

MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 15 March 2022

The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Palmerston held in the Gray Community Hall, Corner of Essington Avenue and Victoria Drive, Gray, Palmerston, NT 0830

Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Gray Community Hall
on Tuesday 15 March 2022 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 Damian Hale
Councillor Lucy Morrison

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
General Manager Community and Culture, Anna Ingram
General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon
Director of Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta
Minute Secretary, Chloe Hayes

GALLERY

Two members of the public
Five members of staff

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 5.30pm.

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 AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for Item 25.1.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/233 – 15/03/2022

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Initials:



6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 March 2022 pages 10665 to 10670 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/234 – 15/03/2022

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

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 Confidentiality Review List - 21 July 2021 to 23 February 2022

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Confidentiality Review List - 21 July 2021 to 23 February 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT the following four Confidential Council Decisions be moved to the 15 March 2022 Open Minutes:

No	Decision Number	Meeting Date	Item / Type	Title
1.	9/1670	01/06/2021	25.2.3 Report	10 Temple Terrace Planning matter - Telstra Tower update - June 2021
2.	10/150	14/12/2021	14.2.3 - Correspondence	Representation on Government Committees
3.	10/170	18/01/2022	25.1.1 Report	Odegard Property Investment - Annual Report

Initials:



4.	10/173	18/01/2022	26.2.1 Correspondence	Laneway Closure Request - Bailey Circuit
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3. THAT Council note the following two Confidential Council Decisions will be moved into the 15 March 2022 Open Minutes in accordance with their respective Council Decision:

No	Decision Number	Meeting Date	Item / Type	Title
1.	9/1736	20/07/2021	25.2.2 Report	Palmerston Local Economic Plan
2.	10/151	14/12/2021	25.1.1 report	Reappointment of Independent Member if the Risk Management and Audit Committee

CARRIED 10/256 - 15/03/2022

10 Temple Terrace Planning Matter - Telstra Tower Update - June 2021

1. THAT Report entitled 10 Temple Terrace Planning Matter -Telstra Tower Update June 2021 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes that it seeks to ensure all alternative options to a Telstra monopole telecommunications tower being constructed within the City Centre are explored, including alternative and potential multiple locations.
3. THAT, failing a negotiated outcome, Council continue with the NTCAT proceedings in relation to the matter of the appeal of Telstra for the Development Consent. Authority's refusal of a Development Permit for a telecommunications tower to be located at 10 Temple Terrace, including the appointment of a subject matter expert and other relevant activities should the matter go to a full hearing.

CARRIED 9/1670 - 01/06/2021

City of Palmerston Representation on Government Committees

THAT Council writes to the Minister for Local Government requesting that;

- (a) All opportunities for Local Government representation on Government Committees is extended to all Local Government Councils.
- (b) Where representation on Government Committees is specified under legislation or regulations the Northern Territory Government considers changing the legislation or regulations to include Local Government Representation generally rather than specifying LGANT representation.
- (c) This requested is passed on to other Ministers of the Northern Territory Cabinet.

CARRIED 10/150 - 14/12/2021

Initials: 

Odegard Property Investment – Annual Report

1. THAT Report entitled Odegard Property Investment – Annual Report be received and noted.
2. THAT Council continues to investigate the future of the investment property, including but not limited to identifying the strategic purpose and options for divestment or retention of the investment property and further reports be brought back to Council as required but no later than 31 December 2022.

CARRIED 10/170 – 18/01/2022

Laneway Closure Request – Bailey Circuit

THAT correspondence from the Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing received on 6 January 2022 entitled Laneway Closure Request – Bailey Circuit be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/173 – 18/01/2022

Palmerston Local Economic Plan

1. THAT entitled Palmerston Local Economic Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Palmerston Local Economic Plan 2021-31 for its public release being Attachment 25.2.2.1 to Report entitled Palmerston Local Economic Plan.
3. THAT a progress report on the implementation of the Palmerston Local Economic Plan be provided to Council within 12 months of the public launch.
4. THAT the Council decisions relating to Report entitled Palmerston Local Economic Plan be moved into the Open Minutes following the launch of the Palmerston Local Economic Plan 2021-31.

CARRIED 9/1736 – 20/07/2021

Reappointment of Independent Member – Risk Management and Audit Committee

1. THAT Report entitled reappointment of Independent Member – Risk Management and Audit Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council reappoint Mr Steve Bartlett as Independent Member of the Risk Management and Audit Committee for a period of two years commencing 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023 in accordance with Council Policy *Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference*.
3. THAT pursuant to section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* Council hereby delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power and authority to finalise and sign all documentation required for the reappointment of Mr Steve Bartlett to the Risk Management and Audit Committee as outlined in Report entitled reappointment of Independent Member – Risk Management and Audit Committee.
4. THAT the Council Decisions relating to Report entitled Reappointment of Independent Member – Risk Management and Audit Committee be released to the Open Council Minutes following Council's formal notification to Mr Bartlett and his acceptance.

CARRIED 10/151 – 14/12/2021

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

Initials:



10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
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
25.1.1	Review of Confidential Matters	<p>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)(c)(iii) 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.</p> <p>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.</p>
25.1.2	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	<p>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)(c)(iv) 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.</p>
25.1.3	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	<p>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)(c)(iv) 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be</p>

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		likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
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CARRIED 10/235 – 15/03/2022

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Review of Council Advisory Committees

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Review of Council Advisory Committees be received and noted.
2. THAT Council abolish the following Council Advisory Committees, and these be reformed as Networks:
 - Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee
 - Palmerston Safe Communities Committee
 - Palmerston Animal Management Committee

CARRIED 10/236 – 15/03/2022

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Henderson

3. THAT Council establish the following Advisory Committees, noting that Advisory Committees have no delegated authority:
 - Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee
 - Community Safety Advisory Committee
 - Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee
4. THAT in accordance with section 83(4) of the *Local Government Act 2019* Council endorse the following Council Advisory Committee Terms of Reference relating to Report entitled Review of Council Advisory Committees:
 - Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee - **Attachment 13.1.1.3**
 - Community Safety Advisory Committee - **Attachment 13.1.1.4** with the amendment to membership reducing from two community members to one and the addition of one senior community representative.
 - Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee - **Attachment 13.1.1.5**

CARRIED 10/237 – 15/03/2022

Initials: 

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Henderson

5. THAT Council establish a Palmerston Seniors Network endorsing **Attachment 13.1.1.6** as its Charter, associated to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee, noting that Networks have no delegated authority with the amendment that the Network meet quarterly.

CARRIED 10/238 – 15/03/2022

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

6. THAT Council establish the following Networks and endorse its Charters associated to the Community Safety Advisory Committee, noting that Networks have no delegated authority with the amendment that the Networks meet quarterly:
- Palmerston Safe Communities Network - **Attachment 13.1.1.7**
 - Palmerston Animal Management Network - **Attachment 13.1.1.8**
7. THAT Council note the following Networks are already established and remain unchanged, associated to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee:
- Palmerston Kids Network
 - Palmerston and Rural Youth Services

CARRIED 10/239 – 15/03/2022

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Garden

8. THAT Council make the following Council Member appointments to Council's Advisory Committees and Networks:
- (a) THAT the Mayor be Ex-Officio Member of all Council Advisory Committees for the term of the 10th Council.

CARRIED 10/240 – 15/03/2022

Moved: Deputy Mayor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

8. THAT Council make the following Council Member appointments to Council's Advisory Committees and Networks:
- (b) Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee (CWAC)
- THAT Councillor Eveleigh be appointed as Chair to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.
 - THAT Councillor Henderson be appointed as Member to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.
 - THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee.

CARRIED 10/241 – 15/03/2022

Initials: 

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Hale

8. THAT Council make the following Council Member appointments to Council's Advisory Committees and Networks:

(c) Palmerston Seniors Network

- i. THAT Councillor Henderson appointed to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee be appointed as Chair to the Palmerston Seniors Network for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.

CARRIED 10/242 – 15/03/2022

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Garden

8. THAT Council make the following Council Member appointments to Council's Advisory Committees and Networks:

(d) Community Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC)

- i. THAT Councillor Hale be appointed as Chair to the Community Safety Advisory Committee for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.
ii. THAT Councillor Morrison and Councillor Garden be appointed as Members to the Community Safety Advisory Committee for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.
iii. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Community Safety Advisory Committee.
iv. THAT the terms of reference be amended to include three Elected Members.

CARRIED 10/243 – 15/03/2022

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

8. THAT Council make the following Council Member appointments to Council's Advisory Committees and Networks:

(e) Palmerston Safe Communities Network

- i. THAT Councillor Henderson appointed to the Community Safety Advisory Committee be appointed as Chair to the Palmerston Safe Communities Network for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.
ii. THAT Councillor Eveleigh and Councillor Morrison be appointed as Members to the Palmerston Safe Communities Network for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.
iii. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Palmerston Safe Communities Network.
iv. THAT the charter be amended to include three Elected Members.

CARRIED 10/244 – 15/03/2022

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

8. THAT Council make the following Council Member appointments to Council's Advisory Committees and Networks:

(f) Palmerston Animal Management Network

- i. Councillor Garden appointed to the Community Safety Advisory Committee be appointed as Chair to the Palmerston Animal Management for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- ii. THAT Councillor Morrison be appointed as Member to the Palmerston Animal Management Network for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- iii. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Palmerston Safe Communities Network.

CARRIED 10/245 – 15/03/2022

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

8. THAT Council make the following Council Member appointments to Council's Advisory Committees and Networks:

(g) Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee (VEAC)

- i. THAT Councillor Fraser be appointed as Chair to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- ii. THAT Councillor Councillor Giesecke be appointed as Member to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for period 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- iii. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Vibrant Economic Advisory Committee.

CARRIED 10/246 – 15/03/2022

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Garden

9. THAT Council approves the agenda for Committees and Networks as per **Attachment 13.1.1.2**
10. THAT Council write to respective Government agencies and call for Expressions of Interest for nominated positions on Council's Advisory Committees, with a report presenting submissions to Council by its Second Ordinary Meeting in May 2022 for consideration and appointment.
11. THAT Council call for expressions of Interest for Council's established Networks, with a report presenting submissions to Council by its Second Ordinary Meeting in May 2022.
12. That Council review the Committees and Networks structure in March 2023 with a report to Council on the review by Second Ordinary Meeting in April 2023.

CARRIED 10/247 – 15/03/2022

Initials: 

Councillor Eveleigh left the meeting at 6.21pm.

Councillor Eveleigh returned to the meeting at 6.23pm.

13.1.2 Palmerston City Master Plan

Moved: Deputy Mayor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston City Master Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind the Palmerston City Centre Master Plan 2015, Palmerston City Centre Public Realm and Subdivision Great Streets Strategy and draft Palmerston City Centre Planning Framework.

CARRIED 10/248 – 15/03/2022

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Financial Report for the Month of February 2022

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of February 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/249 – 15/03/2022

13.2.2 Lake Management Plan Update

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Lake Management Plan Update be received and noted.
2. That Council notes that on commissioning of the new mechanical weed harvester, City of Palmerston will operate two machines to regain control of the Salvinia weed and this operational need will be reviewed by 30 November 2022.

CARRIED 10/250 – 15/03/2022

13.2.3 Community Benefit Scheme Update - March 2022

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Update - March 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/251 – 15/03/2022

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT the question asked by Deputy Mayor Henderson regarding litter in public places and on private land and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
2. THAT the questions asked by Councillor Fraser regarding consultation process relating to the accessibility strategy and the response provided by the General Manager of Community & Culture be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/252 – 15/03/2022

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 5 April 2022 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/253 – 15/03/2022

Initials: 

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

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 10/254 – 15/03/2022

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6:49pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:04pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date

Initials: _____