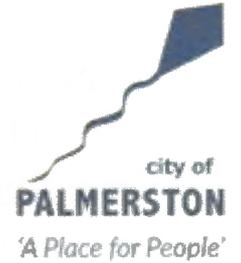


MINUTES



1ST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2026

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 3 February 2026 at 5:30pm.**

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Damian Hale
Councillor Lucy Morrison
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Rob Waters
Councillor Sarah Henderson
Councillor Wayne Bayliss
Councillor Yolanda Kanyai (*via Audio/Audiovisual*)

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Walsh
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Nadine Nilon
Acting General Manager Finance and Governance, Glen Collins
General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl
General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight
Minute Secretary, Pania Withnall

GALLERY

7 members of the public
6 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 5:33pm

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Waters

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes for the Chinese New Year Blessing performed by the Chung Wah Society Lion Dance Troupe.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0203 - 3/02/2026

The meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Reconvene

Moved: Councillor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the meeting be reconvened.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0204 - 3/02/2026

The meeting reconvened at 5:47pm.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hale

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Deputy Mayor Hale for Item 26.1.2 be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0205 - 3/02/2026

Initials: 

4.2 Staff

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 January 2026 pages 11993 to 12004 be confirmed.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0206 - 3/02/2026

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Moved: Councillor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the following public question from Mary Oliffe of Rosebery and response as tabled regarding proposed gate placement should fencing be implemented at Gray Community Hall be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0207 - 3/02/2026

Initials:



9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

9.1.1 Confidentiality Review List - 20 August 2025 to 20 January 2026

The following Council Decisions were resolved to be moved to the Open Minutes of the 3 February 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting:

Resolution 10/1240 was incorrectly listed with matters to come out of confidential and has been removed from the list to correct the error. The correction will be considered by Council at the Ordinary Meeting Scheduled 17 February 2026.

28.1 Council Representation

1. THAT General Business Item 28.1 is considered 'confidential pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to subject to subregulation (3) -prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;
2. THAT the Council receives and notes the general warning about representation of the Council under s 59 of the Local Government Act 2019 (NT) and Council's Media Policy.

CARRIED 10/1382 -4/06/2024

27.1.2 Archer Waste Management Facility Operations Tender

1. THAT Report entitled Archer Waste Management Facility Operations Tender be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and award the Archer Waste Management Facility Management contract up to a total first-year annual value of up to \$1,882,202.
3. THAT the decision relating to Report entitled Archer Waste Management Facility Operations Tender be moved into the open minutes following the award of the contract for TS2023-05 Management of the Archer Waste Management Facility.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1719 - 21/01/2025

Initials:



27.1.2 Library Cafe - Costings Report

Decisions 1 and 2 have been moved to the Open minutes of this meeting.

3. THAT Council approves a budget of up to \$190,000 allocated from working capital reserve, to undertake the fit-out of the cafe space at Lot 6908, The Boulevard, with this project not commencing until the completion of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process and confirmation of a suitable cafe tenant, as outlined within Option 2 in this report.
4. THAT alternative options for funding the Library cafe refurbishment and fit-out are considered at the Second Budget Review for 2024-25.
5. THAT decisions 1 and 2 are moved into open.

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1810 - 18/03/2025

27.1.4 SWELL Operations Update

1. THAT Report entitled SWELL Operations Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve Option 2 of the proposed extension with a fee-for-service model with Belgravia Leisure Health & Leisure Group Pty Ltd.
3. THAT Council notes the application of regulation 38 (1) (k) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the procurement amount will exceed the threshold of \$150,000.

CARRIED (7/0) - 10/1860 - 15/04/2025

27.1.2 Parking Policy

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston City Centre Parking Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT a draft Palmerston City Centre Parking Policy be presented at the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting in November 2025.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1878 - 6/05/2025

27.1.1 Risk Management & Audit Committee Confidential Minutes 29 July 2025

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management & Audit Committee Confidential Minutes 29 July 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed confidential Risk Management and Audit Committee minutes provided at Attachment 27.1.1.1 to Report entitled Risk Management & Audit Committee Confidential Minutes 29 July 2025 be received and noted.

Initials:



3. THAT Council adopts the recommendations from the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting held Tuesday 29 July 2025, as follows:
- a) THAT the following items be marked as complete and removed from the Debt Management Performance Audit Recommendations Register:
 - i. DM 4.2 – Infringement notices
 - ii. DM 4.3 - Lack of system segregation of duty controls.

 - b) THAT the Fraud and Corruption Action Plan controls/actions required are expanded to link to the key control recommendations and that recommendations for items to be closed include details on how the control risk has been addressed.

 - c) THAT a further report be presented to the Risk Management and Audit Committee in October 2025 once a review has been undertaken of the Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and procedures.

 - d) THAT the internal audit plan be amended to refine the scope of IA6 - Contract Management Compliance to assess the efficiencies, effectiveness, progress mapping and internal control points of the proposed framework before implementation.

 - e) THAT the Risk Management and Audit Committee recommend to Council that the following items can be removed from the Action Report at Attachment 19.1.2.1.
 - i. External Audit Update May 2025 RMA 10/215
 - ii. Fraud & Corruption Audit Update May 2025 RMA10/214
 - iii. Internal Audit Update May 2025 RMA 10/212
 - iv. Strategic Risk Update May 2025 RMA 10/211

 - f) THAT the Risk Management and Audit Committee recommends that Council notes the following contained within report entitled External Audit Update - July 2025:
 - i. The interim audit identified 3 new audit findings as identified in BDO Interim Audit Management Letter as presented in Attachment 19.1.3.2.
 - ii. The 3 new audit findings from the interim audit have been included in the External Audit Observations Register at Attachment 19.1.3.3.
 - iii. The end of year audit will commence on 11 August as identified in the Annual Audit Plan at Attachment 19.1.3.1.
 - iv. Prior years' audit finding current status have been updated at 30 June 2025 as presented in Attachment 19.1.3.3.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/2030 - 19/08/2025

Initials: 

27.1.1 Confidentiality Review List - 22 January to 19 August 2025

1. THAT Report entitled Confidentiality Review List - 22 January to 19 August 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses for the decisions listed in Attachment 27.1.1.1 to be moved to the Open Minutes of this meeting.
3. THAT Council endorses for the decisions listed in Attachment 27.1.1.2 to be retained on the confidentiality review list to be considered at the next review.
4. THAT Council endorses for the decisions listed in Attachment 27.1.1.3 to be retained in confidential indefinitely.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/2043 - 2/09/2025

24.1 NT Remuneration Tribunal - Local Government Members Allowances 2026

THAT the confidential presentation by Gary Higgins, Chair, Lyn Walker and Kezia Purick, Members NT Remuneration Tribunal be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/47 - 7/10/2025

25.1 2025 Local Government Election Concerns and Feedback

1. THAT the Notice of Motion received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell, entitled 25.1 2025 Local Government Election Concerns and Feedback be received and noted.
2. THAT the Mayor writes to the Chief Minister and Minister for Local Government raising concerns identified during the 2025 local government elections.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/069 - 21/10/2025

26.1.2 2024-25 End of Year Allocation to Reserves

1. THAT Report entitled 2024-25 End of Year Allocation to Reserves be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the end of financial year reserve movements for 2024-25 of:
Transfers to Reserve:
 - a. \$116,098 to Waste Reserves.
 - b. \$347,871 to FILOC Reserve - Making the Switch Loan.
 - c. \$50,000 transfer to Election Reserve.
 - d. \$80,000 to FILOC Reserve - SWELL Loan.
 - e. \$223,601 for Developer Contributions FILOC.
 - f. \$1,288,738 to Unexpended Grant Reserves for FA Grant.
 - g. \$141,600 to Unexpended Grant Reserves for CPTED.

Initials:



- h. \$219,567, net surplus to the Working Capital Reserve.
3. THAT Council approve the allocation of funds in the 2025-26 budget from the Working Capital Reserve to fund the following strategic projects:
 - a. Zuccoli Community Hub - \$200,000.
 - b. Library Cafe Refurbishment - \$150,000.
 4. THAT the decision is moved to the open after the 2025-26 First Budget Review is presented to Council.
- CARRIED (8/0) - 11/071 - 21/10/2025**

- 26.1.5 LATE ITEM - ERP Procurement Assessment**
1. THAT late request item, report entitled ERP Procurement Assessment, be accepted and included in the 21 October 2025 Confidential Meeting agenda in Confidential Officer Reports for consideration.
 2. THAT this item is considered 'confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, 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.
- CARRIED (7/0) - 11/074 - 21/10/2025**

- 26.1.5 ERP Procurement Assessment**
1. THAT Report entitled Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Procurement Assessment be received and noted.
 2. THAT Council endorse the exclusion of local content from the assessment criteria for the procurement of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project, noting that removing this criterion supports an equitable evaluation process and enables Council to prioritise quality, capability and value for money in accordance with the Procurement Policy. THAT this decision is moved to open once the tender has been released. Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 6:50 pm.
- CARRIED (8/0) - 11/075 - 21/10/2025**

- 26.2.2 Awarded Procurement for September 2025**
- THAT Report entitled Awarded Procurement for September 2025 be received and noted.
- CARRIED (8/0) - 11/076 - 21/10/2025**

Initials: 

26.2.3 Confidential Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - July to September 2025

THAT Report entitled Confidential Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - July to September 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/077 - 21/10/2025

21 Leave of absence requests

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 6 December 2025 to 24 January 2026 inclusive, for the reason of Holiday, be approved.
2. *2. This decision has been moved to the Open Minutes of the 20 January 2026 Council Meeting.*
3. *3. This decision has been moved to the Open Minutes of the 9 December 2025 Council Meeting.*
4. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0102 - 4/11/2025

22 Request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

1. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting for the period 6 December 2025 to 24 January 2026, due to Holiday.
2. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Deputy Mayor Hale who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting for the period 17 to 19 November 2025 due to Travel.
3. THAT this decision be moved to the open minutes following the Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0103 - 4/11/2025

Initials: 

26.1.4 Risk Management and Audit Committee Confidential Minutes 23 October 2025

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Confidential Minutes 23 October 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed confidential Risk Management and Audit Committee minutes provided at Attachment 26.1.4.1 to Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Confidential Minutes 23 October 2025 be received and noted.
3. THAT Council adopts the recommendations from the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting held Thursday, 23 October 2025, as follows:
 - a. THAT the Risk Management and Audit Committee recommends that Council accepts the following observations, in monitoring the integrity of the annual financial statements:
 - i. The external auditors unmodified opinion at Attachment 18.1.1.4 to Report entitled External Audit Observations - October 2025 states that the accompanying financial report of the Council, presents fairly, in all material respects, the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2025, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations.
 - ii. The 2024-25 EOY audit identified eight new audit findings as identified in BDO's Annual Completion Report as presented in Attachment 18.1.1.2 to Report entitled External Audit Observations - October 2025.
 - iii. The current status of the Audit finding have been updated as presented in Attachment 18.1.1.3 to Report entitled External Audit Observations - October 2025.
 - b. THAT the Risk Management and Audit Committee recommend to Council that the four prior year audit findings and four 2023-24 audit findings be removed from the External Audit Observation Register.

2023-24 audit findings:

 - i. Adjustment of income that was incorrectly recognised in prior year period.
 - ii. Term deposit classification.
 - iii. Grant receivable recognition timing.
 - iv. Active assets included in the asset disposal listing.

Prior year audit findings:

 - i. Purchases and trade payables and payroll and other employment benefits.
 - ii. Property Plant and Equipment (PPE) revaluation.
 - iii. Property Plant and Equipment disclosure.
 - iv. Bank signatories.
 - v. Expected credit loss.

Initials: 

c. THAT the Risk Management and Audit Committee confirms that the draft Annual Report presented as Attachment 18.1.2.1 to Report entitled Annual Report 2024-25 and Annual Financial Statements presents an assessment of the City of Palmerston's performance against the objectives stated in council's Community Plan for the 2024/25 financial year.

d. THAT the 2024/25 financial statement presented as Attachment 18.1.2.2 to Report entitled Annual Report 2024-25 and Annual Financial Statements be accepted for inclusion in the 2024/25 Annual Report.

e. THAT the accompanying financial overview presented as Attachment 18.1.2.3 to Report entitled Annual Report 2024-25 and Annual Financial Statements be accepted for inclusion in the 2024/25 Annual Report.

f. THAT decision to Report entitled Annual Report 2024-25 and Annual Financial Statements is moved to the open minutes following the Council Meeting on 4 November 2025.

g. THAT the Internal Audit Plan at Attachment 18.1.3.1 to Report entitled Internal Audit Update - October 2025 is amended as follows:

i. IA6 Contract management compliance – commence in 2025-26

h. THAT the Risk Management and Audit Committee recommend to Council that the management responses and associated actions arising from the Fraud and Corruption Performance Audit be accepted as complete, on the basis that all agreed actions have been implemented:

i. FC2 - The Deficiencies identified in controls surrounding financial delegations

ii. FC4 - Instances of non-compliance with the Procurement Policy and Procedure

iii. FC5.1 – Relocation – staff acknowledge their repayment obligations should they fail to meet the minimum service period, when in receipt of the relocation allowance

iv. FC7. 1 - ICT-Related control deficiencies observed – develop a register of ICT systems and system owners

v. FC8.1 Management should review the Strategic Risk Register to ensure consistency with the agreed risk matrix

vi. FC9.1 Audit logs and reporting to RMAC could be improved - Ensure that both internal and external audit finding registers clearly specify the responsible person and target completion date for each finding or recommendation.

i. THAT the Risk Management and Audit Committee recommend to Council that the following items are removed from the Asset Management Improvement Plans as they have been presented as completed to previous Committee meetings as:

i. Building condition audits completed in 2023-24.

Initials:



ii. Re-classify 16 building assets (26 components) currently under 'Land Improvements' Financial class and subclass to 'Buildings & Other Structures' in Financial Statement Note 7a (i), completed in 2022-23.

j. THAT the Risk Management and Audit Committee recommend to Council that the following items can be removed from the Action Report at Attachment 18.1.6.1 to Report entitled Action Report:

i. THAT the following items be marked as complete and removed from Internal Audit Update July 2025 RMA 10/229 - the Debt Management Performance Audit Recommendations Register:

- DM 4.2 – Infringement notices
- DM 4.3 - Lack of system segregation of duty controls.

ii. All actions from the 19.1.3 External Audit Update - July 2025 - RMA 10/231

k. THAT the Risk Management and Audit Committee recommend to Council that a report come back to the Risk Management and Audit committee:

i. With an update on a review of all the risk registers that are presented to the committee.

ii. Advising of process of application of applying the risk matrix to ensure consistency.

l. THAT the Risk Management Audit Committee will provide feedback on the risk management plan at Attachment 18.2.1.1 to Report entitled Risk Management Plan by Sunday 02 November 2025.

m. THAT a report on the Enterprise Resource Planning gap analysis/business case be reported to Risk Management and Audit Committee out of session.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0108 - 4/11/2025

29 Confidential General Business

1. THAT General Business Item 29.1 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 Councillor Morrison Chair the Council Meeting being held on 18 November 2025.

3. THAT Councillor Morrison be Acting Mayor for 25 to 29 December 2025 inclusive.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0110 - 4/11/2025

Initials: 

21 Leave of absence requests

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Henderson for 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026 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) - 11/0130 - 18/11/2025

22 Request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

1. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Henderson who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting on 20 January 2026 for the period 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026, due to Holiday.
2. THAT this decision be moved to the open minutes following the Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0131 - 18/11/2025

26.2.3 Awarded Procurement for October 2025

THAT Report entitled Awarded Procurement for October 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0136 - 18/11/2025

26.1.1 Australia Day Awards Citizen of Year 2026

1. THAT Report entitled Australia Day Awards Citizen of Year 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council awards Balachander Mohanraj as the 2026 Palmerston Citizen of the Year.
3. THAT the Council decision relating to the Report Entitled Australia Day Awards Citizen of Year 2026 be moved to open following the announcement of the award on 26 January 2026.
4. THAT the Mayor writes to all nominees acknowledging their contribution to the Palmerston community following the Australia Day Ceremony.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0160 - 9/12/2025

Initials:



26.1.2 Australia Day Awards Young Citizen of the Year 2026

1. THAT Report entitled Australia Day Awards Young Citizen of the Year 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council awards Joshua Harrington as the 2026 Palmerston Young Citizen of the Year.
3. THAT the Council decision relating to the Report Entitled Australia Day Awards Young Citizen of the Year 2026 be moved to open following the announcement of the award on 26 January 2026.
4. THAT the Mayor writes to all nominees acknowledging their contribution to the Palmerston community following the Australia Day Ceremony.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0161 - 9/12/2025

26.1.3 Australia Day Awards Community Event or Group of the Year 2026

1. THAT Report entitled Australia Day Awards Community Event or Group of the Year 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council awards The Tamil Society of the Northern Territory the 2026 Palmerston Community Group or Event of the Year award.
3. THAT the Council decision relating to the Report Entitled Australia Day Awards Community Event or Group of the Year 2026 be moved to open following the announcement of the award on 26 January 2026.
4. THAT the Mayor writes to all nominees acknowledging their contribution to the Palmerston community following the Australia Day Ceremony.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0162 - 9/12/2025

26.2.1 Confidential Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - October to December 2025

THAT Report entitled Confidential Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - October to December 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0200 - 20/01/2026

Initials: 

9.1.2 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

4. THAT the leave of absence request received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 26 January 2026 to 1 February 2026 inclusive, for the reason of personal leave, be approved.
5. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0222 - 3/02/2026

9.1.3 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hale

6. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Morrison for 23 January 2026 to 27 January 2026 inclusive, for the reason of a holiday, be approved.
5. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Waters for 21 January 2026 to 24 January 2026 inclusive, for the reason of travel, be approved.
7. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0197 - 20/01/2026

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Waters

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
24.1	External Presentation Request	51(1)(c)(ii)

Initials: 

		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.
26.1.1	Appointment of Committee Member	51(1)(a) 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.
26.1.2	Legal Advice	51(1)(b) 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.
26.1.3	Review of Confidential Matters	51(1)(c)(iv) 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

Initials: 

		that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
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CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0208 - 3/02/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Gray Community Hall Update

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Gray Community Hall Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0209 - 3/02/2026

Moved: Councillor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

2. THAT Council request that Northern Territory Government, Police and the Larrakia Nation conduct increased patrols when vulnerable groups are using the Gray Community Hall.
3. THAT a further detailed report and designs are presented to Council considering:
 - a. Lighting;
 - b. Laneway closure and exercise equipment decommissioning;
 - c. Option 5 - Fencing the entire perimeter;
 - d. Option 2 - Verandah Fence including laneway closure;
 - e. Gates and access;
 - f. Additional CCTV cameras at gate access points;
 - g. Allocation of funding through the 2026/27 budget development process.

Initials: 

4. THAT Council allocates \$5,000 from the 2025/26 budget through the Second Budget Review to undertake the required design work.
5. THAT Council advocate with the Northern Territory Government for funding for safety improvements at Gray Community Hall.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0210 - 3/02/2026

12.1.2 2026 Developing North Australia Conference

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled 2026 Developing North Australia Conference be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note the change of dates for the 2026 Developing Northern Australia Conference, which will now be held 5 August to 7 August 2026.
3. THAT Council updates the attendees and endorses Mayor Pascoe-Bell and Councillor Henderson to attend at the 2026 Developing Northern Australia Conference in Alice Springs accompanied by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0211 - 3/02/2026

12.1.3 Council Policy - Whistleblower Policy

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy - Whistleblower Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Whistleblower Policy as at **Attachment 12.1.3.1** to Report entitled Council Policy - Whistleblower Policy.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0212 - 3/02/2026

Initials: 

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 People and Place Quarterly Report - October to December 2025

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

THAT Report entitled People and Place Quarterly Report - October to December 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0213 - 3/02/2026

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

Nil

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Waters

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

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0214 - 3/02/2026

Initials: 

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT the question asked by Council Henderson regarding the verge rebate, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding Forest Parade development and the long-grass program update, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer and the General Manager Community be received and noted.
3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Waters regarding unfinished developments, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0215 - 3/02/2026

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Letter to Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

THAT the Mayor writes to the Northern Territory Government Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment to address longstanding unfinished suburban developments.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0216 - 3/02/2026

16.2 Australia Day Celebrations

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hale

Seconded: Councillor Waters

THAT Council propose a review of the timing and request a shift from 1.00pm to earlier in the day for the Australia Day Celebrations and request a report back to the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting of April 2026.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0217 - 3/02/2026

Initials: 

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 17 February 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0218 - 3/02/2026

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Deputy Mayor 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 (8/0) - 11/0219 - 3/02/2026

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hale

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes for a break.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0220 - 3/02/2026

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 7:59pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 9:30pm.

Initials: 

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:30pm.



Chair

Mays Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

17 February 2026

Date

Initials: _____