



MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 16 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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A Place for People

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

Initials:

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.

CARRIED 10/1428 – 16/07/2024

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.

CARRIED 10/1430 – 16/07/2024

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.

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.

CARRIED 10/1434 - 16/07/2024

Initials:



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

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

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

Initials: 

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

Mayer Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

6 August 2024

Date

Initials: _____