

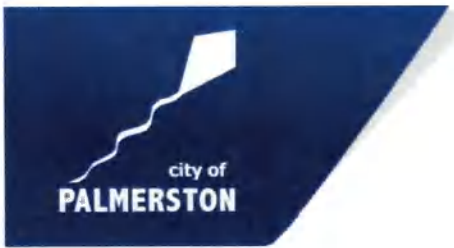
The top of the page features a horizontal banner with a dark blue background on the left and a white background on the right. On the left, the City of Palmerston logo is displayed, including the text 'city of PALMERSTON' and the slogan 'A Place for People'. The background illustration shows silhouettes of people on a beach at night, with a city skyline in the distance. On the right, two colorful bee-eaters are perched on a branch, set against a backdrop of yellow and orange foliage.

city of
PALMERSTON
'A Place for People'

MINUTES

1st Ordinary Council Meeting **Tuesday 5 March 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 5 March 2024 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Acting Mayor Benjamin Giesecke (Chair)
- Councillor Amber Garden
- Councillor Damian Hale (*Via Audio/Audiovisual*)
- Councillor Danielle Eveleigh
- Councillor Lucy Morrison
- Councillor Sarah Henderson

STAFF

- Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Amelia Vellar
- General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon
- Acting General Manager Finance and Governance, Lisa Blakeley
- Acting General Manager Community, Emma Blight
- Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

One member of staff

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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 Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Fraser for 4 March to 8 March 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 5 March to 7 March 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 4 March to 6 March 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Deputy Mayor Giesecke for 31 October to 18 November 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
5. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 9 May to 13 May 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
6. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 24 May to 26 May 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1220 – 5/03/2024

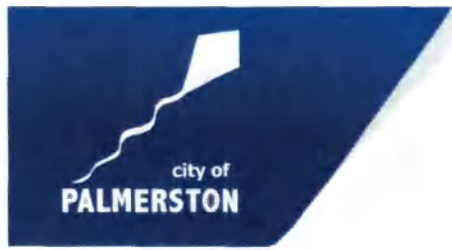
4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Council notes that the Chief Executive Officer has approved the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Hale who will be physically

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prevented from attending a meeting due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting.

2. THAT Council approves the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Deputy Mayor Giesecke for 5 November 2024 who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting.

CARRIED 10/1221 - 5/03/2024

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Nil

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 February 2024 pages 11250 to 11257 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1222 - 5/03/2024

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

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10.1.1 Draft Animal Management By-Laws

Moved: Deputy Mayor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Draft Animal Management By-Laws be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the draft Palmerston (Animal Management) By-Laws and identified amendments being **Attachment 25.1.2.1** and **Attachment 25.1.2.2** for the purpose of Community Consultation following final review and sign off of the draft Palmerston (Animal Management) By-Laws by the Parliamentary Counsel.
3. THAT Council, for the purposes of Community Consultation endorse the unlicensed two dogs per property policy statement.
4. THAT a further Report be presented to Council following conclusion of the Community Consultation period including outcomes and recommendations.
5. THAT this decision be moved into the Open Minutes following media and community consultation public announcement.

CARRIED 10/1003 – 5/09/2023

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

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 following confidential items:

Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
25.1.1	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)(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.

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11 PETITIONS

Nil

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12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Policy Schedule Review Update

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Policy Schedule Review Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1224 – 5/03/2024

13.1.2 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly and Australian Council of Local Government 2024

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly and Australian Council of Local Government 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Mayor Pascoe-Bell or her representative, and Councillors Henderson and Giesecke attendance to the 2024 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra being held 2 to 4 July 2024
3. THAT Council endorse Mayor Pascoe-Bell or her representative attendance to the Australian Council of Local Government being held in Canberra on 5 July 2024.

CARRIED 10/1225 – 5/03/2024

13.1.3 Palmerston Liquor Accord Representation

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Liquor Accord Representation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Mayor or her delegate to represent City of Palmerston as an 'accord advisor' on the Palmerston Liquor Accord.

CARRIED 10/1226 – 5/03/2024

13.1.4 Council Policy Review - Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses City of Palmerston's Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing Policy being **Attachment 13.1.4.3** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing.

CARRIED 10/1227 - 5/03/2024

13.1.5 Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes - 27 February 2024

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes - 27 February 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Risk Management and Audit Committee minutes provided at **Attachment 13.1.5.1** to report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes - 27 February 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1228 - 5/03/2024

13.1.6 Council Policy Review - Social Media

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Social Media be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses City of Palmerston's Social Media Policy being **Attachment 13.1.6.3** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Social Media.

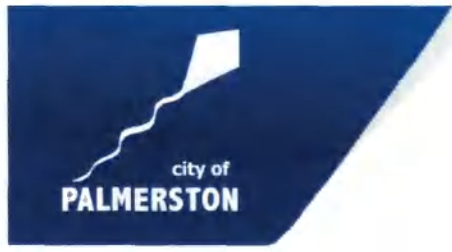
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13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Open Space Maintenance Service Levels 2024

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Open Space Maintenance Service Levels 2024 be received and noted.



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2. THAT Council notes the changes to Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping services as identified within this report entitled Open Space Maintenance Service Levels 2024.

CARRIED 10/1230 – 5/03/2024

13.2.2 Palmerston Youth Festival 2024

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Palmerston Youth Festival 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1231 – 5/03/2024

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Minister Paech - Rateability of Land Occupied by Charities and Public Benevolent Institutions

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

THAT correspondence dated 12 February 2024 entitled Minister Paech - Rateability of Land Occupied by Charities and Public Benevolent Institutions be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1232 – 5/03/2024

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

15.1 Local Government Advocacy Exploration

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Council receive and note 15.1 entitled Local Government Advocacy Exploration.

CARRIED 10/1233 – 5/03/2024

15.2 Tourism Top End

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the Council receive and note the verbal report from Councillor Morrison regarding the Tourism Top End meeting in February 2024.

CARRIED 10/1234 – 5/03/2024

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16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the question asked by Councillor Eveleigh regarding notification of City of Palmerston events and council sponsored events being provided to Elected Members, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer that this will be actioned through the Elected Member shared calendar be received and noted.

THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding University Avenue graffiti, and appearance and the response provided by the General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1235 - 5/03/2024

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 SWELL Locker Installation

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT a report be prepared for the options for provision of lockers for users at SWELL by the First Ordinary Council Meeting on 7 May 2024.

CARRIED 10/1236 - 5/03/2024

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/1237 - 5/03/2024

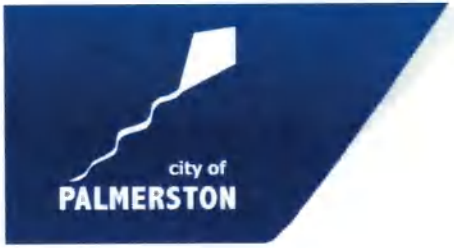
19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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 10/1238 - 5/03/2024

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20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.16pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Chair

Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

19 March 2024

Date