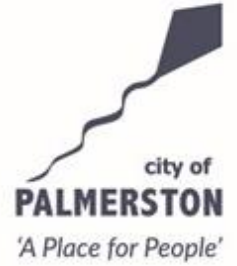


# MINUTES

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## 2nd ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026

The Ordinary Meeting of City of Palmerston held in the Community Hall, Gray Community Hall, Corner Essington Avenue and Victoria Drive, Gray.

Council business papers can be viewed on City of Palmerston's website [palmerston.nt.gov.au](http://palmerston.nt.gov.au)



Minutes of Council Meeting  
held in Community Hall, Gray Community Hall  
Corner Essington Avenue and Victoria Drive  
on Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 5:30pm.

**PRESENT**

**ELECTED MEMBERS**

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor Wayne Bayliss  
Councillor Damian Hale  
Councillor Lucy Morrison  
Councillor Mark Fraser  
Councillor Rob Waters  
Councillor Sarah Henderson  
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, Kate Roberts

**GALLERY**

3 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 5.31pm.

## 3 APOLOGIES

Nil

## 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

### 4.1 Elected members

Nil

### 4.2 Staff

Nil

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Councillor Kanyai  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 April 2026 pages 12100 to 12108 be confirmed.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0334 - 21/04/2026

### 5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

Initials: 

## 6 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0335 - 21/04/2026

## 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

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 11 April to 20 April 2026 inclusive, for the reason of family holiday, be approved.
5. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Waters for 13 April to 17 April 2026 inclusive, for the reason of personal travelling, 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 Draft 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget

**Moved:** Councillor Bayliss  
**Seconded:** Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Draft 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget Attachment 26.1.4.1 to report entitled Draft 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget for public consultation.
3. THAT feedback from the public consultation on the draft 2026-27 Municipal Plan be presented to Council at the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting on 2 June 2026.
4. THAT the decisions relating to Report entitled Draft 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget be moved into open following the draft 2026-27 Municipal Plan media release.

**CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0329 - 7/04/2026**

### 9.1.3 Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2027-36

**Moved:** Councillor Waters  
**Seconded:** Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2027-36 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft 2027-36 Long-Term Financial Plan at Attachment 26.1.5.1 to report entitled Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2027-36 for public consultation.
3. THAT feedback from the public consultation on the draft 2027-36 Long-Term Financial Plan be presented to Council at the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting on 2 June 2026.
4. THAT the decisions relating to Report entitled Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2027-36 be moved into open following the media release for the public consultation on the draft 2026-27 Municipal Plan and draft 2027-36 Long-Term Financial Plan.

**CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0330 - 7/04/2026**

## 9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

Initials: 

## 9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

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  |
|--------|---|--|
| 26.1.1 | Council Property Agreements and Contracts               | This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iii) 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 security of the council, its members or staff. |
| 26.2.1 | 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)(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: 

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| 26.2.2 | Contract and Tender Assessment and Award | 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. |
| 27.2.1 | External Presentation Request            | This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person. |

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0336 - 21/04/2026

## 10 PETITIONS

Nil

## 11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

Initials: 

# 12 OFFICER REPORTS

## 12.1 Action reports

### 12.1.1 Australia Day Celebrations

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Australia Day Celebrations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Australia Day Ceremony to be hosted in the morning on 26 January 2027.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0337 - 21/04/2026

### 12.1.2 Council Policy Review – Accountable Forms (Members and CEO) Policy

Moved: Councillor Waters  
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review – Accountable Forms (Members and CEO) Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Accountable Forms (Members and CEO) Policy at **Attachment 12.1.2.3** to Report entitled Council Policy Review – Accountable Forms (Members and CEO) Policy.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0338 - 21/04/2026

### 12.1.3 Immediate Priority Grant Acquittal 2021-22

Moved: Councillor Waters  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Immediate Priority Grant Acquittal 2021-22 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves the acquittal of the Immediate Priority Grant at **Attachment 12.1.3.1** contained in this Report entitled Immediate Priority Grant Acquittal 2021-22.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0339 - 21/04/2026

Initials: 

#### 12.1.4 Palmerston City Centre Parking Policy

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston City Centre Parking Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the City Centre Parking Policy provided at **Attachment 12.1.4.1**.
3. THAT Council rescinds the 2019 Palmerston City Centre Parking Strategy and Implementation Plan.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0340 - 21/04/2026

#### 12.1.5 New Council Policy - Elected Member Attendance at Events, Forums and Conferences

Moved: Councillor Waters

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled New Council Policy - Elected Member Attendance at Events, Forums and Conferences be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Elected Member Attendance at Events, Forums and Conferences Policy at **Attachment 12.1.5.1** to Report entitled New Council Policy - Elected Member Attendance at Events, Forums and Conferences as amended to remove section 3.3.1.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0341 - 21/04/2026

## 12.2 Receive and note reports

#### 12.2.1 Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - January to March 2026

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0342 - 21/04/2026

Initials: 

### 12.2.2 Community Funding Program Quarterly Update - January to March 2026

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss  
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program Quarterly Update - January to March 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0343 - 21/04/2026

### 12.2.3 Financial Report for the Month of March 2026

Moved: Councillor Henderson  
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0344 - 21/04/2026

### 12.2.4 Community Quarterly Report - January to March 2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

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

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0345 - 21/04/2026

### 12.2.5 Major Capital Projects Update

Moved: Councillor Morrison  
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0346 - 21/04/2026

### 12.2.6 People and Place Quarterly Report - January to March 2026

Moved: Councillor Hale  
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

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

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0347 - 21/04/2026

Initials: 

### 12.2.7 Library Cafe Update Report

Moved: Councillor Waters  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT Report entitled Library Cafe Update Report be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0348 - 21/04/2026

## 13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 13.1 Information

Nil

### 13.2 Correspondence

#### 13.2.1 LGANT Board meeting communique 25 March 2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT correspondence dated 7 April 2026 entitled LGANT Board meeting communique 25 March 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0349 - 21/04/2026

## 14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

## 15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

## 16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Initials: 

## 17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Moved:** Councillor Waters  
**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Bayliss

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

**CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0350 - 21/04/2026**

## 18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

**Moved:** Councillor Kanyai  
**Seconded:** Councillor Henderson

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) - 11/0351 - 21/04/2026**

## 19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

**Moved:** Mayor Pascoe-Bell  
**Seconded:** Councillor Morrison

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

**CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0352 - 21/04/2026**

The meeting adjourned at 6.16pm.

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

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6.27pm.

Initials: 

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.20pm.



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Chair

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell

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Print Name

7 May 2026

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Date

Initials:

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