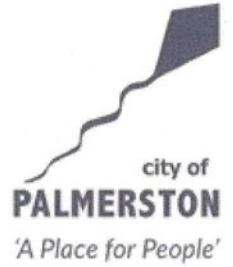


MINUTES



1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 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 4 August 2026 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Wayne Bayliss
Councillor Lucy Morrison (*via Audio/Audiovisual*)
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Sarah Henderson

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

Nil members of the public
7 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: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT the apology received from Councillor Hale for 4 August 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the apology received from Councillor Waters for 4 August 2026 be received and noted.
3. THAT the apology received from Councillor Kanyai for 4 August 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0524 - 4/08/2026

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Morrison for Item 7.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0525 - 4/08/2026

4.2 Staff

Nil

Initials: 

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 July 2026 pages 12223 to 12237 be confirmed.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0526 - 4/08/2026

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Lei Lithium Project

Due to lack of quorum the deputation on the Lei Lithium Project was deferred to Tuesday 18 August 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 Hale

Seconded: Councillor Bayliss

2. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Bayliss for 24 July 2026 to 3 August 2026 inclusive, for the reason of holiday, be approved.
5. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0222 - 3/02/2026

9.1.2 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Fraser

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

5. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Waters for 20 to 24 July 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

9.1.3 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Waters

3. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Morrison for 24 July 2026 to 29 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

Initials: 

9.1.4 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

2. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Henderson for 20 to 24 July 2026 inclusive, for the reason of death in family, be approved.
3. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Fraser for 31 July 2026 to 3 August 2026 inclusive, for the reason of travel, be approved.
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

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

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
24.1	Council Project Initiative	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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26.1.1	Council Project Initiative	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)(d) 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 subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.
27.2.1	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)(d) 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 subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0527 - 4/08/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

Initials: 

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Community Funding Program - Share the Dignity

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Share the Dignity be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Option One (1) of the report to approve full funding amount of \$9,756 to Share the Dignity through a Community Grant through the Community Funding Program.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0528 – 4/08/2026

12.1.2 Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference 2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Mayor, Councillor Kanyai and Deputy Mayor Bayliss to attend the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference from 7-9 September 2026 in Canberra.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0529 – 4/08/2026

12.1.3 Feasibility of acquiring the former Fire Station at Emery Avenue, Woodroffe

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Feasibility of acquiring the former Fire Station at Emery Avenue, Woodroffe be received and noted.
2. THAT Council cease further investigation into acquiring the former Woodroffe Fire Station at Emery Avenue, Woodroffe, on the basis that the site is not currently available or suitable for community use due to structural and biohazard concerns.

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3. THAT Council work collaboratively with the Palmerston Men's Shed to support the development of a grant application for the expansion of the organisations current facility.
4. THAT should it be determined that grant application support is beyond the capacity of existing Council resources, Council endorses the allocation of up to \$5,000 from the 2026/27 operational budget to enable the Palmerston Men's Shed to engage professional grant-writing or consultancy services to prepare a grant application to seek external funding for the proposed expansion of the organisation's current facility.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0530 - 4/08/2026

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 Community Quarterly Report April - June

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT Report entitled Community Quarterly Report April - June be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0531 - 4/08/2026

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Notice of LGANT Annual General Meeting and call for motions

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT correspondence dated 16 July 2026 entitled Notice of LGANT Annual General Meeting and call for motions be received and noted.
2. THAT Elected Members provide suggested notices of motion to the Chief Executive Officer by 21 August 2026.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0532 - 4/08/2026

Initials:



14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding parking enforcement adjacent to the water tower in Palmerston CBD, and the response provided by the General Manager Community be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0533 - 4/08/2026

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 18 August 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0534 - 4/08/2026

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
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 (5/0) - 11/0535 - 4/08/2026

Initials: 

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6:00pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6:49pm.

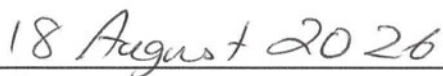
The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:49pm.



Chair



Print Name



Date

Initials: