

# MINUTES

## **1st Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 7 June 2022**

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

Minutes of Council Meeting  
held in Council Chambers  
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston  
on Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 5:30pm.

## PRESENT

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### ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor Amber Garden  
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh  
Councillor Mark Fraser  
Councillor Sarah Henderson  
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  
Executive Support, Kristy Joyce

### GALLERY

One 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 Chair declared the meeting open at 5:32pm.

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT the apology received from Councillor Giesecke for 7 June 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/366 – 7/06/2022

### 3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

### 3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 7 June to 15 June 2022 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Fraser for 1 July to 19 July 2022 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 25 June to 3 July 2022 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 9 June to 12 June 2022 inclusive be received and noted.
5. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 14 June to 16 June 2022 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/367 – 7/06/2022

Initials: 

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4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Nil

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 May 2022 pages 10732 to 10739 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/368 – 7/06/2022

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

Nil

Initials:





## 10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

### 10.2.1 Community Benefit Scheme - Scholarship Application

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Scholarship Application be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves the 2021/22 scholarship application to the value of \$4,650, to support Sherinald Shwe's studies in Master of Law – 9201, with the condition that she meets all requirements of the Scholarship Agreement reflective of *Council Policy FIN 18 – Grants, Donations, Scholarships and Sponsorships* and this report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Scholarship Application.
3. THAT the Council decision relating to Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Scholarship Application be moved into the Open Minutes once the applicant has been advised.

CARRIED 10/391 – 7/06/2022

## 10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

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	External Request for Support	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	Council Committee Recommendations	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.

CARRIED 10/369 – 7/06/2022

Initials: 

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## 11 PETITIONS

Nil

## 12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

## 13 OFFICER REPORTS

### 13.1 Action Reports

#### 13.1.1 Fees and Charges 2022-2023

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Fees and Charges 2022-2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the Fees and Charges 2022-2023 at **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to be effective from 1 July 2022.

CARRIED 10/370 – 7/06/2022

#### 13.1.2 Additional Information Council Policy - Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Additional Information Council Policy - Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record be received and noted.
2. THAT Council take off the table Report entitled Council Policy - Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record and replace the Report Attachment 13.1.1.1 being draft Policy with **Attachment 13.1.2.1** of Report entitled Additional Information Council Policy - Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record.
3. THAT Council endorse the new Council Policy being Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record as presented as **Attachment 13.1.2.1** to Report entitled Additional Information Council Policy - Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record with the amendment to the definition of adjoining properties.

CARRIED 10/371 – 7/06/2022

#### 13.1.2 Council Policy - Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record

Moved: Councillor Hale

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Council Policy - Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/372 – 7/06/2022

Initials:





## 13.1.3 Policy Review Political Involvement in Council Events

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Policy Review Political Involvement in Council Events be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses City of Palmerston Political Involvement in Council Events Policy, being **Attachment 13.1.3.1** to Report entitled Policy Review Political Involvement in Council Events.

CARRIED 10/373 - 7/06/2022

## 13.1.4 Northern Territory Government Recycling Modernisation Fund

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Northern Territory Government Recycling Modernisation Fund be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the submission of an application for a \$100,000 (excl GST) grant under the Northern Territory Government Recycling Modernisation Grant to co-fund the purchase and installation of a single cardboard compactor with City of Palmerston's co-contribution of \$100,000 (excl GST) to be funded from the Waste Management Reserve.
3. THAT Council approve the movement of \$100,000 (excl GST) from the Waste Management Reserve, subject to a successful City of Palmerston NT Recycling Modernisation Fund application.

CARRIED 10/374 - 7/06/2022

## 13.1.5 Draft Social Media Strategy 2022

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Draft Social Media Strategy 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the Draft Social Media Plan being **Attachment 13.1.5.1** to go out for community consultation for a period of 28 days and that a report of the outcomes and adoption will be presented to Council by the Second Ordinary Meeting in August 2022 with the amendment to clarify wording regarding monitoring of social media platforms not occurring 24 hours 7 days a week.

CARRIED 10/375 - 7/06/2022

## 13.1.6 Acknowledgment of Traditional Ownership update

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Acknowledgment of Traditional Ownership update be received and noted.
2. THAT the Mayor writes to the Chairman of the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation Board seeking advice and endorsement of proposed City of Palmerston wording for Acknowledgement of Traditional Ownership as follows: *'City of Palmerston acknowledges the Larrakia people as the Traditional Custodians of the Palmerston region. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'*.
3. THAT on receipt of endorsement from Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation Board, Council adopts the updated Acknowledgement of Traditional Ownership to be used at all Council meetings, functions events and ceremonies, or alternative appropriate wording as advised by the Board.

CARRIED 10/376 - 7/06/2022

## 13.1.7 Recreation Centre In-Kind Support for Youth Activities in Palmerston

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Recreation Centre In-Kind Support for Youth Activities in Palmerston be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve continued four year in-kind support for the hire of Recreation Centre stadium, lights, aircon and Community Room 1 to PARBA for the Youth Drop In Sports (YDIS) program until 30 June 2026, noting the additional seven hours per week variation, subject to confirmation of funding from the Northern Territory Government for the program and timeframe.

CARRIED 10/377 - 7/06/2022

## 13.1.8 Risk Management Audit Committee Unconfirmed Minutes - 24 May 2022

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management Audit Committee Unconfirmed Minutes - 24 May 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Risk Management and Audit Committee minutes provided at **Attachment 13.1.8.1** to Report entitled Risk Management Audit Committee Unconfirmed Minutes - 24 May 2022 be received and noted
3. THAT Council endorse the recommendations from the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting held on 24 May 2022:

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- a) THAT the Committee recommends the Council endorses the external audit plan including the importance of the separation of external audit from advisory and internal audit functions guided by the Local Government Act 2019 and governance principals at Attachment 9.1.2.1 as detailed in the report entitled External Audit Plan.
- b) THAT the committee notes that the Author and Approver of report entitled Action Report - May 2022 are incorrect and should be Director of Finance and Governance and Chief Executive Officer respectively.
- c) THAT the committee request reports on an external and internal audit recommendations, actions, accountable officers, expected completion date and status as separate reports to commence by 26 July 2022.

CARRIED 10/378 - 7/06/2022

## 13.1.9 Local Government Representation Review 2022

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

- 1. THAT Report entitled Local Government Representation Review 2022 be received and noted.
- 2. THAT Council endorse **Attachment 13.1.9.1**, as its submission to the 2022 Local Government Review objecting to the introduction of wards with the Municipality of Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/379 - 7/06/2022

## 13.2 Receive and Note Reports

### 13.2.1 Waste Management Infrastructure Planning

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT Report entitled Waste Management Infrastructure Planning be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/380 - 7/06/2022

### 13.2.2 Fiber Sense June 2022 Update

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Report entitled Fiber Sense June 2022 Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/381 - 7/06/2022

Initials: 

## 13.2.3 Palmerston Youth Festival

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Report entitled Palmerston Youth Festival be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/382 – 7/06/2022

## 14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 14.1 Information

#### 14.1.1 Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT correspondence received from the Minister for Territory Development, Eva Lawler, on 18 May 2022 entitled Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/384 – 7/06/2022

#### 14.1.2 Aboriginal Economic Participation Framework

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT correspondence received from Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, Bridgette Bellenger, dated 27 May 2022, entitled Aboriginal Economic Participation Framework be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/384 – 7/06/2022

#### 14.1.3 Management Transfer of Public Housing Tenancies

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT correspondence from the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, Chief Executive Officer, Ken Davies, dated 27 April 2022 entitled Management Transfer of Public Housing Tenancies be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/385 – 7/06/2022

### 14.2 Correspondence

#### 14.2.1 LGANT Administered Code of Conduct Panel

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT correspondence received from Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, Jocelyn Cull, dated 25 May 2022 entitled LGANT Administered Code of Conduct Panel be received and noted.

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2. THAT Council nominate Deputy Mayor Garden as a member of the Prescribed Corporation Panel.

CARRIED 10/387 – 7/06/2022

## 15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

## 16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Morrison regarding Weed Management and support from the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security, and the response provided by the General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Eveleigh regarding Signage around lakes containing information including weed management, and the response provided by the General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/387 – 7/06/2022

## 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 21 June 2022 at 5:30pm in the Durack Community Art Centre, 33 Packard Avenue, Durack.

CARRIED 10/389 – 7/06/2022

## 19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

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 10/389 – 7/06/2022

## 20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.34pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

Initials: 



The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:59pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date

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