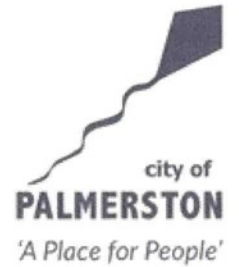


MINUTES



2nd ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 17 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 17 February 2026 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Damian Hale
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Rob Waters
Councillor Sarah Henderson
Councillor Wayne Bayliss
Councillor Yolanda Kanyai

STAFF

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

GALLERY

No 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 5.32pm.

3 APOLOGIES

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the apology received from Councillor Morrison for 17 February 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0230 - 17/02/2026

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Nil

4.2 Staff

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Councillor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 February 2026 pages 12010 to 12031 be confirmed.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0231 - 17/02/2026

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

Initials: 

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - January 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0232 - 17/02/2026

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Membership

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the presentation by President Peter Pangquee and Mary Watson, Chief Executive Officer for Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) on LGANT Membership be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0233 - 17/02/2026

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

9.1.1 Leave of Absence Requests

4. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Kanyai for 3 February 2026 to 8 February 2026 inclusive, for the reason of work travel and professional development, 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

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9.1.2 Request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Morrison who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting for the period 23 January 2026 to 27 January 2026 inclusive, due to being on holiday.
4. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Kanyai who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting for the period 3 February 2026 to 8 February 2026 inclusive, due to work travel and professional development.
6. THAT this decision be moved to the open minutes following the Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0198 - 20/01/2026

9.1.3 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hale

Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

3. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Henderson for 14 February 2026 to 16 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

9.1.4 St Vincent de Paul - Request for Land

Moved: Councillor Waters

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the Report entitled St Vincent de Paul - Request for Land be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the attached response provided at **Attachment 26.1.2.1** to this report for submission to the St Vincent de Paul Society.
3. THAT this decision be moved to Open Minutes of the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 February 2026 meeting.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0258 - 17/02/2026

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9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT pursuant to Section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items:

Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
24.1	External Presentation Request	51(1)(c)(ii) 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	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	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	Council Property Agreements and Contracts	51(1)(c)(i) 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

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		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.
26.1.3	Shared Services	51(1)(e) This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(e) 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 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.
26.1.4	Review of Confidential Matters	51(1)(c)(iv) 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.
26.2.1	Shared Services	51(1)(e) This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(e) 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 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.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0234 - 17/02/2026

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10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 Councillor Attendance at Ticketed Events and Conferences

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT the Notice of Motion received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell, entitled 11.1 Councillor Attendance at Ticketed Events and Conferences be received and noted.
2. THAT a draft Council Policy on Elected Member attendance at ticketed events and conferences is prepared and presented for Council's consideration at the Second Ordinary Meeting in April 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0235 - 17/02/2026

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Community Funding Program Grant Application - Landcare NT Incorporated

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program Grant Application - Landcare NT Incorporated be received and noted.
2. That Council endorse Option One (1) – Full funding at a cost of \$11,000 to support Landcare NT's Bio-Educational program delivery across Palmerston primary schools during Semester 1 2026 through the Community Funding Program 2025/2026 financial year.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0236 - 17/02/2026

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12.1.2 Darwin International Film Festival in Palmerston

Moved: Councillor Waters

Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Darwin International Film Festival in Palmerston be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses a three (3) year partnership with Darwin International Film Festival for the delivery of two (2) free, family-friendly screenings in Palmerston annually from 2026 to 2028 at a cost of \$8,000.00 – 2026/27, \$9,000.00 – 2027/28 and \$10,000.00 – 2028/29.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0237 - 17/02/2026

12.1.3 2025-26 Second Budget Review

Moved: Councillor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled 2025-26 Second Budget Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the 2025/26 Second Budget Review, including movements between capital and operational expenditure, and the associated transfers from reserve as tabled at the Second Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 February 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0238 - 17/02/2026

12.1.4 Darwin Fringe Festival in Palmerston

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Darwin Fringe Festival in Palmerston be received and noted.
2. THAT Council defer the decision to the 2026/27 Budget Development process.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0239 - 17/02/2026

Initials: 

12.1.5 11th Council - Review of Delegations

Moved: Councillor Waters

Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled 11th Council - Review of Delegations be received and noted.
2. THAT effective 18 February 2026, Council revokes all delegations to the Chief Executive Officer.
3. THAT effective 18 February 2026, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT), Council hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer its powers and functions set out in the schedule below, subject to all actions being undertaken in compliance with all relevant legislative, procedural and policy provisions:

Section/Legislation	Delegation
<i>Local Government Act 2019</i> (NT)	All of the powers and functions of the Council that can be delegated, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the power to appoint authorised persons under section 183 of the Act.

4. THAT effective 18 February 2026, pursuant to section 183 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT), Council appoints the person that holds the position of Chief Executive Officer as an authorised person subject to all actions being undertaken in compliance with all relevant legislative, procedural and policy provisions and unless earlier revoked, the appointment will cease and be deemed revoked upon the cessation of employment with City of Palmerston.
5. THAT effective 18 February 2026, pursuant to section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT), Council hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power and authority to exercise all powers of the Council under the following by-laws, subject to all actions being undertaken in compliance with all relevant legislative, procedural and policy provisions:

By-laws	Exclusions
<i>City of Palmerston (Animal Management) By-Laws 2024</i>	By-law 48, determining fees
<i>Palmerston (Public Places) By-Laws 2001</i>	By-law 5(1)(a), determinations for charges and fees

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<i>Palmerston (Signs, Hoardings and Advertising) By Laws 1999</i>	By-law 6(1), determination of charges and fees
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6. THAT effective 18 February 2026, pursuant to section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT), Council hereby:
- a) determines that the contract threshold value for the purposes of s40(6) of the Act, is \$5,000,000.00; and
 - b) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the following powers to incur financial liabilities subject to all actions being undertaken in compliance with all relevant legislative, procedural and policy provisions and budget approval:

Type	Amount
Credit Card	\$5,000
Purchase approval and contract threshold value pursuant to section 40(3)(f) and (6) of the Act	\$5,000,000
Payment Approval	Unlimited
Cheque signatory	Unlimited
Investment signatory	Unlimited

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0240 - 17/02/2026

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 Play Space Strategy Update and Community Consultation Results

Moved: Councillor Henderson
 Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

THAT Report entitled Play Space Strategy Update and Community Consultation Results be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0241 - 17/02/2026

12.2.2 Sustainability Strategy Update

Moved: Councillor Bayliss
 Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT Report entitled Sustainability Strategy Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0242 - 17/02/2026

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12.2.3 Financial Report for the Month of January 2026

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of January 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0243 - 17/02/2026

12.2.4 Major Capital Projects Update

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0244 - 17/02/2026

12.2.5 2026 National General Assembly Motions for Submission

Moved: Councillor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled 2026 National General Assembly Motions for Submission be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note that no nominations or proposed motions were received for submission to the 2026 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0245 - 17/02/2026

12.2.6 Palmerston Youth Festival 2026

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT Report entitled Palmerston Youth Festival 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0246 - 17/02/2026

Initials:



13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

Nil

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT the verbal report provided by Deputy Mayor Hale regarding Palmerston Child and Youth Network meeting held on 3 February 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0247 - 17/02/2026

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding an update on the unkempt yards around Palmerston, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0248 - 17/02/2026

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0249 - 17/02/2026

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18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Waters
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 (7/0) - 11/0250 - 17/02/2026

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes for break.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0251 - 17/02/2026

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 7:10pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:29pm.



Chair

Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

3 March 2026

Date

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