



# MINUTES

## **1st Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 2 April 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 2 April 2024 at 5:30pm.

## PRESENT

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### ELECTED MEMBERS

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

### STAFF

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

### GALLERY

One member of the public  
Two members 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

*THAT it be noted Mayor Pascoe-Bell will be on leave of absence as previously granted on 16 January 2024 for the period of 28 March to 16 April 2024 inclusive.*

*THAT it be noted Deputy Mayor Giesecke will be on leave of absence as previously granted on 19 March 2024 for the period of 2 April 2024 inclusive.*

### 3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 3 April to 5 April 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/1267 – 2/04/2024**

## 4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Council note the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Garden who will be physically prevented from attending a 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 Conferencing Policy.

**CARRIED 10/1268 – 2/04/2024**



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5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Hale for Item 25.1.1 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Eveleigh for Item 25.1.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1269 - 2/04/2024

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 March 2024 pages 11273 to 11288 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1270 - 2/04/2024

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

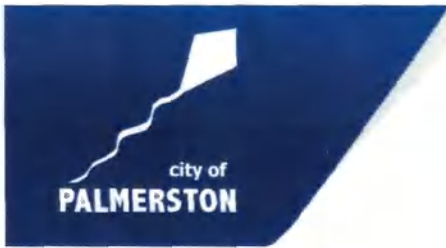
Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Nil

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10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
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
25.1.1	Election Preparation	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.

CARRIED 10/1271 - 2/04/2024

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Council Policy Review - Recognition of Service to the Community

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Recognition of Service to the Community be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses City of Palmerston's Recognition of Service to the Community Policy being **Attachment 13.1.1.3** to report entitled Council Policy Review - Recognition of Service to the Community.

CARRIED 10/1272 - 2/04/2024

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## 13.1.2 Council Policy Review - Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
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 13.1.2.3 to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing.

CARRIED 10/1273 - 2/04/2024

## 13.2 Receive and Note Reports

### 13.2.1 Community Quarterly Report - January to March 2024

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Report entitled Community Quarterly Report - January to March 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1274 - 2/04/2024

### 13.2.2 Infrastructure Quarterly Report January to March 2024

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Infrastructure Quarterly Report January to March 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1275 - 2/04/2024

## 14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 14.1 Information

#### 14.1.1 FAQs - 2024-25 Council Member Allowances

Moved: Councillor Garden  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the Information 14.1.1 entitled FAQs - 2024-25 Council Member Allowances received from Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1276 - 2/04/2024

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### 14.2 Correspondence

#### 14.2.1 Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT correspondence dated 22 March 2024 14.2.1 entitled Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability be received and noted.
2. THAT a Report be provided to Council regarding the Inquiry Into Local Government Sustainability by the 2nd Ordinary Meeting in April 2024.

**CARRIED 10/1277 - 2/04/2024**

### 15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

### 16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

### 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

### 18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 16 April 2024 at 5:30pm in Gray Community Hall, Gray.

**CARRIED 10/1278 - 2/04/2024**

### 19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
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 10/1279 - 2/04/2024**

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### 20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.04pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.27pm.

Chair

Mayor Pascoe Bell

Print Name

16 April 2024

Date

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