



# MINUTES

## **2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 17 October 2023**

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



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Minutes of Council Meeting  
held in Council Chambers  
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston  
on Tuesday 17 October 2023 at 5:30pm.

## PRESENT

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### ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor Danielle Eveleigh (*Via Audio/Audiovisual*)  
Councillor Amber Garden  
Councillor Ben Giesecke  
Councillor Damian Hale  
Councillor Mark Fraser  
Councillor Sarah Henderson

### STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Amelia Vellar  
General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon  
General Manager Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta  
General Manager Community, Kylie Darley  
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

### GALLERY

Nine members of the public  
Two members of staff

Initials: 

## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*City of Palmerston acknowledges the Larrakia people as the Traditional Custodians of the Palmerston region. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future leaders and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.*

## 2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the apology received from Councillor Morrison for 17 October 2023 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/1044 - 17/10/2023**

### 3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

*THAT it be noted Councillor Morrison will be on leave of absence as previously granted on 19 September 2023, for the period of 16 October to 20 October 2023 inclusive.*

*THAT it be noted Deputy Mayor Eveleigh will be on leave of absence as previously granted on 19 September 2023, for the period of 15 October to 19 October 2023 inclusive.*

### 3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 18 October to 20 October 2023 inclusive be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/1045 - 17/10/2023**

## 4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

*THAT Council note Deputy Mayor Eveleigh is attending via Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting, as approved at the meeting on 19 September 2023.*

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

### 5.1 Elected Members

Nil

Initials:





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5.2 Staff

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Chief Executive Officer, for Item 25.1.1 - Confidential Restricted be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1046 - 17/10/2023

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 October 2023 pages 11150 to 11156 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1047 - 17/10/2023

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 LGANT Membership

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the presentation by Sean Holden, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) on LGANT Membership be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1048 - 17/10/2023

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

Initials: 

**10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open**

**10.1.1 Budget Development Timeline**

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Budget Development Timeline be received and noted.
2. THAT the Council endorse the 2024-25 Budget Timeline contained in the report entitled Budget Development Timeline
3. THAT the Council Decision relating to the Report entitled Budget Development Timeline be moved to the Open Minutes of the 17 October 2023 Meeting.

**CARRIED 10/1067 – 17/10/2023**

**10.1.2 SWELL Opening**

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled SWELL Opening be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the public opening event date of the new Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure and Lifestyle (SWELL) facility as 17 December 2023 following the completion of construction in November and period of training to operate the new centre.
3. THAT the Council Decision relating to the Report entitled SWELL Opening be moved to the Open Minutes of the 17 October 2023 Meeting.

**CARRIED 10/1070 – 17/10/2023**

**10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential**

Nil

**10.3 Confidential Items**

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
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
23.1	External Presentation Request	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(ii) of the Local Government

Initials: 

		(General) Regulations 2021, 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 maintenance or administration of the law.
25.1.1	Confidential Restricted	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)(a) 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 employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.
25.1.2	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	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.
25.1.3	Election Preparation	<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> <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>
25.1.4	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)(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.

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25.1.5	Council Project Initiative	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.
25.1.6	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	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.

**CARRIED 10/1049 – 17/10/2023**

**11 PETITIONS**

Nil

**12 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**13 OFFICER REPORTS**

**13.1 Action Reports**

**13.1.1 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) - Phase 4 Work Schedule**

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled 13.1.1 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LCRI) - Phase 4 Work Schedule be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following projects for Phase 4 of the Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, as outlined within the report entitled Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) - Phase 4 Work Schedule, with a total allocation of \$649,475;
  - a. Part A – Zuccoli Community Hub Walking Trial and associated infrastructure, including picnic shelter and barbecue.
  - b. Part B - Road rehabilitation works of collector roads, including Lakeview Boulevard, Gunn.

**CARRIED 10/1050 – 17/10/2023**

Initials: 

## 13.1.2 Basketball Half-Court - Location Update

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Basketball Half-Court - Location Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the construction of the basketball half court within Marlow Lagoon Recreation Reserve, at the revised location of adjacent the oval and playground, as outlined as Option 1, of this report entitled Basketball Half-Court - Location Update.

CARRIED 10/1051 - 17/10/2023

## 13.1.3 Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - September 2023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - September 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council receive and note the unconfirmed minutes from Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting **Attachment 13.1.3.1** to report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - September 2023.
3. THAT Council endorses the recommendations within the respective minutes from the Palmerston Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee minutes being **Attachment 13.1.3.1** as follows:
  - a. Network Updates – Community Wellbeing Committee
    - i. THAT Report entitled Network Updates – Community Wellbeing Committee be received and noted.
    - ii. THAT the Committee recommends to Council that a representative from the Northern Territory Government Department of Planning and Logistics be invited to attend the last Palmerston Seniors Network for 2023 on 6 December to discuss issues relating to transport vouchers.
  - b. Harvest Corner, Gray Community Garden
    - i. THAT Report entitled Harvest Corner, Gray Community Garden be received and noted.
    - ii. THAT the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee is encouraged to circulate and promote the Expression of Interest opportunity once released within their networks.

CARRIED 10/1052- 17/10/2023

## 13.1.4 Planning Scheme Amendment - Greater Holtze Area Plan

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

Initials:





1. THAT Report entitled Planning Scheme Amendment - Greater Holtze Area Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the letter, provided at **Attachment 13.1.4.1**, for submission to the NT Planning Commission with the inclusion of strengthening the need for contributions towards social infrastructure .

CARRIED 10/1053 – 17/10/2023

## 13.2 Receive and Note Reports

### 13.2.1 People and Place Quarterly Report - July to September 2023

Moved: Councillor Garden  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled People and Place Quarterly Report - July to September 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1054 – 17/10/2023

### 13.2.2 Community Benefit Scheme - September Report

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Update September 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1055 – 17/10/2023

### 13.2.3 Finance Report for the Month of September 2023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Report entitled Finance Report for the Month of September 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1056 – 17/10/2023

*Councillor Giesecke left the Chambers at 6.49pm*

### 13.2.4 Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - July to September 2023

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Report entitled Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - July to September 2023 be received and noted.

*Councillor Giesecke returned to the Chambers at 6.54pm*

CARRIED 10/1057 – 17/10/2023



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## 13.2.5 Major Capital Projects October 2023 Update

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Major Capital Projects October 2023 Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/1058 – 17/10/2023**

## 14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 14.1 Information

Nil

### 14.2 Correspondence

Nil

## 15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the verbal report received by Mayor Pascoe-Bell regarding 2023 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors Forum be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/1059 – 17/10/2023**

## 16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

## 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 7 November 2023 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

**CARRIED 10/1060 – 17/10/2023**

Initials: 

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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 10/1061 - 17/10/2023

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned for ten minutes.

CARRIED 10/1062 - 17/10/2023

The meeting adjourned at 7.03pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 7.03pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 7.08pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.02pm.



Chair



Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Print Name



7 November 2023

Date

Initials: