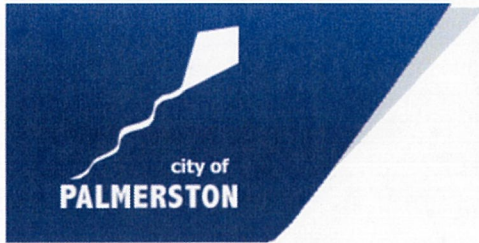


MINUTES

1st Ordinary Council Meeting **Tuesday 6 February 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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COUNCIL MINUTES

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

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Benjamin Giesecke
Councillor Amber Garden
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh
Councillor Lucy Morrison
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
Acting General Manager Community, Emma Blight
Matthew McNamara, City Activation Manager
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

Nine members of the public
Four 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.

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes for the Chinese New Year Blessing performed by the Chung Wah Society Lion Dance Troupe.

CARRIED 10/1178 - 6/02/2024

The meeting adjourned at 5.31pm.

Reconvene

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the meeting be reconvened.

CARRIED 10/1179 - 6/02/2024

The meeting reconvened at 5.46pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Deputy Mayor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the apology received from Councillor Hale for 6 February 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1180 - 6/02/2024

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT it be noted Councillor Eveleigh's leave of absence as previously granted on 16 January 2024, for the period of 19 February to 23 February 2024 inclusive has been withdrawn.

CARRIED 10/1181 - 6/02/2024

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Nil

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Council withdraw the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Eveleigh on the 16 January 2024.

CARRIED 10/1182 - 6/02/2024

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 Fraser

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 January 2023 pages 11223 to 11230 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1183 - 6/02/2024

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - December 2023 to January 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1184 - 6/02/2024

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the following public question from Trevor Jenkins and response as tabled regarding Children in Library during school hours be received and noted.
2. THAT the following public question from Chris Kelly of Zuccoli and response as tabled regarding Proposed City of Palmerston By-Laws regarding cat management be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1185 – 6/02/2024

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

10.1.1 Palmerston Australia Day Awards 2024 - Citizen of the Year

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Australia Day Awards 2024 - Citizen of the Year be received and noted.
2. THAT Council awards Neville Driver as Palmerston's Citizen of the Year 2024.
3. THAT the Council Decisions relating to Report Entitled Palmerston Australia Day Awards 2024 - Citizen of the Year, be moved to open following the announcement of the award recipient.

CARRIED 10/1151 – 12/12/2023

10.1.2 Palmerston Australia Day Awards 2024 - Young Citizen of the Year

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Australia Day Awards 2024 - Young Citizen of the Year be received and noted.
2. THAT Council Awards Jessica Porter as Palmerston's Young Citizen of the Year 2024.
3. THAT the Council Decisions relating to the Report Entitled Palmerston Australia Day Awards 2024 - Young Citizen of the Year be moved to open following the announcement of the award recipient.

CARRIED 10/1152 – 12/12/2023

10.1.3 Palmerston Australia Day Awards 2024 - Community Event of the Year

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Australia Day Awards 2024 - Community Event of the Year be received and noted.
2. THAT Council awards Eat-Up Project as Palmerston's Community Event of the Year 2024.
3. THAT the Council Decisions relating to the Report Entitled Palmerston Australia Day Awards 2024 - Community Event of the Year be moved to open following the announcement of the award recipient.

CARRIED 10/1153 - 12/12/2023

10.1.4 Venture Housing - Review of Decision Notice (17 August 2023)

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Venture Housing - Review of Decision Notice (17 August 2023) be received and noted.
2. THAT Council receive and note the minutes of the City of Palmerston Administrative Review Committee being **Attachment 25.1.2.4** to report entitled Venture Housing - Review of Decision Notice (17 August 2023).
3. THAT Council confirms the Council Decision Notice dated 17 August 2023 rejecting Venture Housing Company Ltd request for the correction of an entry in the rates assessment record in respect of the properties listed in the schedule to the application, as recommended by the Administrative Review Committee and direct the Chief Executive Officer to provide a decision notice to Venture Housing, in accordance with s233(7) Local Government Act 2019.
4. THAT the Council Decision relating to the Report entitled Venture Housing - Review of Decision Notice (17 August 2023) be moved to the Open Minutes following the applicant being issued the Decision Notice.

CARRIED 10/1174 - 16/01/2024

10.1.5 Risk Management and Audit Committee Independent Member Recruitment

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Independent Member Recruitment be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following selection panel for the appointment of the independent member to the Risk Management and Audit Committee
 - a) Mayor Pascoe-Bell,
 - b) Councillor Garden, and
 - c) Councillor Henderson

3. THAT the Council Decision relating to the Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Independent Member Recruitment be moved to the Open Minutes of the 1st Ordinary Council meeting February 2024.

CARRIED 10/1197 - 6/02/2024

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

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 <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.
25.1.1	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	Appointment of Committee Member	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.
25.2.1	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)(i) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , which states a council may

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		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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.
25.2.2	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)(ii) 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 maintenance or administration of the law.

CARRIED 10/1186 - 6/02/2024

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Council to the Community Meetings 2024

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Council to the Community Meetings 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the continuation of the Council to the Community Meetings including the pre-meeting public forum, in 2024 as a part of the Ordinary Meeting Calendar, for the following Ordinary Meetings:
 - 2nd Ordinary Meeting 16 April 2024.
 - 2nd Ordinary Meeting 17 September 2024.

CARRIED 10/1187 - 6/02/2024

13.1.2 Appointment of Council Network Membership

Moved: Deputy Mayor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Appointment of Council Network Membership be received and noted.

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2. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Palmerston Seniors Network:
 - a. THAT Councillor Henderson appointed to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee be appointed as Chair to the Palmerston Seniors Network for a period of 7 February 2024 to 30 June 2024.
 - b. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Palmerston Seniors Network.
3. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Palmerston Safe Communities Network:
 - a. THAT Councillor Henderson appointed to the Community Safety Advisory Committee be appointed as Chair to the Palmerston Safe Communities Network for period 7 February 2024 to 30 June 2024.
 - b. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Palmerston Safe Communities Network.
4. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Palmerston Animal Management Network:
 - a. THAT Councillor Garden appointed to the Community Safety Advisory Committee be appointed as Chair to the Palmerston Animal Management Network for period 7 February 2024 to 30 June 2024.
 - b. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Palmerston Animal Management Network.

CARRIED 10/1188 - 6/02/2024

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Infrastructure Quarterly Report October to December 2023

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

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

CARRIED 10/1189 - 6/02/2024

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

Initials: 

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the verbal report received by Councillor Morrison regarding Tourism Top End Meeting be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1190 – 6/02/2024

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Morrison regarding the new Zuccoli lake being stocked with barramundi, and the response provided by the General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding SWELL 50 metre pool, be taken on notice by the General Manager Community.
3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Eveleigh regarding Sibbald Park pathways and the water issues be taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.
4. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding School Speed check signs not working and the response by the General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1191 – 6/02/2024

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

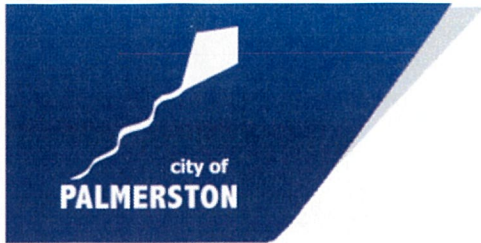
Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/1192 – 6/02/2024



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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 10/1193 - 6/02/2024

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.53pm.



Chair

Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

20 February 2024

Date