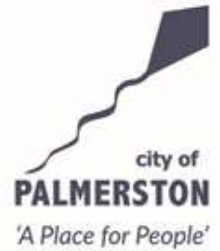


MINUTES



1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2026

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

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Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 7 April 2026 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Councillor Lucy Morrison
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Rob Waters
Councillor Sarah Henderson
Councillor Wayne Bayliss
Councillor Yolanda Kanyai

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Walsh
Acting General Manager Infrastructure, Michael Williams
General Manager Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta
General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl
General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight
Minute Secretary, Kate Roberts

GALLERY

1 member of the public
5 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

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the apology received from Deputy Mayor Hale for 7 April 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0314 - 7/04/2026

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Nil

4.2 Staff

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 March 2026 pages 12078 to 12091 be confirmed.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0315 - 7/04/2026

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

Initials: 

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

9.1.1 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Waters

Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

2. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Bayliss for 19 March to 25 March 2026 inclusive, for the reason of holiday, be approved.
4. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Waters for 12 March to 20 March 2026 inclusive, for the reason of business travel, be approved.
6. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0253 - 17/02/2026

Initials: 

9.1.2 Zuccoli Community Hub - Funding Arrangement Update

Moved: Councillor Waters

Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Zuccoli Community Hub - Funding Arrangement Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves a submission to seek the Minister for Local Government's approval for borrowings of up to \$3 million pursuant to Section 197 of the Local Government Act 2019 (NT), to support Zuccoli Community Hub Stage 3 - Community Buildings, noting that:
 - (a) This aligns with the Draft 2027-36 Long-Term Financial Plan that was endorsed for public consultation on 7 April 2026 for the 2026-27 budget development process.
 - (b) Borrowing ensures delivery within grant funding timeframes and maintains adequate cash reserves.
 - (c) Repayments and operational costs are provided for in forward budgets.
3. THAT this decision be moved to the Open Minutes of the 7 April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0332 - 7/04/2026

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Councillor Bayliss

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

Initials: 

26.1.1	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.
26.1.2	Rate Concession Assessment	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(b) 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 about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.
26.1.3	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	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.
26.1.4	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	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.

Initials: 

26.1.5	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(c)(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.
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CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0316 - 7/04/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 24 March 2026

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 24 March 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee minutes as provided at **Attachment 12.1.1.1** to report entitled Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 24 March 2026 be received and noted.

Initials: 

3. THAT Council endorse the following recommendations made at the Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee meeting:
- (a) THAT the CSWAC Committee provides the following feedback and recommendations to inform the finalisation of the Plan prior to Council consideration and community consultation:
 - (i) Consideration of an incentive for those who do the right thing by registering their animals.
 - (ii) Support and engagement through school visits.
 - (iii) Education on responsibilities of Council compared to animal welfare and other agencies.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0317 - 7/04/2026

12.1.2 WHS Review - Psychological Safety of Elected Members

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled WHS Review - Psychological Safety of Elected Members be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the implementation of psychosocial safety and wellbeing initiatives for Elected Members, including training and access to the Employee Assistance Program.
3. THAT a Psychosocial Safety and Wellbeing Framework for Elected Members is presented to Council by July 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0318 - 7/04/2026

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 Infrastructure Quarterly Report - January to March 2026

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

THAT Report entitled Infrastructure Quarterly Report - January to March 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0319 - 7/04/2026

Initials: 

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 LGANT Board meeting Communique

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT correspondence dated 27 February 2026 entitled LGANT Board meeting Communique be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0320 - 7/04/2026

13.2.2 Determinations of council and local authority member allowances

Moved: Councillor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT correspondence dated 13 March 2026 entitled Determinations of council and local authority member allowances be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0321 - 7/04/2026

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the question asked by Councillor Bayliss regarding progress towards the Men's Shed and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0322 - 7/04/2026

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Initials: 

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 21 April 2026 at 5:30pm in the Gray Community Hall, Corner of Essington Avenue and Victoria Drive, Gray, Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0323 - 7/04/2026

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

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) - 11/0324 - 7/04/2026

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 5.57pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.42pm.



Chair

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

23.04.2026

Date

Initials: