

AGENDA

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 6 August 2024

The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Palmerston will be held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830 commencing at 5:30 PM.

Council business papers can be viewed on the City of Palmerston website www.palmerston.nt.gov.au or at the Council Office located: Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston NT 0830.



LUCCIO CERCARELLI
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 July 2024 pages 11391 to 11399 be confirmed.
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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	Review of Confidential Matters	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and

		<p>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.</p> <p>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)(b) 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 personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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)(ii) 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 maintenance or administration of the law.</p> <p>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)(iii) 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 security of the council, its members or staff.</p> <p>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)(d) 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,</p>
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		<p>information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.</p> <p>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.</p>
25.2.1	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	<p>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.</p>
26.2.1	Confidential Correspondence	<p>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.</p>

11 PETITIONS

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13 OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL REPORT

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	13.1.1
REPORT TITLE:	Community Satisfaction Survey
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 6 August 2024
AUTHOR:	General Manager Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta
APPROVER:	General Manager Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta

COMMUNITY PLAN

Governance: Council is trusted by the community and invests in things that the public value.

PURPOSE

This Report provides Council with an update on the Community Satisfaction Survey 2024, which commenced in July 2024.

KEY MESSAGES

- Council undertakes an annual Community Satisfaction Survey of its residents.
- Council engages an external consultant to deliver the Community Satisfaction Survey.
- The survey results are used to report on the Community Plan outcomes and measures of success, and the results are presented within the Annual Report.
- The Community Satisfaction Survey 2024 is scheduled to commence in July 2024 with phone and online survey responses.
- The Community Satisfaction Survey 2024 has been reviewed and some minor amendments made.
- The majority of the survey and questions remain unchanged to ensure a consistent measurement of operational performance and demographic data trends from previous years.
- A Council report will be prepared for October 2024 on the results of the Communication Satisfaction Survey 2024 including the resulting initiatives and actions from the Community Satisfaction Survey.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Report entitled Community Satisfaction Survey be received and noted.
2. THAT a report be prepared for the First Ordinary Council Meeting in October 2024 providing the results of the Community Satisfaction Survey 2024.

BACKGROUND

Council has delivered the annual Community Satisfaction Survey (the Survey) since 2012. The Survey of residents is used to determine the overall performance of Council against service delivery areas and informs our annual reporting requirements.

The Community Plan, which was adopted at the First Ordinary Council Meeting of April 2019, created six outcomes for Council to work towards, with objectives forming part of those outcomes. These inform Council's Municipal Plan and Budget, and the Survey is structured on this basis.

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As part of the survey, participants are asked to rate Council’s performance in delivering services and facilities, as well as a series of other questions.

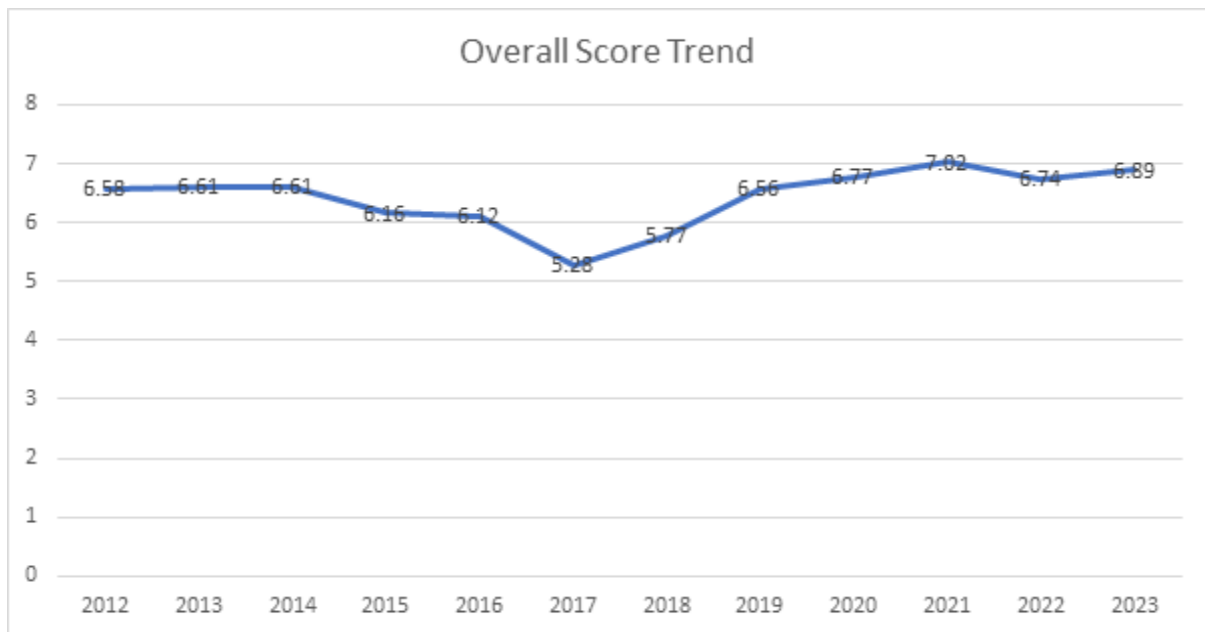
DISCUSSION

Last year the survey was conducted in August 2023 through a combination of telephone and online surveys. The total sample sizes achieved were as follows:

- Telephone sample 600 participants
- Online sample 35 participants

The results for the 2023 Survey have recorded an increase in scores across all areas. Council’s overall performance rating score was 6.89/10 compared to 6.74/10 in 2022. The rating of 6.89 is the second highest rating in the past twelve years, behind 2021.

The community satisfaction survey results have had a generally upward trend projection since 2017, as depicted in the graph below. In 2021 the highest scores were recorded, with 2023 recording the second highest score.



Rating Scale for the Survey:

Very Good 10-9

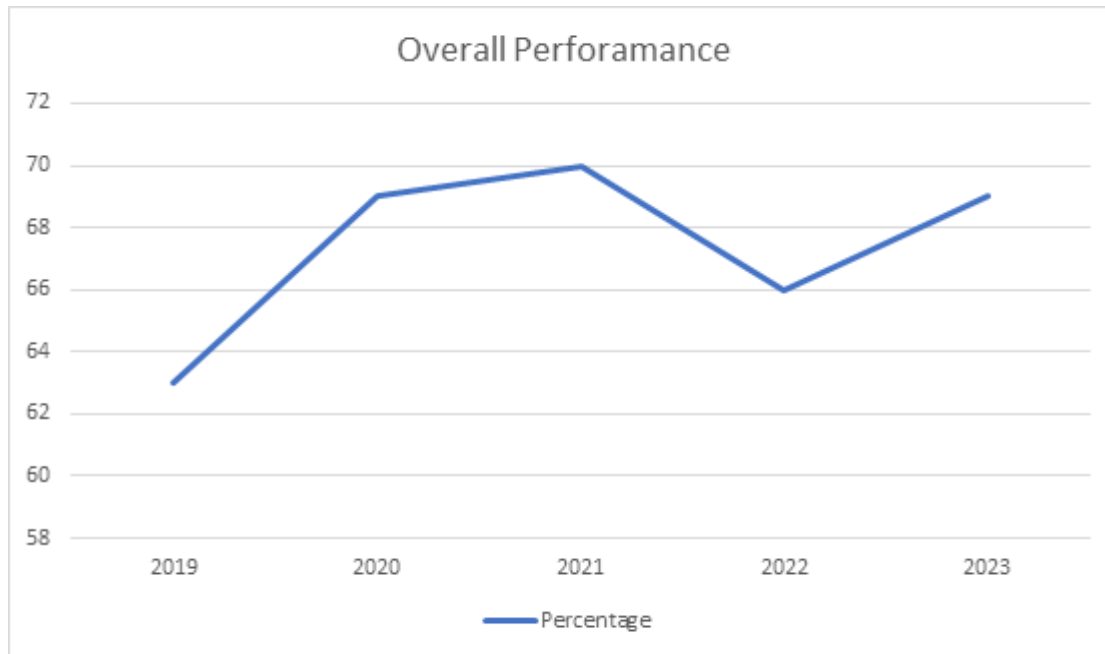
Good 8-7

Neither 6-4

Poor 3-2 Very Poor 1-0

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In 2023, 69% of the Community rated Council’s overall performance as good or very good, compared with 66% last year.



There have been increases in scores across the board in the six (6) Community Plan Key Outcome Areas. The six (6) areas are: Family and Community, Vibrant Economy, Cultural Diversity, A Future Focus, Environmental Sustainability and Governance.

The area that scored the highest was Cultural Diversity (7.39) and the area that scored the lowest was Governance (6.43), however Governance scored the greatest increase from 2022 with +0.24 increase.

Key Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Change
Family and Community	6.68	6.80	7.16	6.89	6.96	+ 0.07
Vibrant Economy	6.01	6.28	6.55	6.24	6.44	+ 0.20
Cultural diversity	7.04	7.21	7.50	7.31	7.39	+ 0.08
A Future Focus	6.70	6.84	7.02	6.70	6.84	+ 0.14
Environmental Sustainability	7.16	7.33	7.36	7.08	7.29	+ 0.21
Governance	6.01	6.17	6.52	6.19	6.43	+ 0.24
Net promoter score	- 9	- 4	- 6	- 13	- 18	- 5
Average Performance	6.56 / 10	6.77 / 10	7.02 / 10	6.74 / 10	6.89 / 10	+ 0.15

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Each Key Outcome Area includes several measurables to score Council's performance. Overall, there are 29 measurables. These are provided below

Family and community

- Managing Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre
- Maintaining parks and playgrounds
- Providing and maintaining community halls
- Managing the Palmerston Recreation Centre
- Hosting enough quality community events
- Advocating for the community in planning issues
- Providing animal management services

Vibrant economy

- Supporting and attracting new and existing businesses

Cultural diversity

- Supporting culturally diverse events
- Promoting art and culture (e.g. public art, murals, paving etc.)
- Providing libraries and library services to the community
- Providing recognition and support for our indigenous and multicultural community

A future focus

- Supporting innovation in the business community
- Ensuring roads built by developers are fit for purpose
- Maintaining roads
- Ensuring footpaths built by developers are fit for purpose
- Maintaining footpaths
- Providing shared pathways
- Maintaining shared pathways
- Maintaining drainage facilities

Environmental sustainability

- Providing opportunities for recycle and re-use through the pre-cyclone clean up
- Managing gardens and nature reserves
- Maintaining lakes
- Increasing shading and greening the city
- Kerbside waste collection
- Providing & maintaining Archer Waste Management Facility
- Promoting environmental sustainability

Governance

- Providing you with the opportunity to comment on Council's decision making and interact with Council
- Achieving funding and getting things done by working in partnership with government and the community

These measures are given a score out of 10. In the 2023 Survey the two areas that scored over eight were:

- Kerbside Waste Collection (rating of 8.09)
- Providing libraries and library services to the community (8.06)

The two measures that scored the lowest were:

- Supporting and attracting new and existing businesses (5.96), however this has increased from the 2022 score of 5.83.
- Providing you with the opportunity to comment on Council's decision making and interact with Council. (6.14), however this has seen an increase from the 2022 score of 5.72 and is the highest score since 2019.

Although Council had received a lower score for 'Providing you with the opportunity to comment on Council's decision making and interact with Council' for the last five years, last year it statistically had a significant increase of 0.49, compared to the prior year, which was one of only two that were statistically higher, the other one was Maintaining lakes which had an increase of 0.79.

This illustrates that Council has improved on providing the community with the opportunity to comment on Council's decision making and interact with Council.

It was recommended that Council keep the same questions from the 2023 Survey.

Based on the size of our community the sample size for this year's survey is the same as previous years with Council looking for 600 residents to undertake the survey with a mixture of phone and online participants. The survey has commenced late July 2024 for three weeks or until the sample size and quotas are reached.

As at 30 July 2024, there were 168 phone surveys and 8 online surveys completed.

It is anticipated that the Survey's results and analysis will be finalised at the end of August 2024 and will be incorporated into the draft 2023-24 Annual Report. A report will be presented to Council by the first Ordinary Council meeting in October 2024.

CONSULTATION AND MARKETING

The following City of Palmerston staff were consulted in preparing this report:

- Executive Manager, People and Customer
- Communications Manager
- Executive Leadership Team

Communication on the survey will be posted on social media – Facebook and LinkedIn.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this Report.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the survey this year is \$86,500. The survey will be funded within the 2024-25 budget.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Community Satisfaction Survey is an important tool to measure Council's performance against the Community Plan and is presented in the Annual Report. If this survey is not completed within the required timeframe, Council will not be able to meet reporting obligations as required by the Local Government Act.

Council has experienced year after year positive results and the survey identifies areas for possible improvement. Failure to address these areas may result in disappointment in the Community. To mitigate this, it is important that Council develop actions and use the results to inform decisions moving forward.

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This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

6. Governance
Failure to effectively govern.

STRATEGIES, FRAMEWORK AND PLANS IMPLICATIONS

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- Community Plan
- Municipal Plan

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

I the author and approving officer declare that I do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COUNCIL REPORT

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	13.1.2
REPORT TITLE:	Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 22 July 2024
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 6 August 2024
AUTHOR:	Executive Assistant to General Manager People & Place, Emily Dehne
APPROVER:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Amelia Vellar

COMMUNITY PLAN

Governance: Council is trusted by the community and invests in things that the public value.

PURPOSE

This Report seeks Council approval of the recommendations from the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 22 July 2024.

KEY MESSAGES

- The purpose of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee is to provide advice to Council relating to actions and priorities relating to the Palmerston Local Economic Plan and its Action Plan.
- The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee met on Monday, 22 July 2024.
- The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee agenda and unconfirmed minutes from this meeting are available for viewing on Council's website.
- Committee member Ruth Palmer, Property Council Association, provided a comprehensive verbal update regarding the Property Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Survey Results undertaken by the Property Council (NT).
- Council approval is sought to endorse the recommendation from the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 22 July 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 22 July 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes provided as **Attachment 13.1.2.1** to report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes - 22 July 2024 be received and noted.
3. THAT Council endorse the proposed recommendations from the Palmerston Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meeting held on 22 July 2024, being:
 - a. THAT the Palmerston Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee recommends to Council the future actions for the Business Survey as outlined in report entitled Business Survey Outcomes and Future Actions.

BACKGROUND

The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee (committee) is established as an Advisory Committee to the City of Palmerston.

The purpose of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee is to provide advice to Council relating to actions and priorities relating to the Palmerston Local Economic Plan and its Action Plan.

DISCUSSION

The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee (VEAC) meeting was held on Monday, 22 July 2024 with the unconfirmed minutes provided as **Attachment 13.1.2.1**.

An Action report entitled Business Survey Outcomes and Future Actions, was presented at the 22 July 2024 committee meeting updating the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee on the outcomes of the City of Palmerston Business Survey conducted in March 2024. The purpose of the report was to update the committee and to explore potential future actions following the Business Survey. The action report was reviewed and the Palmerston Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee recommends that the future actions for the Business Survey as outlined in report entitled Business Survey Outcomes and Future Actions be endorsed by Council.

At the meeting the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee member Ruth Palmer, Property Council Association, provided a comprehensive verbal update regarding the Property Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Survey Results undertaken by the Property Council (NT). No documents were tabled.

The agenda from this meeting is available for viewing on [Council's website](#).

CONSULTATION AND MARKETING

There was no consultation or marketing required during the preparation of this Report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this Report.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

If Council supports the recommendation of the next action from the business survey, these actions will be funded from the approved operational budget 2024/2025.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

6. Governance
Failure to effectively govern.

The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee is established by Council Pursuant Section 82(1) to the Northern Territory Local Government Act (the Act) and the Terms of Reference, the Committees are advisory in nature with no delegated authority and are intended to inform and make recommendations to Council on Committee related issues

STRATEGIES, FRAMEWORK AND PLANS IMPLICATIONS

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- Palmerston Local Economic Plan



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The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee was established to advise Council on action and priorities relating to the [Palmerston Local Economic Plan](#) and its Action Plan.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 20240722 - UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting - 22 July 2024 [13.1.2.1 - 6 pages]



MINUTES

Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday 22 July 2024

The Advisory Committee Meeting of the City of Palmerston held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on 22 July 2024 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Councillor Mark Fraser (Chair) Councillor Morrison Brandon Evans, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative Ruth Palmer, Property Council Representative Carmine Rauseo, Local Business Owner Representative
STAFF	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Amelia Vellar City Activation Manager, Matthew McNamara Economic Development Lead, Matthew Gould Minute Secretary, Emily Dehne
GALLERY	Nil

Initials:

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

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 5:31pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Brandon Evans

THAT the apology received from Mohan Kandasamy for 22 July 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED VEAC10/51 – 22/07/2024

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Nil

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Committee Members

Nil

4.2 Staff

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Ruth Palmer
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the Minutes of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2024 pages 27 to 31 be confirmed.

CARRIED VEAC10/52 – 22/07/2024

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

5.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

6 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

7.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Nil

7.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

7.3 Confidential Items

Nil

8 OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 Action Reports

8.1.1 Business Survey Outcomes and Future Actions

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Ruth Palmer

1. THAT Report entitled Business Survey Outcomes and Future Actions be received and noted.
2. THAT the Palmerston Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee recommends to Council the future actions for the Business Survey as outlined in report entitled Business Survey Outcomes and Future Actions.

CARRIED VEAC10/53 – 22/07/2024

8.2 Receive and Note Reports

8.2.1 Palmerston Street Art Festival 2024

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Brandon Evans

THAT Report entitled Palmerston Street Art Festival 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED VEAC10/54 – 22/07/2024

Initials: _____

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

8.2.2 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Outcomes Update

Moved: Brandon Evans
Seconded: Carmine Rauseo

THAT Report entitled Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Outcomes Update be received and noted.

CARRIED VEAC10/55 – 22/07/2024

8.2.3 Investment and Economic Growth

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Ruth Palmer

THAT Report entitled Investment and Economic Growth be received and noted.

CARRIED VEAC10/56 – 22/07/2024

9 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Information

Nil

9.2 Correspondence

Nil

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Property Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Survey

Moved: Ruth Palmer
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the verbal update from Ruth Palmer on the Property Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Survey Results be Received and Noted.

CARRIED VEAC10/57 – 22/07/2024

11 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Carmine Rauseo

THAT the next Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting of Council be held on Monday, 21 October 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED VEAC10/58 – 22/07/2024

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

12 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Brandon Evans

THAT the meeting of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston on 22 July 2024 closed at 6:06pm.

CARRIED VEAC10/59 - 22/07/2024

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:06pm.

Chair

Print Name

Date

Initials: _____

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

14.1.1 Media Release - Election Funding Commitments

THAT the Media Release regarding Northern Territory Election Funding Commitments to the Palmerston community be received and noted.



\$10 million Palmerston package for key community infrastructure projects

10 July 2024

A re-elected Lawler Labor Government will invest \$10 million to deliver a package of key community infrastructure projects and upgrades across Palmerston.

New community and safety infrastructure across Palmerston will include more lighting to improve safety at dark spots, a new café and dining area at SWELL, playgrounds, bike paths and street art.

Partnering with the City of Palmerston, a re-elected Lawler Labor Government will deliver funding for projects that make Palmerston an even better place to live.

Under the \$10 million package the Driver Community Hall will receive an upgrade, with a re-elected Lawler Labor Government investing \$2.5 million to the \$3 million project. This funding will allow for more community events can be held, and be a facility that is up to the standard local residents deserve.

The Palmerston package also includes a re-elected Lawler Government contributing \$1 million towards an enclosed reception and dining area, and café at the SWELL, with the council funding the remaining \$500,000.

Public art will also get a \$750,000 boost over the next four years.

Palmerston playgrounds will also receive upgrades, with \$750,000 set for this four year rolling program.

Keeping residents safe through lightning will be strengthened, with \$750,000 allocated over four years to light up dark spots.

Creating more pathways will see \$750,000 injection over four years, and greening and cooling measures will also receive a \$750,000 boost over the next four years. Environmental Sustainability will also be given \$750,000 over four years.

A \$13 million hub at Zuccoli will receive \$2 million and the Palmerston City Council will also invest \$3 million, with further support being called on by the Australian Government.

This partnership package will support Council's existing funding commitments and allow projects to be delivered faster for this growing community.

Quotes attributable to Chief Minister and Territory Labor Leader, Eva Lawler:

"Palmerston is the family capital of the Territory. We want to make it an ever better place to live and raise a family.

"This \$10 million package will deliver a new cafe playground upgrades, street art, lighting and bike path upgrades – because Palmerston residents deserve the best community infrastructure."

"This Palmerston community infrastructure package is a common sense approach to deliver projects that matter to local residents."

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Authorised by K Dalton, Australian Labor Party (NT Branch), Ground Floor, 38 Woods Street Darwin NT 0800

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14.2 Correspondence

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 20 August 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

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.

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON



MINUTES

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COUNCIL MINUTES

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

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
Acting General Manager Infrastructure, Katie O'Neill
General Manager Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta
General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

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 Chair declared the meeting open at 5.31pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the apology from Deputy Mayor Giesecke be received and noted.

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3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Deputy Mayor Giesecke for 9 to 18 September 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 29 July to 15 August 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1429 – 16/07/2024

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Council note the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Morrison who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to carers responsibilities 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 Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 July 2024 pages 11381 to 11387 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/1431 – 16/07/2024

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - June 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1432 – 16/07/2024

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Councillor Eveleigh declared a conflict of interest during the Ordinary Confidential meeting regarding Item 25.2.3 at 6.33pm.

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Declaration of Interest

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the declaration of Interest received by Councillor Eveleigh regarding Item 25.2.3 be received and noted and that this decision be moved to the Open Minutes.

CARRIED 10/1450 – 16/07/2024

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Garden
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
25.2.1	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)(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.
25.2.2	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.
25.2.3	Legal Advice	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)(b) 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 personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

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		<p>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)(ii) 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 maintenance or administration of the law.</p> <p>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)(d) 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 subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.</p>
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CARRIED 10/1433 - 16/07/2024

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application - Palmerston Cricket Club

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application - Palmerston Cricket Club be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorses a sponsorship agreement with Palmerston Cricket Club with a one-off payment of \$4,000, covering a three (3) year sponsorship agreement as outlined in **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application - Palmerston Cricket Club to be funded from the Community Benefit Scheme.

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13.1.2 Parking Strategy Update

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Parking Strategy Update be received and noted.
2. THAT a new Parking Strategy be prepared in 2025, to replace the 2019 City of Palmerston Parking Strategy, with a report to Council by the 2nd Ordinary Meeting in November 2024 to present the schedule of the Strategy development.
3. THAT Council approve the continuation of free parking, existing timed zones, and notes the consideration of future free parking as part of the development of the new Parking Strategy.

CARRIED 10/1435 - 16/07/2024

13.1.3 Appointment of Deputy Mayor - 28 July 2024 to 20 February 2025 (inclusive)

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Appointment of Deputy Mayor - 28 July 2024 to 20 February 2025 (inclusive) be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint Councillor Fraser to the position of Deputy Mayor for a period of 207 days in accordance with Council Policy, Appointment of Deputy Mayor, commencing 28 July 2024 to 20 February 2025 (inclusive).

CARRIED 10/1436 - 16/07/2024

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Financial Report - June 2024

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Report entitled Financial Report - June 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1437 - 16/07/2024

13.2.2 Finance and Governance Quarterly Report April - June 2024

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Report entitled Finance and Governance Quarterly Report April - June 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1438 - 16/07/2024

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13.2.3 Overgrown Grass and Untidy Allotments

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Overgrown Grass and Untidy Allotments be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1439 – 16/07/2024

13.2.4 Community Benefit Scheme - End of Financial Year 2023/24 Update

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - End of Financial Year 2023/24 Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note Palmerston Boxing Club has advised Council of their intention to dissolve the association and therefore withdraw their Community Benefit Scheme multiyear sponsorship agreement and grant agreement as detailed in report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - End of Financial Year 2023/24 Update.

CARRIED 10/1440 – 16/07/2024

13.2.5 Major Capital Projects Update - July 2024

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Report entitled Major Capital Projects Update - July 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1441 – 16/07/2024

13.2.6 People and Place Quarterly Report - April to June 2024

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

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

CARRIED 10/1442 – 16/07/2024

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14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Resignation to Contest Election - Councillor Eveleigh

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT correspondence dated 10 July 2024 entitled Resignation to Contest Election - Councillor Eveleigh be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note Councillor Eveleigh's resignation is for the purpose of campaigning in the 2024 Northern Territory Election.

CARRIED 10/1443 - 16/07/2024

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Reports of Delegates - Top End Tourism and ALGA

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT the verbal report received by Councillor Morrison regarding Top End Tourism be received and noted.
2. THAT the verbal report received by Mayor Pascoe-Bell regarding Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) trip to Canberra be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1444 - 16/07/2024

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT the question asked by Councillor Eveleigh regarding City of Palmerston Lane way Policy Community consultation process be taken on notice by the Acting General Manager Infrastructure.

CARRIED 10/1445 - 16/07/2024

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

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18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 6 August 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/1446 - 16/07/2024

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

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 10/1447 - 16/07/2024

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the meeting be adjourned for five minutes.

CARRIED 10/1448 - 16/07/2024

The meeting adjourned at 6.26pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.31pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6.33pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.29pm.

Chair

Print Name

Date

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