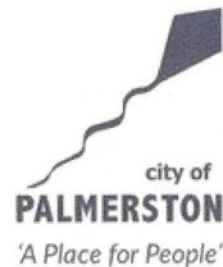


MINUTES



1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 7 JULY 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 7 July 2026 at 5:30pm.**

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Acting Mayor Wayne Bayliss (Chair)
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, Chris Fearon
General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl
General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight
Minute Secretary, Kate Roberts

GALLERY

Nil members of the public
Three 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

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the apology received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 7 July 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0461 - 7/07/2026

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Morrison for Item 26.1.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0462 - 7/07/2026

4.2 Staff

Nil

Initials:



5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 June 2026 pages 12182 to 12198 be confirmed.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0463 - 7/07/2026

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT report entitled Council Policy Review - Political Involvement in Council Events Policy be retrieved from the table.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0464 - 7/07/2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Political Involvement in Council Events Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amended Political Involvement in Council Activities Policy tabled by the Chief Executive Officer on 7 July 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0465 - 7/07/2026

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Initials: 

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 Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

2. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Morrison for 19 to 26 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

9.1.2 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Waters

3. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Kanyai for 24 June 2026 to 30 June 2026 inclusive, for the reason of holiday, 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

9.1.3 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Waters

2. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Morrison for 29 June 2026 to 26 June 2026 inclusive, for the reason of holiday, be approved.

Initials:



4. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0424 - 2/06/2026

9.1.4 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

2. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Fraser for 20 June 2026 to 28 June 2026 inclusive, for the reason of holiday 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

9.1.5 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Morrison for 2 July to 3 July 2026 inclusive, for the reason of Work Trip, be approved.
4. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0482 - 7/07/2026

9.1.6 Path Closure Application – Dwyer Circuit

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Path Closure Application – Dwyer Circuit be received and noted.
2. THAT Council reclassifies the laneway adjacent 7 Dwyer Circuit to be 'essential' in accordance with the Laneway Management Policy.
3. THAT Council advise the owners of 7 Dwyer Circuit that closure of the laneway is not supported.

Initials: 

4. THAT Council write to the Palmerston Golf and Country Club to consider tree management and course layout to minimise risk to adjacent properties on Dwyer Circuit.
5. THAT these decisions be moved to Open Minutes following the First Ordinary Council Meeting on 7 July 2026.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0485 - 7/07/2026

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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 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.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0466 - 7/07/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

Initials: 

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Community Funding Program - Geek Culture Collective

Moved: Councillor Kanyai

Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Geek Culture Collective be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Option Two (2) of the report to approve the partial sponsorship funding amount of \$5,000 to the Geek Culture Collective Northern Territory Incorporated through the Community Funding Program.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0467 - 7/07/2026

12.1.2 Risk Management & Audit Committee Schedule 2026

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management & Audit Committee Schedule 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council add one additional Risk Management & Audit Committee meeting date on Tuesday 29 September 2026 to the current year schedule.
3. THAT Council note that key documents, plans and policy reviews scheduled for presentation to Risk Management & Audit Committee meetings will, where possible due to time frames and external considerations, be circulated to the committee for early consideration.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0468 - 7/07/2026

Initials:



12.1.3 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Conference 2026

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Conference 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note the LGANT November 2026 Conference will be held on 10–11 November 2026 in Alice Springs.
3. THAT Council endorses Mayor Pascoe-Bell, Councillor Fraser and Councillor Henderson as its approved delegated representatives to attend the LGANT November 2026 Conference accompanied by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0469 - 7/07/2026

12.1.4 Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 23 June 2026

Moved: Councillor Kanyai

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 23 June 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee minutes as provided at **Attachment 12.1.4.1** to report entitled Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 23 June 2026 be received and noted.
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 Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2026 to 2028 prior to Council consideration and community consultation:
 - i. recommend consulting broadly.
 - ii. supportive of the HR & employment component.
 - iii. suggested dashboard on website.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0470 - 7/07/2026

Initials: 

12.1.5 Council Policy Review - Breach of Code of Conduct by Elected Member

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Breach of Code of Conduct by Elected Member be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amended Breach of Conduct by Member Policy at **Attachment 12.1.5.2** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Breach of Code of Conduct by Elected Member.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0471 - 7/07/2026

12.1.6 Council Policy Review - Rate Concession

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Rate Concession be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amended Rates Concession Policy at **Attachment 12.1.6.3** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Rate Concession.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0472 - 7/07/2026

12.1.7 Feasibility Study - Establishing a Palmerston Visitor Centre at the Palmerston Bus Exchange

Moved: Councillor Hale

Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Feasibility Study - Establishing a Palmerston Visitor Centre at the Palmerston Bus Exchange be received and noted.
2. THAT a feasibility study into establishing a Palmerston Visitor Centre at the Palmerston Bus Exchange site be deferred until there is confirmed direction regarding the future use and operational lifespan of the Bus Exchange and sufficient certainty exists to support informed planning.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0473 - 7/07/2026

Initials: 

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 Infrastructure Quarterly Report - April to June 2026

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Infrastructure Quarterly Report - April to June 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0474 - 7/07/2026

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

Nil

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Waters regarding purchase of council vehicles approved through the budget, be taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Waters regarding Council appetite to build housing at the previous Archer Sports site and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding Operation Ventura and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0475 - 7/07/2026

Initials: 

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Taxi and Bus Zone Closures

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Council investigate planning requirements for the Palmerston Shopping Centre and Bakewell Shopping Centre to maintain a Taxi and Bus Zone.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0476 - 7/07/2026

16.2 Staff appreciation

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Waters

THAT Council thank staff for a fantastic start to the Palmerston Youth Festival 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0477 - 7/07/2026

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0478 - 7/07/2026

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
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 (7/0) - 11/0479 - 7/07/2026

Initials: 

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes for a break.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0480 - 7/07/2026

The meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 6:24pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 6:26pm.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6:31pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:50pm.


Chair

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell
Print Name

21 July 2026
Date

Initials: _____