

The top of the page features a colorful illustration. On the left, a silhouette of a person stands on a grassy bank, holding a kite string. Two children are also visible. In the background, there are water towers and a body of water under a blue sky. On the right, two vibrant, multi-colored birds (likely bee-eaters) are perched on a branch. The text 'city of PALMERSTON' and the slogan 'A Place for People' are overlaid on the left side of the illustration.

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PALMERSTON
'A Place for People'

MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 15 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 15 October 2024 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Mark Fraser
Councillor Benjamin Giesecke
Councillor Damian Hale
Councillor Sarah Henderson

STAFF

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

GALLERY

Six 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 5.34pm.

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:

*Councillor Morrison
Councillor Eveleigh
Councillor Garden*

4 AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING GRANTED

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Nil

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 October 2024 pages 11464 to 11471 be confirmed.

CARRIED (5/0) – 10/1567 – 15/10/2024

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6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1568 - 15/10/2024

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 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Giesecke for 11 October to 14 October 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
5. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 2 October to 4 October 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1557 - 1/10/2024

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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:

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Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
25.1	External Presentation Request	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.
27.1.1	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.
27.1.2	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.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1569 - 15/10/2024

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Playground Refurbishment Consultation Outcomes and Lighting Options

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Playground Refurbishment Consultation Outcomes and Lighting Options be received and noted.

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2. THAT Council notes the inclusion of the consultation outcomes to be included in the final designs of the Sanctuary Lakes Playground and the Marlow Lagoon Junior Unit Playground refurbishments, and that the designs are made publicly available, including acknowledgement of the contribution from the community in their development.
3. THAT Council includes the installation of lighting infrastructure of play spaces within regional parks as part of refurbishment projects, and that the use of lighting where it is available is to occur as part of approved events and bookings.
4. THAT Council notes that pathway lighting within parks is included within the dark spot public lighting upgrade program.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1570 - 15/10/2024

13.1.2 Review of Council Advisory Committees - October 2024

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Review of Council Advisory Committees - October 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council make no changes to the current Advisory Committee and Networks and that this be reviewed after the declaration of the poll following the Local Government Election 2025.
3. THAT Council write to the nominated person appointed to the below Community Safety Advisory Committee positions, to advise that as per the Terms of Reference they have resigned their membership due to non-attendance at 3 consecutive meetings without apology:
 - a. Community Member
 - b. Northern Territory Families Representative
4. THAT Council seeks nomination for vacant positions of the Community Safety Advisory Committee via a public call for Expressions of Interest, for the below vacancies:
 - a. Business Associations Representative
 - b. Youth Community Member Representative
 - c. Community Member
5. THAT Council seeks nomination for vacant positions of the Community Safety Advisory Committee by directly contacting the below agencies:
 - a. Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative
 - b. Northern Territory Families Representative
6. THAT a letter offering a membership extension be sent to the remaining Committee Members of each Advisory Committees for a continuation of membership term to the declaration of the poll following the Local Government Election 2025, with a response of acceptance due by 5pm 15 November 2024.

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7. THAT a further report be presented to the next ordinary Council meeting presenting options for remuneration of committee members.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1571 - 15/10/2024

13.1.3 Laneway Management Policy - Consultation Outcomes

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Laneway Management Policy - Consultation Outcomes be received and noted
2. THAT Council adopts the Laneway Management Policy being **Attachment 13.1.3.2** to the report entitled Laneway Management Policy - Consultation Outcomes.
3. THAT a fee of \$500 is included within the 2024/25 Fees and Charges for landowner contribution for laneways approved for permanent closure, in accordance with the Laneway Management Policy.
4. THAT all current laneways closures, including night-time, continue indefinitely, with reviews to occur in accordance with the updated Laneway Management Policy.
5. THAT Council write to all submitters thanking them for their submissions and advising of the updated Laneway Management Policy.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1572 - 15/10/2024

13.1.4 Palmerston Recreation Centre Operational Use

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Recreation Centre Operational Use be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a three (3) month trial, commencing 1 November 2024, to:
 - a. Introduce additional, informal meeting spaces that are able to be booked, in the Palmerston Recreation Centre foyer.
 - b. Provide full public access to the Palmerston Recreation Centre including access to the showers and toilets, between 8am to 10am, Monday to Friday, excluding days when the facility is closed.
 - c. Provide access to the Palmerston Recreation Centre to users with a booking only, from 10am onwards Monday to Friday.
3. THAT a further report that outlines the impacts and suggested continuation, or not, of the change in operating model for the Palmerston Recreation Centre, is presented to Council by the second ordinary meeting of February 2025.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1573 - 15/10/2024

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 People and Place Quarterly Report - July to September 2024

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Fraser

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

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1574 - 15/10/2024

13.2.2 Major Capital Projects Update - October 2024

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Fraser

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

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1575 - 15/10/2024

13.2.3 Community Benefit Scheme - September Update

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - September Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1576 - 15/10/2024

13.2.4 Reconciliation Action Plan Update

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

THAT Report entitled Reconciliation Action Plan Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1577 - 15/10/2024

13.2.5 Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - July to September 2024

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1578 - 15/10/2024

13.2.6 Financial Report - September 2024

Moved: Councillor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1579 – 15/10/2024

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Giesecke
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Fraser

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

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1580 – 15/10/2024

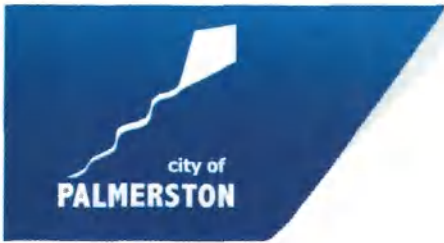
19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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 (5/0) - 10/1581 – 15/10/2024

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20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Fraser

THAT the meeting be adjourned for ten minutes.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1582 - 15/10/2024

The meeting adjourned at 6.23pm

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.23pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6.33pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Chair

Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

5 November 2024

Date

Initials: _____