

MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 19 November 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 19 November 2024 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Mark Fraser
Councillor Amber Garden
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 General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

Nil members of the public
Three 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 5.32pm..

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT the apology received from Councillor Eveleigh for 19 November 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT the apology received from Councillor Morrison for 19 November 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1622 - 19/11/2024

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

4 AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING PREVIOUSLY GRANTED

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Fraser

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for Items 13.2.3 and 27.2.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1623 - 19/11/2024

Initials:

5.2 Staff

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Fraser

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Chief Executive Officer for Item 27.2.2 be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1624 - 19/11/2024

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 November 2024 pages 11492 to 11501 be confirmed and that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 14 November 2024 pages 11508 to 11511 be confirmed.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1625 - 19/11/2024

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Garden

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

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1626 - 19/11/2024

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 Garden
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Eveleigh for 30 October to 3 November 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Eveleigh for 7 November to 10 November 2024 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1535 – 17/09/2024

10.1.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 6 November to 8 November 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 12 November to 14 November 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 12 November to 14 November 2024 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1604 – 5/11/2024

10.1.3 City of Palmerston Enforceable Undertaking Update - November 2024

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled City of Palmerston Enforceable Undertaking Update - November 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT the decisions relating to Report entitled City of Palmerston Enforceable Undertaking Update - November 2024 be moved to the Open minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 19 November 2024.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1640 – 19/11/2024

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

Initials:

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:

Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
27.1.1	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)(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	Contract Assessment	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. 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.
27.1.3	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)(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. 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.
27.1.4	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.
27.2.1	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)(f) 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 in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.
27.2.2	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)(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.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1627 - 19/11/2024

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

Initials: _____

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Parking Strategy Update

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Parking Strategy Update be received and noted.
2. THAT a Council workshop is held in February 2025 in relation to the development of a new City of Palmerston Parking Strategy, including options for a Parking Policy.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1628 – 19/11/2024

13.1.2 Nomination to Regional Capitals Australia for a General Board Membership (NT)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Nomination to Regional Capitals Australia for a General Board Membership (NT) be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Mayor Pascoe-Bell's nomination to Regional Capitals Australia for a general board Membership (NT).

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1629 – 19/11/2024

13.1.3 Abandoned Personal Effects Policy

Moved: Deputy Mayor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Abandoned Personal Effects Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves the policy, being **Attachment 13.1.3.1** contained in this report entitled Abandoned Personal Effects Policy.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1630 – 19/11/2024

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Major Capital Projects Update - November 2024

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1631 – 19/11/2024

13.2.2 Financial Report for the Month of October 2024

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Garden

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of October 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1632 - 19/11/2024

*Mayor Pascoe-Bell declared a Conflict of Interest and left Chambers at 5.46pm.
Deputy Mayor Fraser assumed the Chair at 5.46pm.*

13.2.3 Community Benefit Scheme - October Update

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1633 - 19/11/2024

Mayor Pascoe-Bell returned to Chambers at 5.47pm and resumed the Chair.

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



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18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 10 December 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1634 - 19/11/2024

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Garden

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 (6/0) - 10/1635 - 19/11/2024

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 5.49pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.14pm.

Chair

Print Name

Date

Initials: