

MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 16 November 2021

The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Palmerston held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830

COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Sarah Henderson
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Amber Garden
Councillor Ben Giesecke
Councillor Lucy Morrison

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director Lifestyle and
Community, Amelia Vellar
Director City Growth and Operations, Nadine Nilon
Director Organisational Services, Silke Maynard
Minute Secretary, Jessie Schaecken
City Sustainability Manager, Peter Lander
City Assets Manager, Jarrad Crawley
Communications Manager, Becky Saywell
Urban/Environment Planner, Damien Scalora
Private Works Engineer, Wesley Zhang
Executive Assistant to DCGO, Cara Currie

GALLERY

Six Members of the public
Member for Blain, Mark Turner

Initials: 

A Place for People

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 5:33pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Garden

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the apology received from Councillor Hale for 16 November 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/95 – 16/11/2021

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Eveleigh for 26 November to 28 November 2021 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/96 – 16/11/2021

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for Item 13.1.4 be received and noted.

2. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for Item 25.1.2 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/97 – 16/11/2021

5.2 Staff

Nil

Initials: 

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 November 2021 pages 10583 to 10593 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/98 - 16/11/2021

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

7.1 Mayoral Update Report - November 2021

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - November 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/99 - 16/11/2021

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

25.1.1 Request for Rates Exemption Venture Housing

Moved: Deputy Mayor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Request for Rates Exemption Venture Housing be received and noted.
2. THAT the Council decisions relating to Report entitled Request for Rates Exemption Venture Housing be moved to the Open Minutes of the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting of 16 November 2021.

CARRIED 10/119 - 16/11/2021

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

Initials: 

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Garden

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT pursuant to Section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items:

Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
23.1	External Presentation Request	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(e) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , which states a 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 and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.
25.1.1	Rate Concession Assessment	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , which states a 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 personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.
25.1.2	Legal Advice	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(f) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , which states a 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 in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

CARRIED 10/100 – 16/11/2021

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Review of Policy - FIN17(a) Public Benefit Concession for Commercial Ratepayers

Moved: Councillor Garden

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

Initials:



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1. THAT Report entitled Review of Policy - FIN17(a) Public Benefit Concession for Commercial Ratepayers be received and noted.
2. THAT Council Policy FIN17(a) Public Benefits Concessions for Commercial Ratepayers be rescinded as presented as **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to Report entitled Review of Policy - FIN17(a) Public Benefit Concession for Commercial Ratepayers.

CARRIED 10/101 - 16/11/2021

13.1.2 Laneway Closure Request - Castor Court

Procedural Motion

Moved: Deputy Mayor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT item number 13.1.2 Report entitled Laneway closure request Castor Court lay on the table subject to further information regarding distance to alternative services in Woodroffe, consideration of category and further public consultation with residents of Castor Court and a further report by 14 December 2021.

CARRIED 10/102 - 16/11/2021

13.1.3 Laneway Closure Request - Bailey Circuit

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Laneway Closure Request - Bailey Circuit be received and noted.
2. THAT the Mayor write to the relevant Minister(s) in relation to anti-social behaviour and potential multi-agency approach to address reported issues in Bailey Circuit, Driver.

CARRIED 10/103 - 16/11/2021

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

3. THAT the night-time closure of the Bailey Circuit laneway continues for a further 12 months, with a further review no later than December 2022 and that a flood modelling study with regard to closure and a review of current night time closure hours by 15 February 2022.

CARRIED 10/104 - 16/11/2021

Mayor Pascoe-Bell declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:09pm.

Deputy Mayor Henderson took place of the Chair.

13.1.4 Community Benefit Scheme - Men's Shed Palmerston Inc

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

Initials: 

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1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Men's Shed Palmerston Inc be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves the 2021/22 funding application from Palmerston Men's Shed Inc, for \$4044 (including GST) to upgrade the electrical infrastructure in Council's Depot Shed 3 being utilised for their program.

CARRIED 10/105 – 16/11/2021

Mayor Pascoe-Bell returned to the meeting at 6:10pm and resumed place of the chair.

13.1.5 First Quarter Budget Review 2021-22

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled First Quarter Budget Review 2021-22 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the First Quarter Budget Review 2021/22, pursuant to Division 4 (8) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as presented as **Attachment 13.1.5.1** to Report entitled First Quarter Budget Review 2021-22.
3. THAT Council approves the recommendation for the Federal Assistance Roads Grant of \$78,120 to be used for operational expenditure for Laneway Management and \$112,882 General Assistance Grant towards for provision of shade for the Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course Project.
4. THAT Council approves an ongoing Full Time Equivalent position for a Land Conservation role.
5. THAT Council approves an additional \$250,000 to deliver one and a half years' worth of the Public Lighting upgrade program in 2021/22, expediting improvements delivered to the community.
6. THAT Council adopts the reserve movements for 2021/22 of:

Transfer of \$5,251,809 from Reserves:

- \$4,589,920 for Capital Works Rollovers from Unexpended Capital Works Reserve, inclusive of:
 - \$1,500,000 for FibreSense Technology
 - \$603,495 for Road Reseal program.
 - \$412,452 for Sustainability Program (Solar Panels and LED Civic Car Park).
 - \$250,752 for Gray Community Hall extension.
 - \$246,424 for Park refurbishment play equipment.
 - \$206,761 for Library recording and sound studio.
 - \$180,000 for Road reconstruction.
 - \$168,030 for Dog Pound renewal.
 - \$124,920 for Irrigation refurbishment.
 - \$119,472 for LED Lighting Rec and Library.
 - \$113,800 for Artwork Sculpture.
 - \$106,182 for Recreation Centre.
 - \$97,499 for Fleet purchases.
 - \$64,545 for New Pathways.

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- \$55,190 for Liveable Cities.
- \$52,500 for Replacement of Softfall – Parks.
- \$50,000 for Mitchell Creek Escarpment Feasibility Study.
- \$50,000 for Library Masterplan.
- \$42,230 for Library Building capital works.
- \$41,712 for Marlow Lagoon pathway renewals.
- \$39,180 for Civic Centre Air Conditioning.
- \$23,496 for Road Traffic calming and pedestrian safety.
- \$22,008 for All Ability Access.
- \$19,271 for Durack Community Centre – Door Access Systems.
- \$411,889 from Unexpended Grants Reserve for Roads to Recovery.
- \$250,000 from Working Capital Reserve to expediate the Public Lighting Program.

Transfer to the Major Initiative Reserves:

- \$180,974 to fund future borrowing costs for the development of the Zuccoli Community Hub.

As per **Attachment 13.1.5.1** to Report entitled First Quarter Budget Review 2021-22.

CARRIED 10/106 – 16/11/2021

13.1.6 Palmerston Recreation Lake

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Recreation Lake be received and noted.
2. THAT the Project Plan for the Palmerston recreation Lake is developed, and advocacy continues, along with identification of other potential funding, to enable the Gap Analysis and Pre-feasibility Study to occur and that the Plan be completed by the end of April 2022.
3. THAT Council notes that the submission to NT Planning Commission in relation to the Holtze to Elizabeth River Subregional Land Use Plan continues commentary regarding the potential Palmerston Recreation Lake.

CARRIED 10/107 – 16/11/2021

13.1.7 Sustainability Strategy

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Draft Sustainability Strategy – Consultation Feedback be received and noted.
2. THAT a Report on the final Sustainability Strategy be presented to Council in February 2022.

CARRIED 10/108 – 16/11/2021

13.1.8 Home Composting Rebate Program

Moved: Deputy Mayor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

Initials: 

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1. THAT Report entitled Home Composting Rebate Program be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Home Composting Rebate Program, with a rebate value of up to \$50 (including GST) for commencement in January 2022.
3. THAT Council adopts an immediate reserve movement of \$10,000 from the Waste Management Reserve to fund the Home Composting Rebate Program.

CARRIED 10/109 – 16/11/2021

13.1.9 Holtze-Elizabeth River Sub regional Land Use Plan Stage Two Consultation

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Holtze-Elizabeth River Sub regional Land Use Plan Stage Two Consultation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes **Attachment 13.1.9.1** to this Report entitled Draft Holtze to Elizabeth River Subregional Land Use Plan, as Council's submission to Stage 2 of the Holtze to Elizabeth River Subregional Land Use Plan.

CARRIED 10/110 – 16/11/2021

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Community Benefit Scheme November Update 2021

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme November Update 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/111 – 16/11/2021

13.2.2 Financial Report for the Month of October 2021

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of October 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/112 – 16/11/2021

13.2.3 Christmas in Palmerston 2021

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Initials: 

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Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Report entitled Christmas in Palmerston 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/113 - 16/11/2021

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/114 - 16/11/2021

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Garden

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 10/115 - 16/11/2021

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Initials: 

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Councillor Eveleigh left the meeting 6:24pm.

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Henderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned for five minutes.

CARRIED 10/116 - 16/11/2021

The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

The open section of the meeting closed at 6:29pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:10pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date

Initials: _____

