

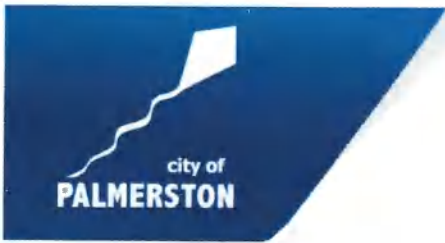


MINUTES

1st Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 7 May 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 7 May 2024 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Ben 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
General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

One member of the public
Three members of staff

Initials:

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.31pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the apology received from Councillor Hale for 7 May 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1311 – 7/05/2024

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 29 April to 1 May 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 24 May to 26 May 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Eveleigh for 30 April to 5 May 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1312 – 7/05/2024

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Eveleigh for Item 13.1.1 be received and noted.

Initials: 

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

CARRIED 10/1313 - 7/05/2024

5.2 Staff

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Luccio Cercarelli, Chief Executive Officer for Item 25.1.1 - Confidential Restricted be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1314 - 7/05/2024

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 April 2024 pages 11304 to 11314 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1315 - 7/05/2024

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

10.1.1 Darwin Festival in Palmerston Proposal

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Darwin Festival in Palmerston Proposal be received and noted.

Initials: 

2. THAT Council approve the sponsorship proposal from Darwin Festival at a cost of \$150,000 excluding GST per annum for 2024 and 2025 in Palmerston as per **Attachment 25.1.1.1.**
3. THAT the Council Decision relating to the Report entitled Darwin Festival in Palmerston Proposal be moved to the Open Minutes following official announcement by Darwin Festival of their calendar of events.

CARRIED 10/1196 – 6/02/2024

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Garden

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

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.
23.2	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	Matters Relating to Council Staff and or Elected Members	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)(a) 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 employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.
25.2.1	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)(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 10/1316 – 7/05/2024

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

Councillor Eveleigh left Chambers at 5.37pm.

13.1.1 Community Benefit Scheme - Walking Off the War Within

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Walking Off the War Within be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves a one-off \$2,000 sponsorship payment for the Walking Off the War Within September 2024 Event, to be funded from the Community Benefit Scheme as detailed in Report entitled 13.1.1 Community benefit Scheme - Walking Off the War Within.

CARRIED 10/1317 – 7/05/2024

Councillor Eveleigh returned to Chambers at 5.39pm.

Initials:



Councillor Morrison left Chambers at 5.39pm.

13.1.2 Community Benefit Scheme - Palmerston Golf and Country Club request to defer 2023/24 sponsorship

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Palmerston Golf and Country Club request to defer 2023/24 sponsorship be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve an amendment to the Palmerston Golf and Country Club Memorandum of Understanding to defer the annual \$30,000 sponsorship payment from the 2023/24 financial year to 2025/26 keeping all other conditions of funding the same.

CARRIED 10/1318 - 7/05/2024

Councillor Morrison returned to Chambers at 5.40pm.

13.1.3 Final Adoption of the Palmerston Animal By-Laws

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Final Adoption of the Palmerston Animal By-Laws be received and noted.
2. THAT Council authorises the implementation of the Palmerston Animal Management By-Laws as at **Attachment 13.1.3.1** to commence on 1 July 2024.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to sign the Palmerston Animal Management By-Laws 2024 being **Attachment 13.1.3.1** as required by Local Government Act 2019, the Interpretation Act 1978 and any other required legislation and undertake necessary actions for its implementation on 1 July 2024.
4. THAT the Council write to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly Chief Minister providing a copy of the signed City of Palmerston (Animal Management) By-Laws 2024 for the purpose of Gazettal.

CARRIED 10/1319 - 7/05/2024

13.1.4 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 29 April 2024

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 29 April 2024 be received and noted.

2. THAT the unconfirmed Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes provided as **Attachment 13.1.4.1** to report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 29 April 2024 be received and noted.
3. THAT Council endorse the proposed recommendations from the Palmerston Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meeting held on 29 April 2024, being:
 - a. THAT Council endorse the reviewed Terms of Reference for the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee as **Attachment 13.1.4.3**.
4. THAT Council endorse the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule as follows:
 - a. 5:30pm Monday 29 April 2024 in Council Chambers
 - b. 5:30pm Monday 22 July 2024 in Council Chambers
 - c. 5:30pm Monday 21 October 2024 in Council Chambers

CARRIED 10/1320 – 7/05/2024

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Social Media Strategy Review 2022-2023

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Social Media Strategy Review 2022-2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1321 – 7/05/2024

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet - Social Media Information sheet and Social Media Guide

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT correspondence dated 15 March 2024 14.2.1 entitled Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet - Social Media Information sheet and Social Media Guide be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1322 – 7/05/2024

14.2.2 Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities - Transfer of Public Housing Tenancies to Community Housing Provider

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT correspondence dated 23 April 2024 14.2.2 entitled Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities - Transfer of Public Housing Tenancies to Community Housing Provider be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1323 - 7/05/2024

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding Mealy Bug infestation in Palmerston, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Morrison regarding Durack Lakes fishing for turtles be taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED 10/1324 - 7/05/2024

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 21 May 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/1325 - 7/05/2024

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

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 10/1326 - 7/05/2024

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.01pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6.01pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.26pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date