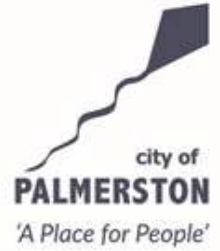


# MINUTES

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## 1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2025

The Ordinary Meeting of 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 April 2025 at 5:30pm.

**PRESENT**

**ELECTED MEMBERS**

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

**STAFF**

Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Walsh  
Deputy 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**

Nil members of the public  
Five 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 5.32pm.

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 3.1 Apologies

*Nil*

### 3.2 Leave of absence previously granted

*Nil*

## 4 AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING PREVIOUSLY 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:*

*Councillor Morrison*

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

### 5.1 Elected members

*Nil*

### 5.2 Staff

*Nil*

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## 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 6.1 Confirmation of minutes

**Moved:** Councillor Fraser  
**Seconded:** Councillor Garden

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 March 2025 pages 11651 to 11659 be confirmed.

*CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1813 - 1/04/2025*

### 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

#### 10.1.1 Leave of Absence Requests

**Moved:** Councillor Hale  
**Seconded:** Councillor Giesecke

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Eveleigh for 26 March to 2 April 2025 inclusive, for the reason of holidays, be approved.
2. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

*CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1760 - 18/02/2025*

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### 10.1.2 Leave of Absence Requests

**Moved:** Councillor Giesecke  
**Seconded:** Councillor Eveleigh

2. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Giesecke for 25 March to 26 March 2025 inclusive, for the reason of holidays, be approved.
4. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Eveleigh for 25 March to 1 April 2025 inclusive, for the reason of holidays, be approved.
6. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1785 - 4/03/2025**

### 10.1.3 Leave of Absence Requests

**Moved:** Councillor Fraser  
**Seconded:** Councillor Morrison

4. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Hale for 26 March to 27 March 2025 inclusive, for the reason of Holiday, be approved.
5. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1806 - 18/03/2025**

### 10.1.4 Zuccoli Community Hub Stage 2 Civil Works Budget

**Moved:** Councillor Garden  
**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Zuccoli Community Hub Stage 2 Civil Works Budget be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves the \$300,000 'Where we live matters - Zuccoli Community Hub' funding within the 2024-25 budget to be allocated to the Zuccoli Community Hub Stage 2 works.
3. THAT the Council Decision relating to the Report entitled Zuccoli Community Hub Stage 2 Civil Works Budget be moved to the Open Minutes of the 1 April 2025 meeting.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1828 - 1/04/2025**

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### 10.1.5 City of Palmerston Enforceable Undertaking Update - April 2025

**Moved:** Councillor Eveleigh

**Seconded:** Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled City of Palmerston Enforceable Undertaking Update - April 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Council Decisions relating to the Report entitled City of Palmerston Enforceable Undertaking Update - April 2025 be moved to the Open Minutes of the 1 April 2025 meeting.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1831 - 1/04/2025**

### 10.1.6 Declaration of Interest - Staff

**Moved:** Councillor Garden

**Seconded:** Councillor Fraser

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Chief Executive Officer for Item 27.1.5 - Confidential Restricted be received and noted.
2. THAT this decision be moved to the Open Minutes of the 1 April 2025 meeting.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1832 - 1/04/2025**

## 10.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

## 10.3 Confidential items

**Moved:** Councillor Eveleigh

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hale

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 Property Agreements and Contracts	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

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		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.
27.1.3	Council Project Initiative	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.
27.1.4	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)(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. This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of

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		<p>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>
27.1.5	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>

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1814 - 1/04/2025

## 11 PETITIONS

*Nil*

## 12 NOTICES OF MOTION

*Nil*

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# 13 OFFICER REPORTS

## 13.1 Action reports

### 13.1.1 Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - 25 March 2025

**Moved:** Councillor Eveleigh  
**Seconded:** Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - 25 March 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee minutes provided as **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to report entitled Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes - 25 March 2025 be received and noted.
3. THAT Council endorse the proposed recommendation from the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 March 2025, being;
  - a. THAT the Chair send a letter of thanks to Michelle Walker for her time and service on the committee.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1815 - 1/04/2025**

## 13.2 Receive and note reports

### 13.2.1 Community Quarterly Report - January to March 2025

**Moved:** Councillor Garden  
**Seconded:** Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Community Quarterly Report - January to March 2025 be received and noted.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1816 - 1/04/2025**

### 13.2.2 Infrastructure Quarterly Report - January to March 2025

**Moved:** Councillor Fraser  
**Seconded:** Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Infrastructure Quarterly Report - January to March 2025 be received and noted.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1817 - 1/04/2025**

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# 14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

## 14.1 Information

*Nil*

## 14.2 Correspondence

### 14.2.1 LGANT - Code of Conduct Panel Lodgement Fee Increase

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hale

**Seconded:** Councillor Fraser

THAT correspondence dated 24 March 2025 14.2.1 entitled LGANT - Code of Conduct Panel Lodgement Fee Increase be received and noted.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1818 - 1/04/2025**

# 15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

*Nil*

# 16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

**Moved:** Councillor Eveleigh

**Seconded:** Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding City of Palmerston website issue using VPN, City of Palmerston accepting American Express, and access denied on the website, the return of senior's events to the website and the response provided by the Acting General Manager People and Place and General Manager Finance and Governance be taken on notice.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Giesecke regarding large potholes within City of Palmerston be taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Infrastructure.
3. THAT the question asked by Deputy Mayor Hale regarding City of Palmerston's relationship with Tourism Top End to increase tourism within Palmerston and if we could nurture in future and invite Tourism Top End to present at a future ordinary council meeting.
4. THAT Councillor Henderson raised questions regarding bird watching/twitching within the City of Palmerston including Marlow Lagoon and encouraged operations to further investigate.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1819 - 1/04/2025**

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## 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

### **17.1 Northern Territory Government Code of Conduct Panel Lodgement Review Report**

**Moved:** Councillor Giesecke  
**Seconded:** Councillor Fraser

THAT a report be brought to Council on the code of conduct fees and potential recovery in conjunction with the code of conduct review.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1820 - 1/04/2025**

## 18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hale  
**Seconded:** Councillor Fraser

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 15 April 2025 at 5:30pm in the Gray Community Hall, Corner of Essington Avenue and Victoria Drive, Gray, Palmerston.

**CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1821 - 1/04/2025**

## 19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

**Moved:** Councillor Henderson  
**Seconded:** Councillor Eveleigh

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 (8/0) - 10/1822 - 1/04/2025**

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## 20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

*Nil*

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.22pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.47pm.

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Chair

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