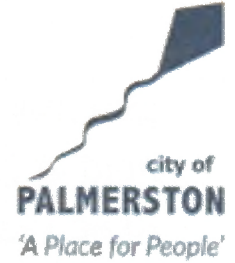


MINUTES



1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 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 2 September 2025 at 5:30pm.**

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Walsh
Minute Secretary, Kate Roberts

GALLERY

Nil

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:

Deputy Mayor Hale

4 AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING PREVIOUSLY GRANTED

Nil

Initials: 

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected members

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for Item 27.2.1 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Deputy Mayor Hale for Item 27.2.1 be received and noted.
3. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Henderson for Item 27.2.1 be received and noted.
4. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Fraser for Item 27.2.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/2034 - 2/09/2025

5.2 Staff

Deputy Mayor Hale arrived and joined the meeting at 5:33 pm.

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from the Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Walsh for Item 27.1.2 be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/2035 - 2/09/2025

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Giesecke

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 August 2025 pages 11813 to 11825 be confirmed.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/2036 - 2/09/2025

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

Palmerston and Litchfield Regional Deal

THAT Council receive and note correspondence received from the Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories Federal Member for Forrest dated 3 April 2020 being Item 26.2.1 entitled Palmerston and Litchfield Regional Deal.

CARRIED 9/1094 - 21/04/2020

Initials: 

Palmerston and Litchfield Regional Recovery Partnership

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston and Litchfield Regional Recovery Partnership be received and noted.
2. THAT Council reaffirms its commitment to working collaboratively with the Northern Territory Government (NTG) and Litchfield Council in the development and advocacy of a Palmerston and Litchfield Regional Recovery Partnership, formerly being the Palmerston and Litchfield Regional Deal, including funding of preliminary work such as feasibility studies and analysis.
3. THAT Council approve travel for the Mayor accompanied by the Deputy Mayor as required to advocate on behalf of the City of Palmerston for Australian Government partnerships for the Palmerston and Litchfield Regional Recovery Partnership, and other Council endorsed strategic initiatives as required until the 28 August 2021.

CARRIED 9/1572 - 6/04/2021

Request for Purchase of Road Reserve – The Boulevard

1. THAT Report entitled Request for Purchase of Road Reserve – The Boulevard be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes the commencement of the process for the sale of road reserve adjacent Lot 4537, Palmerston, subject to Carpaolo Nominees Pty Ltd, agreement to pay for relevant costs, with a further report be provided to Council following the land survey and valuation.

CARRIED 10/152 – 14/12/2021

Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) – Woodroffe Oval Redevelopment Proposal

1. THAT Report entitled Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) - Woodroffe Oval Redevelopment Proposal be received and noted.
2. THAT the Mayor write a letter to Australian Football League Northern Territory providing in-principal support to:
 - assist with their proposal to redevelop Woodroffe Oval to a share multi-sport venue that accommodates premier cricket and Australian football; and
 - outline suggestions on how Council could support the project as outlined in Report entitled Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) - Woodroffe Oval Redevelopment Proposal.

CARRIED 10/630– 15/11/2022

Initials:



25.1.1 External Audit Observations Actions

1. THAT Report entitled External Audit Observations Actions be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the amendment of approved Full Time Equivalents from 93.55 to 96.05 for 2022/2023 and future years, being an additional 2.5 Full Time Equivalents and salaries and associated budget, to address outstanding actions from the external audit which will be completed as part of the 2022-2023 financial statements, noting that the balance of the 2022-2023 year will be funded from savings.
3. THAT Council notes the priorities related to the external audit findings being Attachment 25.1.1.1 to Report entitled External Audit Observations Actions.

CARRIED 10/762 - 21/03/2023

Palmerston Regional Economic Growth Plan - Update

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Regional Economic Growth Plan - Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes the Palmerston and Litchfield Regional Economic Growth Plan is now the Palmerston Regional Economic Growth Plan being developed in partnership by the City of Palmerston and the Northern Territory Government.
3. THAT Council endorses an additional financial contribution of \$25 000, being matching funding with the Northern Territory Government, to deliver the Palmerston Regional Economic Growth Plan, to be funded from operational expenditure.
4. THAT Council approve travel for the Mayor or their representative as required to advocate on behalf of the City of Palmerston for Commonwealth Government partnerships for the Regional Economic Growth Plan, and other Council endorsed initiatives as required until the 30 July 2025.

CARRIED 10/936 – 18/07/2023

25.1.3 Palmerston Regional Economic Growth Plan - Update 2

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Regional Economic Growth Plan - Update 2 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note Attachment 25.1.3.3 to report entitled Palmerston Regional Economic Growth Plan Update 2 which summarises the outcomes of the workshop held on 29 August 2023 which will be used to inform this work moving forward.

CARRIED 10/1024 - 19/09/2023

Initials: 

25.1.3 Workshop 2 & 3 - Budget Development 2024/25

1. THAT Report entitled Workshop 2 & 3 - Budget Development 2024/25 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve for the inclusion in the next revised draft the following:
 - I) Parameters as identified in Attachment 25.1.3.1
 - II) Additional 5.8 full-time equivalents at a cost of \$477,265, plus EBA increase.
 - III) CPI applied contractors, excluding the waste contractors.
 - IV) Waste budget as presented at the workshop.
 - V) Rates Model based on differential rating -with a 3.3%, 3.5%, 4.2% and 4.9% and a \$39 increase to the minimum.

CARRIED 10/1265 -19/03/2024

25.1.2 Workshop 4 -Budget Development 2024/25

1. THAT Report entitled Workshop 4 -Budget Development 2024/25 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the inclusion in the draft 2024-25 Budget the following:
 - I. Program inclusions of \$331k providing for strategic activities, efficiencies and legislative requirements
 - II. Capital budget of \$11.25 million
 - III. Funding through Reserves of \$2.198 million
3. THAT Council endorses staff to continue to refine the draft 2024-25 budget noting further analysis is being prepared on property rating options based on feedback provided at the Council Budget Workshop.

CARRIED 10/1308 -16/04/2024

28 CONFIDENTIAL GENERAL BUSINESS

1. THAT General Business Item 28 is considered confidential pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation (3) prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
2. THAT Council accepts Mayor Patterson, Vice President of LGANT's offer to present to the Council their views on why City of Palmerston should reconsider joining LGANT.

CARRIED 10/1469 -6/08/2024

Initials:



25.1.1 Review of Long Term Financial Plan

1. THAT Report entitled Review of Long Term Financial Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses up to four workshops be conducted for the review of the Long-Term Financial Plan, being tentative dates:
 - a. Workshop 1 - Thursday 26 Sept 2024
 - b. Workshop 2 - Thursday 10 Oct 2024
 - c. Workshop 3 - Thursday 24 Oct 2024
 - d. Workshop 4 - Monday 18 Nov 2024
3. THAT a report be provided to Council on the outcome of the review of the Long-Term Financial Plan by the December 2024 Ordinary meeting.

CARRIED 10/1491 - 20/08/2024

27 Questions by Members

1. THAT Questions by Members Item 27.1 is considered 'confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iii) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.
2. THAT the question asked by Mayor Pascoe-Bell regarding Update on the Enforceable Undertaking, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1512 - 3/09/2024

27.1.1 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) - Membership Renewal

THAT item 27.1.1 lay on the table subject to a discussion with Mayor Patterson by Council.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1538 - 17/09/2024

Initials: 

27.1.4 CEO Recruitment Panel Appointment

1. THAT Report entitled CEO Recruitment Panel Appointment be received and noted.
2. THAT Council establishes a CEO recruitment panel comprising the Mayor (Chair), one independent member, and Councillor Garden, Councillor Henderson and Councillor Eveleigh.
3. THAT Council appoints Mark Blackburn as the independent panel member for the CEO recruitment.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1541 - 17/09/2024

27.2.2 Northern Territory Government Election Funding Commitments

1. THAT Report entitled Northern Territory Government Election Funding Commitments be received and noted.
2. THAT the Mayor writes to the Chief Minister and MLA's seeking written confirmation of election commitments and projects they wish to support.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1543 - 17/09/2024

24 2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

RETRIEVE FROM THE TABLE

THAT report 27.1.1 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) - Membership Renewal - 17 September 2024 be retrieved from the table.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1560 - 1/10/2024

24.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. THAT Report entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) - Membership Renewal - 17 September 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council does not re-join the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) in 2024/2025 and that this be reviewed annually.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1561 - 1/10/2024

Initials: 

27.1.1 Outcomes of Compliance Review

1. THAT Report entitled Outcomes of Compliance Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note the response provided by the LG Compliance unit in relation to the CEO responses to the interim Northern Territory Government City of Palmerston 2022-2023 Compliance Review report being Attachment 27.1.1.3 to Report entitled Outcomes of Compliance Review.
3. THAT Council note the actions already underway regarding the Northern Territory Government City of Palmerston 2022-2023 Compliance Review and that all matters will be completed by 30 November 2024 as per Attachment 27.1.1.6 to Report entitled Outcomes of Compliance Review.
4. THAT Council seek further legal advice and provide a response informed by that advice regarding the Northern Territory Government City of Palmerston 2022-2023 Compliance Review, and that a report outlining the advice and suggested response be provided to Council.
5. THAT the Northern Territory Government City of Palmerston 2022-2023 Compliance Review and its status be reported to the Risk Management and Audit Committee.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1562 - 1/10/2024

27.1.1 Review of the Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2034

1. THAT Report entitled Review of the Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2034 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the approach of developing and reviewing the long term financial plan as outlined in the draft guidelines called Review of the long-term financial plan at Attachment 27.1.1.2 contained in Report entitled Review of the Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2034.
3. THAT Council endorses the development of a 10 year Long Term Financial Plan.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1587 - 15/10/2024

Initials: _____



27.1.1 Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden

1. THAT Report entitled Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden be received and noted.
2. THAT Council offer a lease to Northern Territory Government for five (5) years for Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden for a youth drop-in centre as detailed within report entitled Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden.
3. THAT Council pursuant to Section 32(2) of the Local Government Act 2019, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate a lease with the Northern Territory Government for five (5) years for Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden.
4. THAT the Council Decisions relating to Report entitled Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden be moved to the Open Minutes at the time of a related announcement by the Northern Territory Government.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1607 - 5/11/2024

27.2.1 Alleged Breaches of Code of Conduct – October 2024

THAT the Report entitled Alleged Breaches of Code of Conduct – October 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1611 - 5/11/2024

30.2 Confidential General Business - CEO Recruitment Panel Membership

1. THAT General Business Item 30.2 is considered 'confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter 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 or the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;
2. THAT the General Manager Infrastructure asks Councillor Eveleigh how long she will be on leave for, and for this to be presented in a report back to Council at the Second Ordinary Meeting in November 2024 to inform Council's consideration of the CEO Recruitment Panel membership.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1613 - 5/11/2024

Initials: 

27.1.2 RFQ Assessment - External Auditors

1. THAT Report entitled RFQ Assessment - External Auditors be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoints BDO as City of Palmerston's External Audit firm for a period of three years commencing the 2024-25 financial year, commencing on a remuneration of \$55,886 per annum subject to CPI increases.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1639 - 19/11/2024

27.2.1 Update on Code of Conduct Complaints – November 2024

THAT Report entitled Update on Code of Conduct Complaints – November 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1642 - 19/11/2024

27.2.2 CEO Recruitment Panel Membership

1. THAT Report entitled CEO Recruitment Panel Membership be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes the resignation of Councillor Eveleigh from the CEO Recruitment Panel.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1643 - 19/11/2024

30 General Business

1. THAT General Business Item 30 is considered 'confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to, subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
2. THAT the verbal recount of meeting with the CLP Candidate for Soloman from Mayor Pascoe-Bell be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1644 - 19/11/2024

27.2.1 Update on Code of Conduct Complaints – December 2024

THAT Report entitled Update on Code of Conduct Complaints – December 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1687 - 10/12/2024

Initials: 

22 Leave of Absence Requests

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 15 February to 1 March 2025 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 8 March to 9 March 2025 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Morrison for 25 June to 5 July 2025 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Eveleigh for 8 February to 10 February 2025 inclusive be received and noted.
5. THAT the leave of absence received from Councillor Hale for 22 January to 23 January 2025 inclusive be received and noted.
6. THAT the leave of absence received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 5 February to 11 February 2025 inclusive be received and noted.
7. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (7/0) – 10/1715 – 21/01/2025

23 Request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

THAT Council approves the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Morrison for 18 February 2025 who will be physically prevented from attending the meeting due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1716 – 21/01/2025

27.2.1 Update on Code of Conduct Complaints – January 2025

THAT Report entitled Update on Code of Conduct Complaints – January 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1721 – 21/01/2025

27.1.1 Leases over Part Lot 4153 Marlow Lagoon

THAT Report entitled Leases over Part Lot 4153 Marlow Lagoon be laid on the table until further details are provided to Council in relation to benefits to the community, frequency of site usage, membership numbers and growth, achievements of members and a market valuation.

CARRIED (6/2) - 10/1736 - 4/02/2025

Initials:



27.1.2 Confidentiality Review List - 17 July 2024 to 21 January 2025

1. THAT Report entitled Confidentiality Review List - 17 July 2024 to 21 January 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses for the Decisions listed in Attachment 27.1.2.1 to be moved to the Open Minutes of this meeting, with the exception of Decision Number 10/1240.
3. THAT Council endorses for the Decisions listed in Attachment 27.1.2.2 to be retained on the confidentiality review list to be considered at the next review, with the addition of Decision Number 10/1240.
4. THAT Council endorses for the Decisions listed in Attachment 27.1.2.3 to be retained in confidential indefinitely.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1738 - 4/02/2025

29.0 Questions by Members

1. THAT Questions by Members item update is considered 'confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 20214 as the matter comprises the receipt or discussion of, or 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.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Eveleigh regarding Mowing and Open Space maintenance, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1741 - 4/02/2025

27.1.1 2025-26 Budget Workshop #3 and LTFP

1. THAT Report entitled 2025-26 Budget Workshop #3 and LTFP be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the following to enable income and budget modelling for the 2025-26 Budget and the Long-Term Financial Plan:
 - a. The inclusion of the budget assumptions at Attachment 27.1.1.1
 - b. Calculate a level of rates revenue that would enable Council to fund the operational expense at Attachment 27.1.1.2 and capital projects similar to the level of the 2024-25 Original Budget.
 - c. Carry out rates modelling with a rate in the dollar and minimum rate increase of 3.3%, 4.2%, 4.9%.
3. THAT the decision be moved into the open after the adoption of the 2025-26 Municipal Plan.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1763 - 18/02/2025

Initials: 

22.1 Leave of Absence Requests

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Garden for 12 April to 11 May 2025 inclusive, for the reason of remote working and holiday, be approved.
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.
3. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Eveleigh for 7 March to 10 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.
5. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Morrison for 6 March to 9 March 2025 inclusive, for the reason of work and 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

23.0 Request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

1. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Garden for 4 March 2025 who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to ill health and approval has been granted by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the City of Palmerston Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing Policy.
2. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Garden for 15 April 2025 who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting.

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1786 - 4/03/2025

25.1 UDIA NT

THAT the presentation by UDIA NT be received and noted and a draft response to the UDIA briefing paper and a draft letter to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development be presented to Council at the 18 March 2025 Confidential Council Meeting.

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1788 - 4/03/2025

Initials: 

22.1 Leave of Absence Requests

1. *This decision has been moved to the Open Minutes of the 6 May 2025 meeting.*
2. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Eveleigh for 2 June to 9 June 2025 inclusive, for the reason of Holiday, be approved.
3. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Fraser for 3 April to 13 April 2025 inclusive, for the reason of Holiday, be approved.
4. *This decision has been moved to the Open Minutes of the 1 April 2025 meeting.*
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

23.0 Request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 15 April 2025 who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being further than 100kms from the appointed place of meeting.

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1807 - 18/03/2025

27.1.3 UDIA NT Briefing Paper - Draft Response

1. THAT Report entitled UDIA NT Briefing Paper - Draft Response be received and noted.
2. THAT the amended Attachments 27.1.3.2 and 27.1.3.3 as tabled be received and noted.
3. THAT Council endorses the letter to the UDIA NT Chairperson, provided as Attachment 27.1.3.2 to Report entitled UDIA NT Briefing Paper - Draft Response.
4. THAT Council endorses the letter to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development, provided as Attachment 27.1.3.3 to Report entitled UDIA NT Briefing Paper - Draft Response.
5. THAT these decisions remain in confidential for review at the next periodical review of confidential decisions.

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1811 - 18/03/2025

Initials: 

22. Leave of Absence Requests

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Garden for 12 May to 31 May 2025 inclusive, for the reason of working remotely be approved.
2. *This decision has been moved to the Open Minutes of the 15 April 2025 meeting.*
3. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1823 - 1/04/2025

23.0 Request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Garden for the 15 April 2025 who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being a greater distance greater than 100km from the appointed place of meeting.

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1824 - 1/04/2025

27.1.1 Leases over Part Lot 4153 Marlow Lagoon - Additional Information

1. THAT Report entitled Leases over Part Lot 4153 Marlow Lagoon - Additional Information be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes the additional information provided in relation to the Satellite City BMX Club and Top End Remote Control Car Association, and their leases over Part Lot 4153 Marlow Lagoon.
3. THAT Report entitled Leases over Part Lot 4153 Marlow Lagoon be taken off the table and considered as the next item of business.

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1826 - 1/04/2025

27.1.1 Leases over Part Lot 4153 Marlow Lagoon - Additional Information

1. THAT Report entitled Leases over Part Lot 4153 Marlow Lagoon - Additional Information be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses direct negotiation of a new Lease with Top End Remote Control Car Association up to a period of five years.
3. THAT Council endorses direct negotiation of a new Lease with Satellite City BMX Club up to a period of ten years.
4. THAT Council, in accordance with Section 40(4)(a) of the Local Government Act delegates the power to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into lease arrangements with Top End Remote Control Car Association and

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Satellite City BMX Club on behalf of Council for the same purpose currently used on the site in relation to part Lot 4153 Marlow Lagoon.

CARRIED (7/1) - 10/1827 - 1/04/2025

Councillor Giesecke called a division - as a consequence the result of the above motion was set aside.

Upon dividing, 7 members voted in the affirmative, 1 member voted in the negative.

Members Voting in the Affirmative: Councillor Eveleigh, Councillor Fraser, Councillor Garden, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Morrison, Deputy Mayor Hale and Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Members Voting in the Negative: Councillor Giesecke.

The Chair declared the motion CARRIED.

22.1 Leave of Absence Requests

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Giesecke for 17 April to 28 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 (7/0) - 10/1855 - 15/04/2025

27.1.1 Community Safety and Wellbeing Advisory Committees - Nominations Second Round

1. THAT Report entitled Community Safety and Wellbeing Advisory Committees - Nominations Second Round be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse Susan Lowry be appointed as the Business Associations Representative to Community Safety with the first Advisory Committee Meeting being the 13 May 2025.

3. THAT Council endorse to not readvertise for the remaining vacant positions in Community Safety Advisory Committee and Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee until after the Local Government Elections.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1857 - 15/04/2025

Initials: 

27.1.2 Workshop 6 - Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-35

1. THAT Report entitled Workshop 6 - Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-35 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the general, income, and expense forecast assumptions of the draft 2026-35 LTFP contained in Table 1: General Assumptions, Table 2: Income assumptions and Table 3: Expense assumptions contained in the Report entitled Workshop 6 - Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-35.
3. THAT Council endorse the financial strategies for scenarios 1 and 2 Table 6: Analysis of Financial Strategy in the Report entitled Workshop 6 - Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-35 with the exception of replacing a grant of \$300,000 with own-source funding in Scenario 2.
4. THAT Council endorse the benchmarks for the financial strategy being:
 - Operating Ratio - >0%
 - Cash Expense Ratio - >3 months
 - Current Ratio - >1.5
 - Own Source Revenue - 60%-75%
 - Debt Service Cover Ratio - >2
 - Interest Cover Ratio - >4
 - Asset Sustainability Ratio - 90%-110%
 - Working Capital Reserves minimum level - \$5 million.
5. THAT Council endorse the planned \$3 million borrowing to fund Zuccoli Community Hub in 2026-27.
6. THAT Council endorse the modelling of the next draft 2026-35 LTFP with the following parameters:
 - a. 3.9% rates revenue increase from 2026-27 to 2034-35 to be applied to minimum rates and rates in the dollar.
 - b. Maintain a healthy Working Capital Reserve at approximately \$5 million, increasing to up to \$10 million by 2034-35.
 - c. Provide options for enhancing asset renewals and introducing new programs when the estimated Working Capital Reserve exceeds \$5 million.
 - d. Provide options for reallocating the Working Capital Reserve to the Disaster Recovery Reserve, Asset Renewal Reserve, and Major Initiative Reserve when it exceeds \$5 million.
 - e. Include specific waste management assumptions, and forecasts of income and expenditure where relevant.
 - f. Provide a separate model at 3.9%-4.9% rates revenue increase from 2026-27 to 2034-35 to be applied to minimum rates and rates in the dollar using the same modelling assumptions identified in 6(a) to (e).
7. THAT Council endorses the long-term financial plan to be presented to Council at the 6 May Ordinary Council Meeting for endorsement for a two-week public consultation period.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1858 - 15/04/2025

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29 Questions by Members

1. THAT Questions by Members Item 29.1 is considered 'confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter comprises the receipt or discussion of, or 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.

2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding antisocial behavior in the CBD and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1910 - 20/05/2025

25.1 NBN Co - General Update on network and services

THAT the presentation by Tim Nicol, Manager, Regional Development and Engagement and Hayley Hardy, Community Engagement Specialist, NBN be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/2029 – 19/08/2025

10.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential items

Moved: Councillor Henderson

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	Review of Confidential Matters	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

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		<p>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)(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.</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)(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.</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)(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)(c)(iii) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i>,</p>
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		<p>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 security of the council, its members or staff.</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)(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.</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> <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)(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.</p> <p>This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of</p>
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		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.
27.1.2	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)(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.
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.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/2037 – 2/09/2025

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

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13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action reports

Nil

13.2 Receive and note reports

Nil

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Councillor Giesecke
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

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

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/2038 - 2/09/2025

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding the condition of the road entering into Truck City, be taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/2039 - 2/09/2025

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Initials: 

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 16 September 2025 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/2040 - 2/09/2025

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

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)(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) - 10/2041 - 2/09/2025

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 5.41pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 5.42pm, for the discussion of confidential matters.

Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting at 5.42pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.57 pm.


Chair


Print Name


Date

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