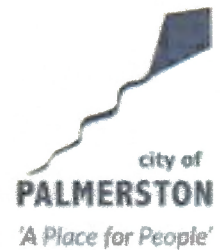


MINUTES



1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 1 JULY 2025

The Ordinary Meeting of City of Palmerston held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830.

Council business papers can be viewed on City of Palmerston's website palmerston.nt.gov.au



Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 1 July 2025 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Damian Hale (*Via Audio/Audiovisual*)
Councillor Benjamin Giesecke
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
Acting General Manager Community, Laura Hardman
Acting General Manager People and Place, Becky Saywell
Minute Secretary, Jodi Holden

GALLERY

Nil members of the public
Three 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 5.30pm.

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:

Councillor Morrison

4 AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING PREVIOUSLY GRANTED

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

Deputy Mayor Hale

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected members

Nil

5.2 Staff

Nil

Initials:



6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 June 2025 pages 11751 to 11766 be confirmed.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1957 - 1/07/2025

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: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hale

2. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Fraser for 17 June to 20 June 2025 inclusive, for the reason of bereavement, be approved.

Initials: 

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

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1950 - 17/06/2025

10.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential items

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

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)(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.
27.1.2	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 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) - 10/1958 - 1/07/2025

Initials:



11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action reports

13.1.1 Discover you Podcast - Real People, Raw Stories Grant Application

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Discover you Podcast - Real People, Raw Stories Grant Application be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Option two (2) as outlined in this report entitled Discover You Podcast - Real People, Raw Stories Grant Application for \$2,704.55 inc. GST.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1959 - 1/07/2025

13.1.2 2025 Local Government Elections - Update July 2025

Moved: Councillor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled 2025 Local Government Elections - Update July 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council amends the Ordinary Council Meeting schedule for 2025 to remove the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting on 5 August 2025.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1960 - 1/07/2025

Initials: 

13.2 Receive and note reports

13.2.1 Community Satisfaction Survey 2025

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT Report entitled Community Satisfaction Survey 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1961 - 1/07/2025

13.2.2 Palmerston Local Economic Plan 2021-31 Update

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT Report entitled Palmerston Local Economic Plan 2021-31 Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1962 - 1/07/2025

13.2.3 Play Space Strategy Update

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

1. THAT Report entitled Play Space Strategy Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Widdup Park be included in the 2025-26 Play Space consultation for inclusion in the 2026-27 Capital Replacement Program.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1963 - 1/07/2025

13.2.4 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Workshop Outcomes

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT Report entitled Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Workshop Outcomes be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1964 - 1/07/2025

Initials:



14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Northern Territory Government Woodroffe Oval Community Consultation

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT correspondence dated 13 June 2025 14.2.1 entitled Northern Territory Government Woodroffe Oval Community Consultation be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1965 - 1/07/2025

14.2.2 ALGA National General Assembly - request for support of Sunshine Coast Council Motions

Moved: Councillor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT correspondence dated 20 June 2025 14.2.2.1 entitled ALGA National General Assembly - request for support of Sunshine Coast Council Motions and response dated 23 June 2025 14.2.2.2 be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1966 - 1/07/2025

14.2.3 Early Payment 2025-26 Financial Assistance Grants

Moved: Councillor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT correspondence dated 23 June 2025 14.2.3 entitled Early Payment 2025-26 Financial Assistance Grants be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1967 - 1/07/2025

Initials: 

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hale

1. THAT the verbal report provided by Mayor Pascoe-Bell regarding the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT the verbal report provided by Councillor Giesecke regarding Tourism Top End June 2025 General Meeting be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1968 – 1/07/2025

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding painting of planter boxes at Civic Plaza, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1969 – 1/07/2025

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Councillor Fraser would like to thank staff

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Councillor Fraser would like to thank and recognise Council staff on road repairs, long grass issues and Palmerston Markets lighting and security issues being repaired and addressed in a timely manner.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1970 – 1/07/2025

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 15 July 2025 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

Initials: 

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1971 - 1/07/2025

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Henderson

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 (5/0) - 10/1972 - 1/07/2025

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6.16pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.43pm.



Chair

Mayer Pascoe Bell

Print Name

15 July 2025

Date

Initials: