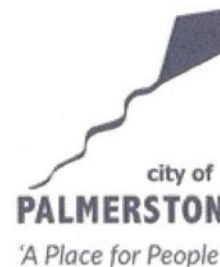


MINUTES



2nd ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 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 16 June 2026 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Wayne Bayliss
Councillor Damian Hale
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, Chris Fearon
General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl
General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight
Minute Secretary, Pania Withnall

GALLERY

4 members of the public
3 members of staff

Initials: WB

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 Kanyai

THAT the apology received from Councillor Morrison for 16 June 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0429 – 16/06/2026

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Kanyai for Item 12.1.4 Community Funding Program - Amber NT, be received and noted.
2. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Kanyai for Item 12.1.5 Community Funding Program - Grassroots Action Palmerston Aboriginal Corporation be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0430 – 16/06/2026

4.2 Staff

Nil

Initials: WB

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 June 2026 pages 12162 to 12177 be confirmed.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0431 - 16/06/2026

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0432 - 16/06/2026

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 INPEX Carbon Capture and Storage Annual Update

Deputy Mayor Bayliss left the meeting at 5:56pm.

Deputy Mayor Bayliss returned to the meeting at 5:57pm.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT the presentation by Mr Jake Prout, Environment Lead, Ms Cara Burke, Lead Stakeholder Engagement, and Mr Brett Shoebridge, Ichthys CCS Project Construction Manager from INPEX, on the INPEX Carbon Capture and Storage Annual Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0433 - 16/06/2026

Initials: WB

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

9.1.1 2026-27 Budget Development – Workshop 1

Moved: Councillor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled 2026-27 Budget Development – Workshop 1 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the rate identified in the Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-27 forecast of 4.9%, to be used for the purposes of modelling the 2026/27 Budget.
3. THAT the decision be moved to the open at the same meeting of the adoption of the 2026/27 Municipal Plan.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0134 – 18/11/2025

9.1.2 Community Plan Health Check Update - December 2025

Moved: Councillor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Community Plan Health Check Update - December 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the updated project delivery time frame for the Community Plan Health Check 2025-26 of March to May 2026.
3. THAT this decision be moved into the open minutes following adoption of the Municipal Plan at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 16 June 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0168 – 9/12/2025

Initials: WB

9.1.3 2026-27 Budget Development - Workshop 2

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled 2026-27 Budget Development - Workshop 2 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the following rating models to be used for the purposes of modelling the 2026/27 Budget:
 - i. 4.9% LTFP rate increase
 - ii. Rating model based on a 5.9% rate increase
3. THAT Council endorses the draft budget to consider;
 - i. Review and refinement of operational new initiatives,
 - ii. Options of reduced programs to reduce operational expenditure,
 - iii. Options for capital programs for each rating model,
 - iv. Potential alternative funding sources, such as internal borrowing, and
 - v. A model/s which incorporates the amendments to the Local Government Act regarding Community Housing Providers.
4. THAT a report regarding options for Facility Fees and Charges is provided to the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting of March 2026.
5. THAT the decision be moved to the open at the same meeting of the adoption of the 2026/27 Municipal Plan.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0257 - 17/02/2026

9.1.4 Domestic Waste Collection Service Levels

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Domestic Waste Collection Service Levels be received and noted.
2. THAT Council undertakes consultation to inform and consult the community on waste collection behaviours and service levels, with a further report to be presented to Council to recommend the preferred service level option no later than the 1st Ordinary meeting of June 2026.
3. THAT these decisions are moved into open following the consultation period of the Domestic Waste and Recycling Collection tender.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0326 - 7/04/2026

Initials: WB

9.1.5 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

3. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Hale for 4 to 9 June 2026 inclusive, for the reason of holiday, be approved.
4. THAT the leave of absence request received from Deputy Mayor Bayliss for 5 to 8 June 2026 inclusive, for the reason of holiday, be approved.
6. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0354 – 21/04/2026

9.1.6 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Waters

2. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Kanyai for 8 June 2026 to 10 June 2026 inclusive, for the reason of Professional Development, be approved.
4. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0397 – 19/05/2026

9.1.7 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Morrison for 16 June 2026 to 17 June 2026 inclusive, for the reason of travelling for work, be approved.
4. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0456 – 16/06/2026

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

Initials: WB

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Councillor Henderson
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 Committee Recommendations	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.
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 <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 (7/0) - 11/0434 - 16/06/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

Initials: WB

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Community Plan Health Check - Community Panel Report

Moved: Councillor Kanyai

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Community Plan Health Check - Community Panel Report be received and noted.
2. THAT Council thank the community members who contributed to the Community Plan Health Check consultation and Community Panel workshop for their time and involvement.
3. THAT Council note that a report exploring the themes of the Palmerston Community Plan Health Check 2026 Community Panel Report will be presented by August 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0435 - 16/06/2026

12.1.2 Zuccoli Community Hub - Stage 3 Concept Design Community Consultation Outcomes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Zuccoli Community Hub - Stage 3 Concept Design Community Consultation Outcomes be received and noted.
2. THAT Council progress with the preliminary design of the community hall, community programs building and car park, with the outcomes of consultation to be incorporated where feasible and without compromising the flexibility of the spaces.
3. THAT Council finalise the concept design of the event zone, BBQ area, community backyard and picnic area, and garden of reflection with future targeted engagement to occur to finalise designs once funding is confirmed for these elements.
4. THAT Council update the concept design of the playground, considering feedback received and commit to future community engagement once funding is confirmed for this element.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0436 - 16/06/2026

Initials: WB

12.1.3 Community Funding Program - Palmerston Cricket Club

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Palmerston Cricket Club be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Option One (1) of the report to approve the full sponsorship funding amount of \$10,000 to the Palmerston Cricket Club through the Community Funding Program.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0437 - 16/06/2026

Councillor Kanyai declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:39pm.

12.1.4 Community Funding Program - Amber NT

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Amber NT be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Option One (1), to provide full funding amount at a cost of \$2,900 to Bereaved Parent Support NT Inc trading as Amber NT through a Community Grant of the Community Funding Program.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0438 - 16/06/2026

12.1.5 Community Funding Program - Grassroots Action Palmerston Aboriginal Corporation

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Grassroots Action Palmerston Aboriginal Corporation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse option one (1) of this report, Council approves funding of \$6,435 to Grassroots Action Palmerston Aboriginal Corporation through the Community Funding Program.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0439 - 16/06/2026

Initials: WB

Councillor Kanyai returned to the Meeting at 6:49pm.

12.1.6 New Council Strategy - Communication and Engagement Strategy

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled New Council Strategy - Communication and Engagement Strategy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the draft Communication and Engagement Strategy provided in **Attachment 12.1.6.1** for consultation.
3. THAT a further report on the Communication and Engagement Strategy is presented to an Ordinary Council Meeting by September 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0440 - 16/06/2026

12.1.7 Regional Capitals Australia - Renewal of Membership

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Regional Capitals Australia - Renewal of Membership be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses City of Palmerston renewing Regional Capitals Australia membership for 2026-2027 with the Mayor as Council's representative.
3. THAT the Mayor be authorised to travel within Australia for Regional Capitals Australia business whilst City of Palmerston is a member of Regional Capitals Australia.
4. THAT a Report on continued City of Palmerston membership for Regional Capitals Australia in 2027-2028 be provided to Council for consideration once due.
5. THAT Council notes membership fees will increase to \$13,000 for the 2026-2027 year, which will be delivered within the existing budget.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0441 - 16/06/2026

Initials: WB

12.1.8 Adoption of the 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Adoption of 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget be received and noted.
2. THAT the Chief Executive Officer's Certificate of Assessment in accordance with Section 29(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* being **Attachment 12.1.8.1** to report entitled Adoption of 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget be received and noted.
3. THAT in accordance with Section 35(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) Council adopts the 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget at **Attachment 12.1.8.2** to report entitled Adoption of 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget.
4. THAT Council provides the adopted City of Palmerston 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development in accordance with Section 35 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) before 30 June 2026.
5. THAT Council provides a copy of the adopted City of Palmerston 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget to the Minister for Local Government.
6. THAT Council adopts **Attachment 12.1.8.3** to report entitled Adoption of 2026-27 Municipal Plan and Budget as its Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026-27.
7. THAT Council notes the Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026-27 will be placed on the website advising residents of the Rates and Charges for 2026-27.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0442 - 16/06/2026

Initials: W>

12.1.9 Adoption of 2027-2036 Long Term Financial Plan

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Adoption of 2027-2036 Long Term Financial Plan be received and noted.
1. THAT Council adopts City of Palmerston's Long Term Financial Plan 2027-2036 at **Attachment 12.1.9.1** to Report entitled Adoption of 2027-2036 Long Term Financial Plan incorporating the minor amendments.
2. THAT Council provide the adopted Long Term Financial Plan 2027-2036 to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development in accordance with Section 200 (4) of the *Local Government Act 2019* before 30 June 2026 with a copy also provided to the Minister for Local Government.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0443 - 16/06/2026

12.1.10 2025-26 Capital Budget Roll Over

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

2. THAT Report entitled 2025-26 Capital Budget Roll Over be received and noted.
3. THAT Council adopts the capital works rollover movements of \$2,631,536.65 as identified in Table 1 "2026-27 Capital Budget Rollover" contained in the Report entitled 2025-26 Capital Budget Roll Over, from the 2025-26 financial year to the 2026-27 financial year.
4. THAT Council adopts the following capital works rollover movements effective as at 30 June 2026:
 - a. \$1,727,369.77 transferred to Unexpended Capital Works Reserve.
 - b. \$48,013.88 transferred to Waste Reserve.
 - c. \$856,153.00 will remain in Grants Liability.

Initials: WB

2. THAT Council adopts the capital works rollover movements and associated expenditure effective as at 1 July 2026 of:
 - a. \$1,727,369.77 transferred from Unexpended Capital Works Reserve.
 - b. \$48,013.88 transferred from Waste Reserve.
 - c. \$856,153.00 will be recognised as Capital income once the income recognition criteria is met, reducing the Unexpended Grants Liability.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0444 - 16/06/2026

12.1.11 Risk Management and Audit Committee Open Minutes 26 May 2026

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Open Minutes 26 May 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Unconfirmed Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting minutes provided at **Attachment 12.1.11.1** to report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Open Minutes 26 May 2026 be received and noted.
3. THAT Council adopts the recommendation from the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting held Tuesday, 26 May 2026, as follows:
 - a. THAT a Report is presented to Council to review the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting schedule for 2026 including an additional 2 meetings.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0445 - 16/06/2026

Initials: WB

12.1.12 Council Policy Review - Elected Member Allowances and Expenses

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Elected Member Allowances and Expenses be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amended Elected Members Allowances and Expenses Policy as at **Attachment 12.1.12.3** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Elected Member Allowances and Expenses.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0446 - 16/06/2026

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 Major Capital Projects Update

Moved: Councillor Kanyai

Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0447 - 16/06/2026

12.2.2 Financial Report for the Month of May 2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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

General Manager People and Place left the meeting at 7:10pm.

General Manager People and Place returned to the meeting at 7:12pm.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0448 - 16/06/2026

Initials: WB

12.2.3 Marlow Lagoon Recreation Facility Masterplan Workshop - 3 June 2026

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT Report entitled Marlow Lagoon Recreation Facility Masterplan Workshop - 3 June 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0449 - 16/06/2026

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory call for nominations - NT Liveability Framework Working Group

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT correspondence dated 5 June 2026 entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory call for nominations - NT Liveability Framework Working Group be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0450 - 16/06/2026

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding the half basketball court damage and repairs, how we can stop this from occurring again, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0451 - 16/06/2026

Initials: WB

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 7 July 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0452 – 16/06/2026

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

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) - 11/0453 – 16/06/2026

The open section of the meeting closed at 7:28pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0454 – 16/06/2026

The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 7:28pm.

Initials: WB

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 7:35pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Wayne Baylis
Chair

WAYNE BAYLIS
Print Name

7-7-26
Date

Initials: