



city of
PALMERSTON
'A Place for People'

MINUTES

1st Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 16 January 2024

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 16 January 2024 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Benjamin Giesecke
Councillor Amber Garden
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh
Councillor Damian Hale
Councillor Lucy Morrison
Councillor Mark Fraser

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
General Manager Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta
General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon
Acting General Manager Community, Emma Blight
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

Four members of staff
One member of the public

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

Nil

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

THAT it be noted Councillor Henderson will be on leave of absence as previously granted on 16 December 2023, for the period of 27 December 2023 to 26 January 2024 inclusive.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 28 March to 16 April 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 11 March to 24 March 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Eveleigh for 19 February to 23 February 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Deputy Mayor Giesecke for 18 January to 21 January 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1157 - 16/01/2024

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Morrison who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting on the 19 March 2024 due to being a greater distance than 100km from the approved place of meeting.
2. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Eveleigh who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting on the 20

February 2024 due to being a greater distance than 100km from the approved place of meeting.

3. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell who will be physically prevented from attending the meeting on the 2 April 2024 due to being a greater distance than 100km from the approved place of meeting.

CARRIED 10/1158 – 16/01/2024

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Eveleigh for Item 25.1.2 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1159 – 16/01/2024

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 December 2023 pages 11207 to 11217 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1160 – 16/01/2024

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Initials: 



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9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

10.1.1 Budget Development 2024-25 - Workshop 1

Moved: Councillor Garden

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Budget Development 2024-25 - Workshop 1 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Council Decision relating to the Report entitled Budget Development 2024-25 - Workshop 1 be moved to the Open Minutes of the 16 January 2024 meeting.

CARRIED 10/1175– 16/01/2024

10.1.2 Community Hall Facilities in Palmerston

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT this item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (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 interests of the council or some other person.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding locations of and future opportunities for community hall facilities within Palmerston, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
3. THAT this decision be moved to the Open Minutes of 16 January 2024.

CARRIED 10/1176 – 16/01/2024

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Morrison

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:

Initials: 

Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
25.1.1	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.
25.1.2	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)(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.
25.2.3	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)(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 10/1161 - 16/01/2024

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Petition - Middle Arm

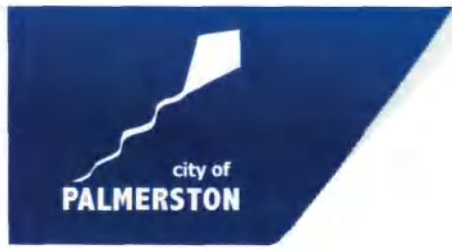
Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Petition - Middle Arm be received and noted.
2. That Council endorse the response to the petition initiator being **Attachment 13.1.1.2** to report entitled Petition - Middle Arm.

CARRIED 10/1162 - 16/01/2024

Initials: 



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13.1.2 Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2024 Update

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2024 Update be received and noted.
2. THAT a report be prepared for the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting in February 2024, considering options for meeting dates in 2024 for City of Palmerston Advisory Committees.

CARRIED 10/1163 - 16/01/2024

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 People and Place Quarterly Report - October to December 2023

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the tabled document entitled "20240116 - ADDENDUM Page 33 - 16 January 2024" be received and noted and replace page 33 of the 16 January 2024 Council Agenda.
2. THAT Report entitled People and Place Quarterly Report - October to December 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1164 - 16/01/2024

13.2.2 Community Quarterly Report - October to December 2023

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Report entitled Community Quarterly Report - October to December 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1165 - 16/01/2024

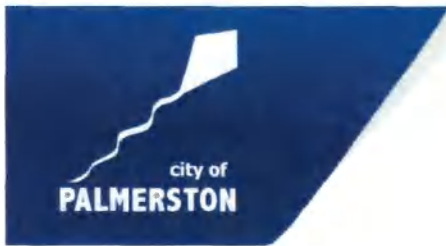
13.2.3 Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - October to December 2023

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - October to December 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1166 - 16/01/2024

Initials: 



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13.2.4 Financial Report for the Month of December 2023

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of December 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1167 - 16/01/2024

13.2.5 Community Benefit Scheme - December Update

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

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

CARRIED 10/1168 - 16/01/2024

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

16.1 Community Feedback – City of Palmerston Australia Day Event

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the question asked by Councillor Hale regarding any community feedback regarding City of Palmerston Australia Day Event, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1169 - 16/01/2024

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Initials:

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 6 February 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/1170 - 16/01/2024

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 10/1171 - 16/01/2024

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 5.46pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

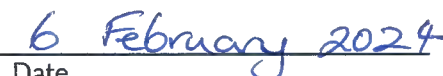
The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.13pm..



Chair



Print Name



Date