

# MINUTES

## **2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 19 July 2022**

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

## COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of Council Meeting  
held in Council Chambers  
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston  
on Tuesday 19 July 2022 at 5:30pm.

### PRESENT

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#### ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor Amber Garden  
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh  
Councillor Sarah Henderson  
Councillor Damian Hale (*Via Audio Visual*)  
Councillor Lucy Morrison

#### STAFF

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

#### GALLERY

Nil

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### 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 5:31pm.

### 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### 3.1 Apologies

Nil

#### 3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

#### 3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 25 July to 26 July 2022 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 12 August to 30 August 2022 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 22 July to 25 July 2022 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Giesecke for 19 July to 19 July 2022 inclusive be received and noted.
5. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Fraser for 19 July to 19 July 2022 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/438 – 19/07/2022

### 4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Council note approval for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Hale who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to circumstances relating to COVID-19.

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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 5 July 2022 pages 10779 to 10786 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/440 - 19/07/2022

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - June 2022 be received and noted.

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8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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### 10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

#### Confidential Business

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT a review of the City of Palmerston Sponsorship Policy be undertaken and presented to Council at the first ordinary meeting in September 2022.
2. THAT this matter be moved into the open section of the Council Meeting Minutes of the 19 July 2022 Council Meeting.

CARRIED 10/457 – 19/07/2022

#### Tender TS2021\_11 SWELL Construction

*Deputy Mayor Amber Garden, Councillor Benjamin Giesecke declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7:03pm.*

*General Manager Community Culture, Director Governance Finance, Executive Support left the meeting at 7:03pm.*

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the Council adopt the tabled additional documents being Probity Auditor and Alterations plan.
2. THAT Report entitled Tender TS2021\_11 SWELL Construction be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/419 – 21/06/2022

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

3. THAT Council approve the full utilisation of the approved \$5 million external loan for the Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure, and Lifestyle (SWELL) project.
4. THAT Council approve the following reserves to be drawn to a total value of \$1.5 million for the Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure, and Lifestyle (SWELL) project;
  - a. \$500,000 from the Major Initiatives Reserve
  - b. \$500,000 from the Working Capital Reserve
  - c. \$500,000 from the Funds in Lieu of Construction Reserve
5. THAT Council approve the Funds in Lieu of Construction Reserve to be drawn to a total value of \$400,000 for the Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure, and Lifestyle (SWELL) project, with a repayment period of 5 years of principal only repayments commencing in the 2023/24 budget.
6. THAT Council approve the total project construction cost for the Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure, and Lifestyle (SWELL) project, as per TS2022\_11, of \$19.4 million.

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7. THAT Council approves the utilisation of the Major Initiatives Reserve, to the available remaining funds of \$295,923 as contingency for the Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure, and Lifestyle (SWELL) project, and notes that any further funding required from reserves will be presented to Council for approval.
8. THAT Council award TS2021\_11 Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure, and Lifestyle (SWELL) with the final scope to include the reduction of items from the contract as identified within Table 2 of this Report entitled Tender TS2021\_11 SWELL Construction, at a contract value of no more than \$19.4 million, excluding GST, to Jaytex Constructions Pty Ltd.
9. THAT pursuant to section 183 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council appoints Chief Executive Officer as an authorised person to finalise contract terms and sign the award of Tender TS2021\_11 Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure, and Lifestyle (SWELL).
10. THAT the decisions of this Report entitled Tender TS2021\_11 SWELL Construction remain confidential until the award of Tender TS2021\_11 Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure, and Lifestyle (SWELL) is finalised and announced.

CARRIED 10/420 – 21/06/2022

*Deputy Mayor Amber Garden, Councillor Benjamin Giesecke, General Manager Community Culture, Director Governance Finance, Executive Support returned to the meeting at 7:30pm.*

### 10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

### 10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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.

CARRIED 10/442 – 19/07/2022

## 11 PETITIONS

Nil

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12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Council Policy Review – Elected Members Allowance and Expenses

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the matter lay on the table subject to further clarity on a number of matters raised by Elected Members.

CARRIED 10/443 – 19/07/2022

13.1.2 Communications Strategy Consultation Outcomes

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Communications Strategy Consultation Outcomes be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the Communications Strategy, as presented as **Attachment 13.1.2.1** to report entitled Communications Strategy Consultation Outcomes.

CARRIED 10/444 – 19/07/2022

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Community and Culture Quarterly Report - April to June 2022

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Report entitled Community and Culture Quarterly Report - April to June 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/445 – 19/07/2022

13.2.2 Capital Projects Rollover from 2021/22 to 2022/23

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Capital Projects Rollover from 2021/22 to 2022/23 be received and noted.

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2. THAT Council adopts the capital works rollover movements for 30 June 2022 of:
  - \$5,414,853.00 transferred to Unexpended Capital Works Reserve
  - \$2,595,514.00 transferred to Unexpended Grants
3. THAT Council adopts the capital works rollover movements and associated expenditure as of 1 July 2022 of:
  - \$5,414,853.00 transferred from Unexpended Capital Works Reserve
  - \$2,595,514.00 recognised as Capital income
4. THAT Council adopts the capital works rollover movements and associated income and expenditure as of 1 July 2022 and included in the First Budget Review 2022-23.
5. THAT Council acknowledged that the Long-Term Financial Plan for 2023-2032 will be amended and presented to council for adoption in the First Budget Review for 2022-23.

CARRIED 10/446 – 19/07/2022

### 13.2.3 Community Benefit Scheme End of Financial Year Update

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme End of Financial Year Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/447 – 19/07/2022

### 13.2.4 myPalmerston June update

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled myPalmerston June update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/448 – 19/07/2022

### 13.2.5 Financial Report for the Month of June 2022

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

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

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## 14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 14.1 Information

Nil

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### 14.2 Correspondence

#### 14.2.1 Correspondence from the Hon Selena Uiho MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT correspondence dated 12 July 2022 received from the Hon Selena Uiho MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/450 – 19/07/2022

### 15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

### 16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding street light outages, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Mayor Pascoe-Bell regarding irrigation issues, and the response provided by the Acting General Manager of Infrastructure be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/451 – 19/07/2022

### 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 17.1 Palmerston Youth Festival

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Council expresses its thanks to all staff and volunteers involved in the delivery of the Palmerston Youth Festival 2022.

CARRIED 10/452 – 19/07/2022

### 18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 2 August 2022 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/453 – 19/07/2022

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19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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 10/454 – 19/07/2022

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:24pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date