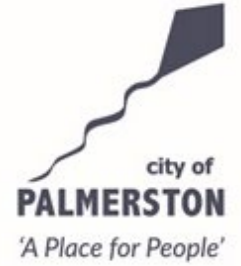


MINUTES



2nd ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 19 MAY 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 19 May 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 (*via Audio / Audiovisual*)

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Walsh
Acting General Manager Infrastructure, Katie O'Neill
Acting General Manager Finance and Governance, Glen Collins
General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl
General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight
Minute Secretary, Pania Withnall
Executive Assistant to General Manager Finance and Governance, Kaitlyn William

GALLERY

3 members of the public
4 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

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 Waters
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 May 2026 pages 12133 to 12141 be confirmed.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0378 - 19/05/2026

Initials: _____



5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT report entitled Animal Management Plan Review Consultation be retrieved from the table.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0379 - 19/05/2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Animal Management Plan Review Consultation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amended Draft Animal Management Plan 2026-2030 for the purpose of public consultation.
3. THAT following public consultation, a further report be presented to Council for final adoption of the Animal Management Plan.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0380 - 19/05/2026

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0381 - 19/05/2026

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

Initials: _____



9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

9.1.1 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Fraser for 4 May 2026 to 6 May 2026 inclusive, for the reason of personal leave, be approved.
2. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0276 - 3/03/2026

9.1.2 Lease Extension Request - Lot 9542, 56 Georgina Crescent, Yarrawonga

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Lease Extension Request - Lot 9542, 56 Georgina Crescent, Yarrawonga be received and noted.
2. THAT Council thank Mr McGrath (the Lessee) of Lot 9542, 56 Georgina Crescent, Yarrawonga for their offer and advise that Council is not interested in extending the lease over Lot 9542, 56 Georgina Crescent past the current end date of 31 July 2035 at this time.
3. THAT this decision be moved to the Open Minutes following notification to Mr McGrath.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0356 - 21/04/2026

26.1.1 Risk Management & Audit Committee Independent Member Recruitment Outcome

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management & Audit Committee Independent Member Recruitment Outcome be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint Melia Barrie as Independent Member of the Risk Management & Audit Committee for the period 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028.

Initials: 

3. THAT pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)*, Council hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power and authority to finalise and sign all documentation required for the appointment of Melia Barrie as Independent Member of the Risk Management & Audit Committee.
4. THAT this decision be moved into Open following notification of the outcome to all applicants.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0375 - 5/05/2026

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

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 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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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.
26.2.2	Contract and Tender Assessment and Award	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.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0382 - 19/05/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 2025-26 Third Budget Review

Motion lapsed for want of a mover and seconder.

Initials: _____



12.1.2 Gray Community Hall – Fencing plan and footpath closure

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Gray Community Hall – Fencing plan and footpath closure be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse option 2 of this report entitled Gray Community Hall Fencing plan and laneway closure
3. THAT Council endorse the allocation of \$228,000 during the end of year process if available in surplus to enable the installation of entire perimeter fencing, including footpath and exercise equipment closure as per option 2.

CARRIED (7/1) - 11/0383 – 19/05/2026

12.1.3 Rezoning the Palmerston Escarpment and Sanctuary Lakes from Zone SP3 (Specific Use) to Zone PS (Public Open Space) in the NT Planning Scheme

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Rezoning the Palmerston Escarpment and Sanctuary Lakes from Zone SP3 (Specific Use) to Zone PS (Public Open Space) in the NT Planning Scheme be received and noted.
2. THAT Council authorise the Mayor to write to the Minister for Planning requesting a waiver of application fees to rezone Council-owned public open space in the suburb of Gunn from Specific Use Zone SP3 to Zone PS (Public Open Space) in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.
3. THAT Council, on confirmation from the Minister that fees will be waived, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to apply to rezone Council-owned public open space as shown in **Attachment 12.1.3.3** in Gunn from Specific Use Zone SP3 to Zone PS (Public Open Space) in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0384 – 19/05/2026

Initials: 

12.1.4 Council Policy Review - Recognition of Service to the Community

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Recognition of Service to the Community be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amendments of the Council Policy 'Recognition of Service to the Community' as **Attachment 12.1.4.3**.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0385 - 19/05/2026

12.1.5 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting - 28 April 2026

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting - 28 April 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes provided as **Attachment 12.1.5.1** be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0386 - 19/05/2026

12.1.6 Community Funding Program - Lions Medical Research Foundation

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Lions Medical Research Foundation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Option Three (3) - Lions Medical Research Foundation sponsorship application is not supported through the Community Funding Program.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0387 - 19/05/2026

Initials: 

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 Major Capital Projects Update

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0388 - 19/05/2026

12.2.2 Financial Report for the Month of April 2026

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

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

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0389 - 19/05/2026

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Ministers Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs (MACMA) Representative Appointment

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT correspondence dated 29 April 2026 entitled Ministers Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs (MACMA) Representative Appointment be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/1) - 11/0390 - 19/05/2026

Initials: _____



14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the verbal report provided by Councillor Morrison regarding Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee (VEAC) - Business Support Information Session held on Monday 18 May 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0391 - 19/05/2026

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Hale regarding Northern Territory Police Operation Ventura and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Community be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Kanyai regarding the results of the Community Plan Health Check and investigate the need to establish a standalone Youth Advisory Committee, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding Community Plan Health Check, looking at youth to be involved and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0392 - 19/05/2026

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 2 June 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0393 - 19/05/2026

Initials: _____



18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Waters

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) - 11/0394 - 19/05/2026

The open section of the meeting closed at 6:51pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

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) - 11/0395 - 19/05/2026

The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

General Manager People and Place left the meeting at 6:51pm.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 7:01pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:16pm.

Chair

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

04/06/2026

Date

Initials: