconvened.

CARRIED 9/1080 - 21/04/2020

The meeting reconvened at 5:49pm.

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

9.1 Long Term Strategy to Improve the Cleanliness, Presentation and Hygiene of Palmerston

Moved: Alderman Hale

Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT the following public question from Stacey Hodges of Rosebery and response as tabled regarding Long Term Strategy to Improve the Cleanliness, Presentation and Hygiene of Palmerston as tabled and read out be received and noted.

Question: What long term strategy and procedures are being implemented by City of Palmerston to improve the cleanliness, presentation and hygiene standards of the CBD / Rec Centre / surrounds of Palmerston Shopping Centre not only during the COVID19 crisis, but long term into the future to make our City a more desirable place to live work and visit?

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

Answer: Thank you for question to Council regarding the current long-term strategies to improve cleanliness, presentation and hygiene standards of the CBD during and after the COVID-19 situation.

City of Palmerston is taking steps, within its powers and functions, to protect the health and safety of our community during the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation. Our response has been informed and under the direction of the National Cabinet which comprises of the Australian, State and Territory Governments.

Initials: _____

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Prior to COVID-19 Council already had in place service levels relating to the cleanliness, presentation and hygiene of public areas under its care and control within the CBD of Palmerston. The CBD contains public accessible areas managed by private entities not Council and these areas are outside Council's control.

Routine activities undertaken by Council, in public areas it owns, relating to cleanliness, presentation and hygiene include but not limited to:

- *Daily litter collection*
- *Waste management – provision and servicing of public bins*
- *Pressure cleaning of pathways and park furniture*
- *Street and pathway sweeping*
- *Landscape maintenance and renewal*
- *Infrastructure maintenance and renewal*
- *Cleaning of play equipment*
- *Cleaning of public buildings and facilities owned by Council*
- *Delivery of new infrastructure within CBD*

The frequency of activities undertaken in the CBD are at a higher level than other areas within the municipality in recognition of the precinct. For example council undertakes once weekly street and footpath sweeping, daily street bin emptying and daily 'walk throughs' each morning to pick up litter and fallen branches. Additional cleaning and services are provided if required and identified through observation or reports. A number of services have been increased as a result of COVID-19 and directions from the National Cabinet such as cleaning of buildings and play equipment, the treatment of parking meters increased from cleaning to closure to ensure hygiene during this time.

Council has been and continues to plan for and deliver new and renewal works to make our City a more desirable place to live work and visit in recent time these has included planting new shade trees, plans to grass barren verges, upgrade of public lighting, working with Northern Territory Government for new Police CCTV cameras, planning to increase pathway cleaning and planning for the creation of more landscaped open spaces.

In regards to long-term planning, service levels are reviewed annually as part of Council's annual budget process and where increases in service levels in the CBD are identified they are referred to the budget process if they are unable to be accommodate within existing projects. The Community Plan, Annual Municipal Plan and Budget, and Long-Term Financial Plan are available on Council's website and these inform Council activities and programs.

CARRIED 9/1081 – 21/04/2020

Initials:

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Nil

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil.

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

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(c)(i)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and 8(c)(i) of the 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.
25.2.2	8(e)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and 8(e) of the 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 provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.
26.2.1	8(c)(i)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and 8(c)(i) of the 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

CARRIED 9/1082 - 21/04/2020

Initials: _____

11 PETITIONS

Nil.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

13 OFFICERS REPORTS

13.1 Receive and Note Reports

13.1.1 Lifestyle and Community Quarterly Report - January to March 2020

Moved: Alderman Lewis
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT Report entitled Lifestyle and Community Quarterly Report - January to March 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1083 - 21/04/2020

13.1.2 Financial Report for the Month of March 2020

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of March 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1084 - 21/04/2020

13.2 Action Reports

13.2.1 Marlow Lagoon Dog Park - Update April 2020

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Marlow Lagoon Dog Park - Update April 2020 be received and noted.

Initials: _____

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13.2.1 Marlow Lagoon Dog Park - Update April 2020 (continued)

2. THAT Council endorse the suspension of community consultation for the Marlow Lagoon Dog Park Improvements with a report to the 2nd Ordinary Meeting in August 2020 to review consultation options considering the prevailing COVID-19 emergency response restrictions.

CARRIED 9/1085 - 21/04/2020

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil.

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Business Hardship Package

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

1. THAT Council receive and note correspondence received from the Chief Minister dated 8 April 2020 being Item 14.2.1 entitled Business Hardship Package.
2. THAT a report be prepared on correspondence dated 8 April 2020 entitled Business Hardship Package on how a proposal would work for Council.

CARRIED 9/1086 - 21/04/2020

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

15.1 LGANT General Meeting

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the verbal report received by Mayor Pascoe-Bell regarding the LGANT General meeting be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1087 - 21/04/2020

Initials: _____

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 5 May 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 9/1088 - 21/04/2020

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Garden

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 9/1089 - 21/04/2020

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Hale

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes for media liaison.

CARRIED 9/1090- 21/04/2020

Initials: _____

The meeting adjourned at 6.15pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.03 pm

Chair

Print Name

Date

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