

MINUTES

2nd ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 21 JULY 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 21 July 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 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

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

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT the apology received from Councillor Henderson for 21 July 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0487 - 21/07/2026

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Waters for Item 12.1.5 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0488 - 21/07/2026

4.2 Staff

Nil

Initials:



5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Waters

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 July 2026 pages 12206 to 12217 be confirmed.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0489 - 21/07/2026

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0490 - 21/07/2026

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Operation Ventura

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the presentation by Superintendent Katie Hatzismalis, on Operation Ventura be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0491 - 21/07/2026

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

Initials:



9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

9.1.1 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 28 June 2026 to 11 July 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) - 11/0424 - 2/06/2026

9.1.2 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

3. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Henderson for 16 to 19 July 2026 inclusive, for the reason of family illness, 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

9.1.3 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Henderson for 12 to 14 July 2026 inclusive, for the reason of family illness be approved, and replace previous leave of absence request as per resolution 11/0482.
4. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0517 - 21/07/2026

Initials: 

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Item 12.1.1 entitled Youth Drop-in Sports be considered in the Confidential section of this meeting, following Item 25.1.1.
2. THAT Item 12.1.1 is considered 'confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter 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) - 11/0492 - 21/07/2026

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

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	Shared Services	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(e) 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 provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

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26.1.2	Shared Services	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter 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.
26.2.1	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 (7/0) - 11/0493 - 21/07/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

Initials: 

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT the Notice of Motion received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell, entitled 11.1 Roystonea Avenue - Activation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council:
 - a. Writes to the Hon Joshua Burgoyne, Minister Lands, Planning and Environment seeking support for the transfer, lease, licence, management responsibility, or other appropriate arrangement for the Crown land (Lot 8405) located on Roystonea Avenue for the purpose of community and economic activation.
 - b. Receives a report outlining:
 - (i) Potential tenure and approval pathways with the Northern Territory Government;
 - (ii) Site suitability considerations, including planning, infrastructure, environmental and servicing requirements;
 - (iii) Recommendations on various land use opportunities for the site;
 - (iv) Potential operational and financial implications for Council; and
 - (v) Recommended next steps for the activation of the site.
 - c. Notes that the primary purpose of the proposal is to address ongoing antisocial behaviour through the activation and productive use of currently underutilised land while creating positive economic and community outcomes for Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0494 - 21/07/2026

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Youth Drop in Sports

This item was moved to the Confidential section of the meeting.

Initials: 

12.1.2 Community Funding Program - The Christmas Party Darwin

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - The Christmas Party Darwin be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0495 - 21/07/2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

2. THAT Council endorse Option 2 of the report to not approve funding to The Christmas Party Darwin through the Community Funding Program.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0496 - 21/07/2026

12.1.3 Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 Acquittal

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 Acquittal be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves the acquittal of the Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 at Attachment 12.1.3.1.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0497 - 21/07/2026

12.1.4 Elected Member Psychosocial Safety and Wellbeing Framework

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Elected Member Psychosocial Safety and Wellbeing Framework be received and noted.
2. THAT the Elected Member Psychosocial Safety and Wellbeing Framework tabled by the Chief Executive Officer on 21 July 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0498 - 21/07/2026

Initials: 

Councillor Waters declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:07pm.

12.1.5 Community Funding Program - Hospitality NT

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Hospitality NT be received and noted.
2. THAT the tabled correspondence entitled City of Palmerston Gold Plate sponsorship 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0499 – 21/07/2026

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

3. THAT Council endorse Option Two (2) of this report and declines the request for sponsorship funding from Hospitality NT for the Golden Plate Awards Gala Dinner.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0500 – 21/07/2026

Councillor Waters returned to Chambers at 6:13pm.

12.1.6 Procurement Legislation Amendments

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Procurement Legislation Amendments be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve that for section 40(3A)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)* the reporting threshold value for contracts be set at \$150,000 and the information that is required by Council to be provided in reporting for contracts is:
 - a. the name of the contractor;
 - b. the nature of the contract;
 - c. the value of the contract; and
 - d. the contract period/duration.

Initials: 

2. THAT Council approve that for regulation 36(6A) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2019* (NT), the information required by Council to be provided in reporting for tenders is:
 - a. the name of the tender;
 - b. the description of the project/goods/services for the tender;
 - c. the value of the tender;
 - d. the contract period/duration;
 - e. assessment of tenderer submissions; and
 - f. awarded tenderer.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0501 - 21/07/2026

12.1.7 Draft Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2026 - 2028 adoption for community consultation

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Draft Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2026 - 2028 adoption for community consultation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Draft Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2026-2028 at **Attachment 12.1.7.1** to commence community consultation for a 21-day period.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0502 - 21/07/2026

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 People and Place Quarterly Report - April to June 2026

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0503 - 21/07/2026

Initials: _____



12.2.2 Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - April to June 2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0504 - 21/07/2026

12.2.3 Major Capital Projects Update

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0505 - 21/07/2026

12.2.4 Library Cafe Lease

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Report entitled Library Cafe Lease be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0506 - 21/07/2026

12.2.5 Financial Report for the Month of June 2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Waters

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0507 - 21/07/2026

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

Initials: 

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Proposed reforms to Australia's disaster management system

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT correspondence dated 1 July 2026 entitled Proposed reforms to Australia's disaster management system be received and noted.
2. THAT Council responds to the request for feedback from Minister McBain relating to the proposed new Disaster Recovery Funding Framework, with the following to be included;
 - a. Support of the proposed short-term clean-up package which enables funding for immediate clean up that includes damaged trees in public areas,
 - b. Support the inclusion of access to funding for environmental recovery, particularly in relation to urban bushland,
 - c. Recommends further review, consultation and clarification of waste management matters as they specifically relate to local government responsibilities, including the immediate management of different waste streams, processing and then disposal, and
 - d. Recommends improved detail and clarity relating to the ability to access funding to enable local government to proactively respond to disasters without concern of how funding arrangements may apply.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0508 - 21/07/2026

13.2.2 LGANT Board meeting communique 1 July 2026

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT correspondence dated 14 July 2026 entitled LGANT Board meeting communique 1 July 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0509 - 21/07/2026

Initials: 

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the verbal report provided by Mayor Pascoe-Bell regarding the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0510 - 21/07/2026

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT the question asked by Deputy Mayor Bayliss regarding Youth Diversion Programs, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Morrison regarding education programs on Ranger after hours process, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Waters regarding the intersection design at the corner of Roystonea Avenue and Buscall Avenue, and the response provided by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
4. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding the timber structure at Owston Avenue be taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0511 - 21/07/2026

Initials: 

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 General Business

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Council invite Tamboran to provide a deputation / presentation at a Council Meeting.
2. THAT Council receive a report on attendance at the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference at the 4 August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0512 - 21/07/2026

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 4 August 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0513 - 21/07/2026

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
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) - 11/0514 - 21/07/2026

Initials: 

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0515 - 21/07/2026

The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 6:44pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6:54pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:46pm.



Chair

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

4/8/2026

Date

Initials: