

The top of the page features a colorful illustration. On the left, a silhouette of a person and two children are shown flying a kite on a grassy bank overlooking a body of water. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a blue sky. On the right, two vibrant, multi-colored birds (likely bee-eaters) are perched on a branch. The overall scene is bright and scenic.

city of
PALMERSTON
'A Place for People'

MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 20 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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Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Ben Giesecke (*via Audio/Audiovisual*)
Councillor Amber Garden
Councillor Damian Hale
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
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

Six members of the public
Two members of staff

Initials: Bh

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

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Eveleigh for 19 February to 22 February 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 30 May to 13 June 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 19 August to 26 August 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 14 October to 24 October 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
5. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Garden for 23 December 2024 to 12 January 2025 inclusive be received and noted.
6. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 21 February to 23 February 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1201 – 20/02/2024

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Council notes that Deputy Mayor Giesecke is attending via Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing as he will be physically prevented from attending the meeting, due to being a

greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting, and approval has been granted by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the City of Palmerston Audio/Audiovisual Policy.

CARRIED 10/1202 - 20/02/2024

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Morrison for Item 13.1.2 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Henderson for Item 13.1.2 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1203 - 20/02/2024

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 February 2024 pages 11235 to 11244 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1204 - 20/02/2024

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the following public question from Francis Bonfield and response as tabled regarding City of Palmerston Council Meeting Acknowledgement of Country be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1205 - 20/02/2024

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

10.1.1 Australia Day Ceremony - Neville Driver

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT correspondence dated 31 January 2024 entitled Australia Day Ceremony - Neville Driver be received and noted.
2. THAT the Council Decision relating to Correspondence entitled Australia Day Ceremony - Neville Driver be moved to the Open Minutes of the 20 February 2024 Meeting.

CARRIED 10/1218 - 20/02/2024

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:

Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
26.2.1	Confidential Correspondence	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 10/1206 - 20/02/2024

Initials: BC

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2024

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council seek feedback for the relevant Advisory Committees at the March 2024 meeting, on a change to the meeting schedule for 2024 as follows:
 - a. Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meetings being:
 - i. 5.30pm Monday 29 April 2024 in Council Chambers
 - ii. 5.30pm Monday 22 July 2024 in Council Chambers
 - iii. 5.30pm Monday 21 October 2024 in Council Chambers
 - b. Community Safety Advisory Committee meetings being:
 - i. 5.30pm Tuesday 14 May 2024 in Council Chambers
 - ii. 5.30pm Tuesday 13 August 2024 in Council Chambers
 - iii. 5.30pm Tuesday 12 November 2024 in Council Chambers
 - c. Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee meetings being:
 - i. 5.30pm Thursday 13 June 2024 in Council Chambers
 - ii. 5.30pm Thursday 12 September 2024 in Council Chambers
 - iii. 5.30pm Thursday 5 December 2024 in Council Chambers
3. That a further report be present to Council regarding the Advisory Committee meeting schedule for 2024, following feedback from the Advisory Committees, at or before the Second Ordinary Meeting in April 2024.

CARRIED 10/1207 - 20/02/2024

13.1.2 Community Benefit Scheme - Multiple Applications

Councillor Henderson and Councillor Morrison left Chambers at 5.39pm.

Initials: *Bh*

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Multiple Applications be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse a multiyear sponsorship agreement with the Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors Association for \$22,000 for 2024/2025, \$25,000 in 2025/26 and \$25,000 in 2026/27 as outlined in **Attachment 13.1.2.1** to report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Multiple Applications to be funded from the Community Benefit Scheme.
3. THAT Council endorse a grant agreement with the Australian Vietnamese Family Association for \$2,000 to deliver the Vietnamese New Year – Tet Festival in Palmerston as outlined in **Attachment 13.1.2.2** to report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Multiple Applications to be funded from the Community Benefit Scheme.
4. THAT Council endorse a three-year sponsorship agreement with Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association for \$10,000 annually for three (3) years as outlined in **Attachment 13.1.2.3** to report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Multiple Applications to be funded from the Community Benefit Scheme.

CARRIED 10/1208 – 20/02/2024

Councillor Henderson and Councillor Morrison returned to Chambers at 5.41pm.

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Community Benefit Scheme - January Update

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED 10/1209 – 20/02/2024

13.2.2 Communications Strategy Update

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Communications Strategy Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1210 – 20/02/2024

13.2.3 Financial Report for the Month of January 2024

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of January 2024 be received and noted.

Initials: Bh

CARRIED 10/1211 – 20/02/2024

13.2.4 Renumeration Tribunal Outcome 2024

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT the Northern Territory Renumeration Tribunal Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Authorities Report on determination No 1 of 2024 be tabled as an addition attachment 13.2.4.3
2. THAT Report entitled Renumeration Tribunal Outcome 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1212 – 20/02/2024

13.2.5 NT Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference 2024

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Report entitled NT Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1213 – 20/02/2024

13.2.6 Major Capital Projects Update - January 2024

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Report entitled Major Capital Projects Update - January 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1214 – 20/02/2024

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Initials: *Bh*



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COUNCIL MINUTES

Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED 10/1215 - 20/02/2024

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

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)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 10/1216 - 20/02/2024

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.07pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.30pm.



Chair

BENJAMIN GIESECKE

Print Name

5/3/24

Date

Initials: _____