



MINUTES

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

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

STAFF

- Acting Chief Executive Officer, 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

- One member of the public
- Two members of staff

Initials:

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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 5.30pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Nil

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

THAT it be noted the following Elected Members have an approved Leave of Absence previously granted for this meeting:

Deputy Mayor Fraser

4 AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING GRANTED

THAT it be noted the following Elected Members have been granted attendance via Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing for this meeting in accordance with the policy:

*Deputy Mayor Fraser (noting technical difficulties prevented attendance)
Councillor Garden*

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 17 September 2024 pages 11447 to 11457 be confirmed.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1545 - 1/10/2024

Initials: 

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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

7. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Henderson for 19 September to 24 September 2024, inclusive be received and noted.

9. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1535 - 17/09/2024

10.1.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

3. THAT it be noted that Councillor Henderson was an approved leave of absence for 25 September 2024 inclusive.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1557 - 1/10/2024

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Garden

Initials: 

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 |
|--------|--|---|
| 27.1.1 | 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. |
| 27.1.2 | Confidential Restricted | 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. |
| 27.1.3 | Confidential Restricted | <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)(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)(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> |
| 27.1.4 | 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. |

Initials: 

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1546 - 1/10/2024

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 NT Strategic Directions Planning Policy Discussion Paper

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Strategic Directions Planning Policy Discussion be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the letter provided at **Attachment 13.1.1.1**, for submission to the NT Planning Commission with the following additions to the submission;
 - a. Telecommunications engagement
 - b. Early planning of earthworks requirements
 - c. Public transport routes identified

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1547 - 1/10/2024

13.1.2 Council Policy Review - Community Engagement

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Community Engagement be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the Community Engagement Policy as at **Attachment 13.1.2.3** contained in the report entitled Council Policy Review - Community Engagement

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1548 - 1/10/2024

13.1.3 Australia Day Awards Judging Panel

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT Report entitled Australia Day Awards Judging Panel be received and noted.
2. THAT Council make the following appointments for two (2) Elected Members be a part of the Australia Day awards Judging Panel:

- a. THAT Councillor Eveleigh be appointed as a Judge in the Australia Day awards Judging Panel.
- b. THAT Councillor Garden be appointed as an alternative Judge in the Australia Day awards Judging Panel.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1549 - 1/10/2024

13.1.4 Community Safety Advisory Committee Minutes - 19 September 2024

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Community Safety Advisory Committee Minutes - 19 September 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Community Safety Advisory Committee minutes provided as **Attachment 13.1.4.1** to report entitled Community Safety Advisory Committee Minutes - 19 September 2024 be received and noted.
3. THAT the council advocate for the continuation of operations of the Palmerston Youth Centre with the Northern Territory Government.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1550 - 1/10/2024

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - 12 September 2024

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - 12 September 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee minutes provided as **Attachment 13.2.1.1** to report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - 12 September 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1551 - 1/10/2024

13.2.2 Infrastructure Quarterly Report - July to September 2024

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

THAT Report entitled Infrastructure Quarterly Report - July to September 2024 be received and noted.

Initials: 

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1552 - 1/10/2024

13.2.3 Community Quarterly Report - July to September 2024

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Community Quarterly Report - July to September 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1553 - 1/10/2024

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Councillor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1554 - 1/10/2024

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 15 October 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1555 - 1/10/2024

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

Initials: 



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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 (7/0) - 10/1556 - 1/10/2024

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.15pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6.15pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Chair

Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

15 October 2024

Date

Initials: _____