



MINUTES

1st Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 4 June 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 4 June 2024 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Benjamin Giesecke
Councillor Amber Garden (*Via Audio/Audiovisual*)
Councillor Damian Hale (*Via Audio/Audiovisual*)
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh
Councillor Lucy Morrison
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Sarah Henderson

STAFF

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Amelia Vellar
General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon
General Manager Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta
General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl
Acting General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

Two members of staff

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.33pm.

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: Deputy Mayor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 3 June to 5 June 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 12 June to 14 June 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 17 June to 21 June 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Fraser for 11 June 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1364 – 4/06/2024

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Council notes that Councillor Garden is attending via Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing due to being a distance greater than 100kms 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.
2. THAT Council notes that Councillor Hale is attending via Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing due to being a distance greater than 100kms 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.

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5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Nil

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 May 2024 pages 11339 to 11347 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1366 – 4/06/2024

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

10.1.1 City of Palmerston Submission to the Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled City of Palmerston Submission to the Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability be received and noted.

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2. THAT Council endorses a submission to be made by the Mayor on behalf of the Elected City of Palmerston Council and that this submission be circulated to Elected Members prior to finalisation and submission by the 31 May 2024.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, hereby delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to amend, finalise and submit the City of Palmerston submission relating to Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability by the Australian Government based on feedback from Elected Members and in consultation with the Mayor.
4. THAT the Council Decision relating to the Report entitled City of Palmerston Submission to the Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability be moved to the Open Minutes following the submission of the City of Palmerston submission relating to Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability by the Australian Government

CARRIED 10/1360 – 21/05/2024

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Henderson

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
25.1.1	Council Property Agreements and Contracts	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.
25.2.1	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 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.

CARRIED 10/1367 – 4/06/2024

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Community Benefit Scheme - Environmental Initiative Grant Only One Earth

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Environmental Initiative Grant Only One Earth be received and noted.
2. THAT Council does not support grant application from Only One Earth for \$9,020.00 as per **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Environmental Initiative Grant Only One Earth.

CARRIED 10/1368 – 4/06/2024

13.1.2 Invitation to Join Regional Capitals Australia

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Invitation to Join Regional Capitals Australia be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses City of Palmerston joining Regional Capitals Australia for 2024-2025 with the Mayor as Council's representative.
3. THAT Council seek to become a Board Member of Regional Capitals Australia.
4. THAT the Mayor be authorised to travel within Australia for Regional Capitals Australia business while City of Palmerston is a member of Regional Capitals Australia.
5. THAT a report on the 2024-2025 Regional Capitals Australia activities and City of Palmerston membership for 2024-2025 be provided to Council at the First Ordinary Meeting in May 2025.

CARRIED 10/1369 – 4/06/2024

13.1.3 Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application - Darwin Special Children's Christmas Party

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application - Darwin Special Children's Christmas Party be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Special Children's Christmas Parties Sponsorship request of \$3,000, as per **Attachment 13.1.3.1.** to report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application - Darwin Special Children's Christmas Party, to be funded from the Community Benefit Scheme.

CARRIED 10/1370 – 4/06/2024

13.1.4 Review of Council Committee Memberships - June 2024

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Review of Council Committee Memberships - June 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Administrative Review Committee:
 - I. THAT the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Henderson be appointed to the Administration Review Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - II. THAT Council note that the Mayor has been previously appointed as Chair of the Administrative Review Committee for the Term of the Tenth Council.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Administrative Review Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
3. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee:
 - I. THAT Councillor Henderson and Councillor Garden be appointed to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - II. THAT Council note that the Mayor has been previously appointed as Chair of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee for the Term of the Tenth Council.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
4. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Risk Management and Audit Committee:
 - I. THAT the Mayor, Councillor Garden and Councillor Henderson be appointed to the Risk Management and Audit Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.

- II. THAT Council note that the Chair of the Risk Management and Audit Committee is held by an Independent Member, appointed by the Council.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Risk Management and Audit Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
5. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee:
 - I. THAT Councillor Fraser be appointed as Chair to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - II. THAT Councillor Morrison be appointed to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 6. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Community Safety Advisory Committee:
 - I. THAT Councillor Hale be appointed as Chair to the Community Safety Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - II. THAT Councillor Morrison and Councillor Garden be appointed to the Community Safety Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Community Safety Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 7. THAT Council make the following appointments to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee:
 - I. THAT Councillor Eveleigh be appointed as Chair to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - II. THAT Councillor Henderson be appointed to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - III. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 8. THAT Council make the following appointments to the relevant Palmerston Networks:
 - I. THAT Councillor Henderson be appointed as Chair to the Palmerston Seniors Network for a period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - II. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Palmerston Seniors Network.
 - III. THAT Councillor Henderson be appointed as Chair to the Palmerston Safe Communities Network for period 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - IV. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Palmerston Safe Communities Network.

- V. THAT Councillor Garden be appointed as Chair to the Palmerston Animal Management Network for period 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - VI. THAT all other Councillors be appointed as alternate members to the Palmerston Animal Management Network.
9. THAT Council appoint or nominate to the following External Organisations and/or Committees:
- I. THAT Councillor Fraser be appointed as Council's delegate to the Palmerston Regional Business Association (PRBA), with all other members appointed as alternate members, for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.
 - II. THAT Councillor Giesecke be appointed as Council's representative to Tourism Top End, with all other members appointed as alternate members, for the period of 1 July 2024 until the Declaration of the Poll following the Local Government Election in 2025.

CARRIED 10/1371 - 4/06/2024

13.1.5 Regional Australia Institute National Summit 2024

Moved: {mover}
Seconded: {seconder}

- 1. THAT Report entitled Regional Australia Institute National Summit 2024 be received and noted.
- 2. THAT Council endorses the attendance by the Mayor to the Regional Australia Institute, Regions Rising National Summit 2024 - The New Frontier (Canberra, August 2024).

Lapsed for want of a mover - 4/06/2024

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

Nil

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

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

CARRIED 10/1372 – 4/06/2024

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding SWELL and the leaves lying around the facility and the response provided by the Acting Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding age of children being allowed entry into SWELL and the response provided by the Acting Chief Executive Office being received and noted.
3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding SWELL regarding racing and time clocks and the response provided by the Acting Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1373 – 4/06/2024

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Report for Council

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

THAT Council be provided with a report for outlining the process for overgrown grass and untidy allotments by the Second Ordinary Council Meeting in July 2024.

CARRIED 10/1374 – 4/06/2024

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 18 June 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/1375 – 4/06/2024

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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 10/1376 - 4/06/2024

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Giesecke

THAT the meeting be adjourned for ten minutes.

CARRIED 10/1377 - 4/06/2024

The meeting adjourned at 6.33pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.33pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6.43pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.22pm..



Chair

Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

19/6/2024

Date