



MINUTES

1st Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 2 July 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 July 2024 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell *via audio/visual*
Deputy Mayor Benjamin Giesecke *via audio/visual*
Councillor Sarah Henderson (Chair)
Councillor Amber Garden
Councillor Damian Hale
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh
Councillor Mark Fraser

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, Kate Roberts

GALLERY

Nil members of the public
Four 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 Mayor declared the meeting open at 5.32pm.

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT in accordance with clauses 4.1.4 and 4.1.5 of Council's Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing policy the Council endorse Councillor Henderson as the Chair for the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 July 2024, due to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor not being physically present.

CARRIED 10/1411 – 2/07/2024

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the apology received from Councillor Morrison for 2 July 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1412 – 2/07/2024

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Council note Mayor Pascoe-Bell was on leave of absence for the period 25 to 28 June 2024, inclusive.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 5 to 30 August 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 3 to 17 July 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 3 to 5 July 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
5. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 10 to 12 July 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1413 – 2/07/2024

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4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Council note Mayor Pascoe-Bell is attending via Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing as they are physically prevented from attending the meeting due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting and this request was approved by the Chief Executive Officer.
2. THAT Council note Deputy Mayor Geisecke is attending via Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing as they are physically prevented from attending the meeting due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting and this request was approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

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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 Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 June 2024 pages 11367 to 11377 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1415 – 2/07/2024

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

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9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Nil

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Nil

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - 13 June 2024

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - 13 June 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee minutes provided as **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - 13 June 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1416 - 2/07/2024

13.1.2 Council Policy Review - Community Consultation

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Community Consultation be received and noted.

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2. THAT Council endorse the draft Community Engagement Policy, **Attachment 13.1.2.3**, for the purposes of community engagement, to commence in July 2024 for a period of 28 days, expected for endorsement from Council in October 2024.

CARRIED 10/1417 - 2/07/2024

13.1.3 Laneway Management Policy - Draft for Consultation

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Laneway Management Policy - Draft for Consultation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council to endorse the draft Laneway Management Policy, **Attachment 13.1.3.2.**, for the purposes of community consultation to commence in July 2024 for a period of 28 days for expected endorsement from Council in October 2024.

CARRIED 10/1418 - 2/07/2024

13.1.4 Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind Council Policy Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference being **Attachment 13.1.4.1** to Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference.
3. THAT Council adopt the updated Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference being **Attachment 13.1.4.3** to Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference, subject to amendments to ensure consistency with the Local Government Act and Council's policies, and an adjustment to the relevant experience clause.

CARRIED 10/1419 - 2/07/2024

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Community Quarterly Report - April to June 2024

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Community Quarterly Report - April to June 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1420 - 2/07/2024

13.2.2 Infrastructure Quarterly Report - April to June 2024

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Infrastructure Quarterly Report - April to June 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1421 - 2/07/2024

13.2.3 Play Space Strategy Update

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Play Space Strategy Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1422 - 2/07/2024

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the question asked by Councillor Eveleigh regarding after hours times of Rangers during Territory Day, and the response provided by the General Manager Community be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1423 - 2/07/2024

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

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18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 16 July 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/1424 - 2/07/2024

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

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 10/1425 - 2/07/2024

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.10pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.14pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date

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