MINUTES

city of PALMERSTON
'A Place for People'

2nd ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 18 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 18 August 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	Acting 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	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 5:55pm.

3 APOLOGIES

Moved: **Deputy Mayor Bayliss**
Seconded: **Councillor Fraser**

THAT the apology received from Councillor Morrison for 18 August 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0547 – 18/08/2026

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Moved: **Councillor Kanyai**
Seconded: **Councillor Henderson**

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Waters for Item 12.1.3 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0548 – 18/08/2026

4.2 Staff

Nil

Initials:

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: **Deputy Mayor Bayliss**
Seconded: **Councillor Kanyai**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 August 2026 pages 12244 to 12253 be confirmed.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0549 – 18/08/2026

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: **Mayor Pascoe-Bell**
Seconded: **Councillor Henderson**

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0550 – 18/08/2026

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Lei Lithium Project

The deputation on the Lei Lithium Project has been deferred to Tuesday 1 September 2026.

7.2 Local Government Representation Review Briefing

Moved: **Councillor Fraser**
Seconded: **Councillor Henderson**

1. THAT the late item 7.2 Local Government Representation Review Briefing be received and noted.

2. THAT the presentation by Committee Members Mary Watson, Kirsten Kelly and Robert Sarib be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0551 – 18/08/2026

Initials:

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

25.1.1 Library Cafe Lease - Update

1. THAT Report entitled Library Cafe Lease -Update be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorses going to market for a commercial lease over part of Lot 6908, The Boulevard, currently trading as the Nook Café, after 31 July 2024 for a use permitted under the Central Business zoning of the site, utilising an open market process.

3. THAT Council endorses that a standard commercial lease will be offered as follows:
   - Three by three-year lease term
   - Rental income minimum of $33,000 p.a.
   - Preference given to hospitality business.
   - A Social enterprise be offered up to a 50% discount on rental and/or profit-sharing arrangement
   - Annual rental increase being CPI capped at 3%.
   - A market review on the rental rate to be conducted upon exercising the option to
   - renew the lease, to reflect current market conditions.
   - Minimum operating hours, if a cafe or similar hospitality use, being Monday to Sunday 7am to 3pm

4. THAT Council endorses the key factors to be considered for the assessment of offers to align with Council's Procurement Policy, and include the following commercial considerations:
   - Rental yield
   - Business experience
   - Local economic impact
   - Type of offering -preference will be given to hospitality and social enterprises.
   - Support of Community Plan Outcomes
   - Value add proposition

5. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40(1) of the Local Government Act 2019, herby delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to finalise and implement an appropriate open market process to commence in August 2024 and key factor weightings, and appoint an appropriately qualified company to undertake the open market process for a commercial lease over part of Lot 6908, The Boulevard in accordance with Council policies and decisions.

6. THAT a further report be prepared for Council following the finalisation of a commercial lease agreement.

7. THAT recommendations 1 and 2 of report entitled Library Cafe Lease - Update be moved to the Open Minutes at the commencement of the open market process.

CARRIED 10/1380 - 4/06/2024

24.0 Procedural Motion

THAT pursuant to the Palmerston (Procedures for Meetings) by-law 7 Council alter the order of business moving Item 23.1 entitled NT Govt DIPL Strategic Directions Planning Policy be considered following Items 25.1.1 and 25.2.1 entitled Review of Long Term Financial Plan and Venture Housing Update – August.

CARRIED 10/1490 - 20/08/2024

25.2.1 Venture Housing Update - August 2024

THAT Report entitled Venture Housing Update - August 2024 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/1492 - 20/08/2024

27.1.2 Administrative Review Committee Decision - Request to Appeal Regulatory Order - Removal of Dog "Jessie" (Animal Number 138191)

1. THAT Report entitled Administrative Review Committee Decision - Request to Appeal Regulatory Order - Removal of Dog "Jessie" (Animal Number 138191) be received and noted.

2. THAT Council receive and note the unconfirmed minutes of the City of Palmerston Administrative Review Committee being Attachment 27.1.2.7 to report entitled Administrative Review Committee Decision - Request to Appeal Regulatory Order - Removal of Dog "Jessie" (Animal Number 138191).

Initials:

3. THAT Council endorse the Administrative Review Committee recommendations to Council, being:
   - THAT the Council confirms the Council Regulatory Order dated 2 August 2024, and Council direct the Chief Executive Officer to provide a decision notice to Mr Tiedeman, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019.
   - THAT the Administrative Review Committee provides the following reasons for their decision to Council:
     - THAT the Regulatory Order made on 2 August 2024 was validly made on the basis of the dog being unregistered and having a history of dog attacks.
     - THAT no mistake of fact was found in relation to the 2022 attack being the dog "Jessie" owned by Mr Scott Tiedeman.
     - THAT the items raised by Ms Cherelle Tiedeman in her correspondence of 18 August 2024 have been reviewed, along with all other available evidence, and there is no basis to amend or revoke the Regulatory Order.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1608 - 5/11/2024

27.1.7 Venture Housing Update - November 2024

1. THAT Report entitled Venture Housing Update - November 2024 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council direct the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with the Supreme Court appealing the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal decision in the Venture Housing Company Ltd matter.

3. THAT Council endorse the CEO writing to the Attorney General to assess the NTCAT decision.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1685 - 10/12/2024

30.2 General Business Item - Social Housing Developments

1. THAT General Business Item 30.2 is considered 'confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

Initials:

2. THAT the CEO and Mayor write to the Chief Executive and Minister, respectively of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development in relation to concerns of the roll out of new social housing developments not adequately considering planning and social infrastructure requirements, and seeks further consultation prior to final decisions on packages released to the market.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/1769 - 18/02/2025

30.1 Letter of support - Clinton Howe, Member for Drysdale

1. THAT General Business Item 30.1 is considered 'confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(ii) 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 prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

2. THAT Council support the Mayor sending a letter of support to MLA Clinton Howe, Member for Drysdale highlighting concerns surrounding Social Housing rates exemptions.

CARRIED (8/0) - 10/1834 - 1/04/2025

28.2.2 Provision of Social Housing by Community Housing Providers

1. THAT correspondence dated 15 April 2025 28.2.2 entitled Provision of Social Housing by Community Housing Providers be received and noted.

2. THAT the Mayor write to the Minister to provide corrected information on the number of properties within the Palmerston Municipality and request further review.

3. THAT Council invite the CEO of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to a future Council Meeting to further discuss the issue of Rate Exemptions.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1882 - 6/05/2025

Initials:

29.0 Confidential Questions by Members

1. THAT Questions by Members Item 29 is considered 'confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 20214 as the matter comprises the receipt or discussion of, or motion or both relating to information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding the recent NTCAT decision to overturn Councils decision to seize Mr Tiedeman's dog Jesse, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 10/1883 - 6/05/2025

28.2.1 Hon Steven Edgington MLA - response to rateable properties in Palmerston

THAT correspondence dated 17 July 2025 28.2.1 entitled Hon Steven Edgington MLA - response to rateable properties in Palmerston be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 10/2032 – 19/08/2025

26.1.2 The Salvation Army - Rates Exemption Request

1. THAT Report entitled The Salvation Army - Rates Exemption Request be received and noted.

2. THAT Council resolves that a rates exemption is applied to The Salvation Army Australia Territory for 12 Deane Crescent Rosebery pursuant to 222(1)(d) of the Local Government Act 2019 (NT).

3. THAT a further report on the rates exemption request by The Salvation Army for 9 Royal Circuit, Durack is presented to Council once additional assessment has been undertaken.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0106 – 4/11/2025

26.1.5 Independent Members to Risk Management and Audit Committee

1. THAT Report entitled Independent Members to Risk Management and Audit Committee be received and noted.

2. THAT Council extend the current Risk Management & Audit Committee Independent Members, Mr David Ray and Mr Craig Kirby, for a further two-year term from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028.

Initials:

3. THAT this decision be moved into Open following notification to the Risk Management & Audit Committee Independent Members.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0164 – 9/12/2025

24 Confidential Deputations and Presentations

THAT the confidential deputation/presentation by Melissa Garde, Executive Director of Liquor, Racing and Gaming, and Bernard Kulda, Northern Region Manager, Liquor Compliance – Licensing NT be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0225 – 3/02/2026

26.1.1 Risk Management and Audit Committee Independent Member Update

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Independent Member Update be received and noted.

2. THAT Council appoints the following Elected Members as members of the Risk Management and Audit Committee selection panel:
   (a) Mayor Pascoe-Bell
   (b) Councillor Henderson
   (c) Councillor Kanyai
   (d) Chair person Clare Milikins

3. THAT this decision be moved into open following completion of the Risk Management and Audit Committee Independent Member recruitment.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0226 – 3/02/2026

26.1.3 Confidentiality Review List - 20 August 2025 to 20 January 2026

1. THAT Report entitled Confidentiality Review List - 20 August 2025 to 20 January 2026 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorses for the decisions listed in Attachment 26.1.3.1 to be moved to the Open Minutes of this meeting, with the exception of the following Council Decisions:
   (a) 11/0106
   (b) 11/0163
   (c) 11/0165

3. THAT Council endorses for the decisions listed in Attachment 26.1.3.2 to be retained on the confidentiality review list to be considered at the next review, with the exception of the following Council Decisions:
   (a) 11/0106
   (b) 11/0163
   (c) 11/0165

Initials:

4. THAT Council endorses for the decisions listed in Attachment 26.1.3.3 to be retained in confidential indefinitely.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0228 – 3/02/2026

24.1 Darwin Festival Proposal

THAT the presentation by James Gough, Chief Executive Officer and Kate Fell, Artistic Director form Darwin Festival, on Darwin Festival Proposal be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0256 – 17/02/2026

26.1.3 Youth Diversion Community Service Hours

1. THAT Report entitled Youth Diversion Community Service Hours be received and noted.

2. THAT a further report on youth diversion community services hours is presented to an Ordinary Council Meeting by June 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0259 – 17/02/2026

26.1.4 Amendment to Confidentiality Review List - 20 August 2025 to 20 January 2026

1. THAT Report entitled Amendment to Confidentiality Review List - 20 August 2025 to 20 January 2026 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council amends resolution 11/0228 and replaces it with the following:
   (a) THAT Council endorses for the decisions listed in Attachment 26.1.4.1 to be moved to the Open Minutes of this meeting, with the exception of the following Council Decisions:
      i. 11/0106
      ii. 11/0163
      iii. 11/0165
      iv. 10/1240

   (b) THAT Council endorses for the decisions listed in Attachment 26.1.4.2 to be retained on the confidentiality review list to be considered at the next review, with the exception of the following Council Decisions:
      i. 11/0106
      ii. 11/0163
      iii. 11/0165
      iv. 10/1240.

Initials:

(c) THAT Council endorses for the decisions listed in Attachment 26.1.4.3 to be retained in confidential indefinitely.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0260 – 17/02/2026

27.2 Confidential correspondence

THAT Council receive and note the tabled correspondence regarding North Crest from Hon Steve Edgington.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0262 – 17/02/2026

26.1.2 2026-27 Budget Development - Workshop 3

1. THAT Report entitled 2026-27 Budget Development - Workshop 3 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% rate increase
   ii. 5.9% rate increase
   iii. 5.9% rate increase on commercial and industrial classifications

3. THAT Council endorses the inclusion of the following for the purposes of developing the draft consolidated 2026/27 budget and balancing the budget;
   i. Model the waste management budget as presented in Report entitled 2026-27 Budget Development - Workshop 3 with a net deficit of $192,208 to be funded from the waste management reserve.
   ii. Capital Program (Option 2) - $9.41 million, $695K funded through reserve ($425K Working capital, $250K FILOC, $20K Waste Reserve) and $888K funded through grants, including new initiatives of $500K Recreation Centre Aircon upgrade and $15K CBD signage replacement.
   iii. Operational new initiatives - $52K Aquatic Centre – other structure, $21.6K Offsite back up, $10K Councillor Psychosocial Safety and Wellbeing Framework.
   iv. 2.5% vacancy rate for employee expenses.
   v. Restructure the remaining FILOC Loan repayments for Making the Switch and SWELL, roll into one loan and spread the repayments evenly over four years commencing 2026/27.

4. THAT Council endorses the review of fees and charges (other than Facility Hire Fees and Charges) with a view of increasing those fees and charges that have remained unchanged for a number of years.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0279 – 3/03/2026

Initials:

26.1.3 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Expressions of Interest 2026

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Expressions of Interest 2026 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse the officer as nominated from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet once it is provided.

3. THAT Colin Southam be appointed as business/property associations representatives to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee.

4. THAT Chowdhury Md Sadaruddin be appointed as a community member representative to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee.

5. THAT Christopher Lay and Karlie Archer and Michelle Murrphy be appointed as local business owner representatives to the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee.

6. THAT Council resolve not to fill the remaining community member representative position at this time.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0280 – 3/03/2026

26.1.4 Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee Expressions of Interest 2026

1. THAT Report entitled Community Safety and Wellness Advisory Committee Expressions of Interest 2026 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse Peter Fletcher, Acting Executive Director be appointed as the Department of Children and Families Representative.

3. THAT Council endorse Katie Hatzismalis, Superintendent be appointed as the Northern Territory Police Representative.

4. THAT Council endorse the officer as nominated from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative once it is provided.

5. THAT Council consider all applications received and appoint these successful applicants for Community Organisations representatives as being Sheryl Sephton and Sakeasi Tawaketini.

6. THAT Council consider all applications received and appoint these successful applicants for the Community Member representatives as being Lindsey Anne Louise Newman and Fran Ramsey.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0281 – 3/03/2026

Initials:

26.1.6 Facilities Fees and Charges

1. THAT Report entitled Facilities Fees and Charges be received and noted.

2. That Council endorse the fees and charges amendments outlined in table one (1) outlined in the Report entitled Facilities Fees and Charges, from 1 July 2026.

3. THAT Council endorse Option 2 outlined in Report entitled Facilities Fees and Charges, the reintroduction of fees for not-for-profit organisations from 1 January 2027.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0283 – 3/03/2026

26.1.7 Municipal Boundary Northcrest Update

1. THAT Report entitled Municipal Boundary Northcrest Update be received and noted.

2. THAT Council approve the Chief Executive Officer to finalise Attachment 26.1.7.2 and Attachment 26.1.7.3 of this report to be submitted to the Minister for Local Government.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0284 – 3/03/2026

26.1.3 Venture Housing Appeal

1. THAT Report entitled Venture Housing Appeal be received and noted.

2. THAT Council resolves to rescind Decision 10/1998 to direct the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with the Court of Appeal appealing the Supreme Court decision in the Venture Housing Company Ltd matter, pending the Local Government Tranche 2 Amendments being approved with the inclusion of land used for social and affordable housing not being exempt from rates by Friday 20 March 2026.

3. THAT Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 2019 (NT), delegates the power to the Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of Council, to negotiate with Venture Housing Company Ltd in relation to the applicable rates refund and costs related to the appeals.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0310 – 17/03/2026

Initials:

26.1.4 2026-27 Budget Development - Workshop 4

1. THAT Report entitled 2026-27 Budget Development - Workshop 4 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorses the following rating models to be used for the purposes of modelling the 2026/27 Budget:
    a. 4.9% rate increase on the RID and the minimum for:
        i. Residential (includes land zoned Future Development).
        ii. Residential Marlow Lagoon.
    b. Commercial and all other non-residential zones, excluding industrial, to be 5.9% increase on the RID and the minimum.
    c. Increase the RID for the Industrial zoned as Light Industrial or General Industrial to be 7% increase on the RID and the minimum.

3. THAT Council endorses the allocation of a budget surplus to the Working Capital Reserve for the purposes of developing the draft consolidated 2026/27 budget.

4. THAT Council endorses the change in fees and charges as presented in the Attachment 26.1.4.2 contained in the Report entitled 2026-27 Budget Development - Workshop 4.

5. THAT Council endorses the continuation of free entry for SWELL Palmerston for the 2026/27 financial year and a report be provided to Council by January 2027 on the cost of the operation of SWELL and potential changes to the service level.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0311 – 17/03/2026

26.1.3 2026-27 Budget Development - Workshop 5

1. THAT Report entitled 2026-27 Budget Development - Workshop 5 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorses the following rating model for the purposes of developing the 2026/27 Budget.
    a. 4.9% increase to the minimum rate for Residential and Residential Marlow Lagoon.
    b. 5.9% increase to the minimum rate for Commercial and Industrial.
    c. 4.9% increase to the Rate on the Dollar (RID) Residential and Residential Marlow Lagoon properties.
    d. 5.9% increase to the Rate on the Dollar (RID) Commercial properties.
    e. 7% increase to the Rate on the Dollar (RID) for all Industrial properties.

Initials:

3. THAT Council endorses the inclusion of Venture Housing rates revenue into the 2026/27 Budget and forward estimates in the Long Term Financial Plan.

4. THAT Council endorses the allocation of budget surplus based on the existing reserve strategy outlined in the 2026–2035 Long Term Financial Plan and the Financial Reserves Policy:
   a. Working Capital Reserve – aims to reach an ideal balance of $5 million.
   b. Asset Renewal Reserve – projected to increase to $3 million.
   c. Major Initiatives Reserve – all remaining surplus will go the Major Initiative Reserves, to enable significant projects to be able to be delivered without the reliance on borrowing and/or grants, or in support of alternative funding sources.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0328 – 7/04/2026

21.1 Leave of Absence Requests

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Hale for 3 to 12 August 2026 inclusive, for the reason of holiday, be approved.

2. *This decision was moved to the open minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 7 July 2026.*

3. *This decision was moved to the open minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 16 June 2026.*

4. *This decision was moved to the open minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 16 June 2026.*

5. *This decision was moved to the open minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 4 August 2026.*

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

27.2 Confidential correspondence

1. THAT correspondence dated 19 March 2026 entitled Executive Brief: Proposed AICD In House Governance Training for Elected Members be received and noted.

2. THAT Council confirm their intention to participate in this training by COB Friday 1 May 2026.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0359 – 21/04/2026

Initials:

26.1.1 Royal Darwin Show Participation

1. THAT Report entitled Royal Darwin Show Participation be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse not participating as a stall holder at the Royal Darwin Show 2026 and reconsideration for 2027.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0426 – 2/06/2026

26.2.1 Awarded Procurement for May 2026

THAT Report entitled Awarded Procurement for May 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0459 – 16/06/2026

22.0 Request for Audio/ Audiovisual Conferencing

1. THAT Council notes Councillor Morrison's attendance via audio/audiovisual conferencing at the meeting of 4 August 2026, as they are prevented from attending in person due to ill health, and that this attendance was approved by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing Policy.

2. THAT this decision be moved to the open minutes following the Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0537 – 4/08/2026

24.1 Projects 4 Palmerston

1. THAT the presentation by Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer on Projects 4 Palmerston be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse proceeding with development of Projects 4 Palmerston.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0539 – 4/08/2026

27.2.1 Correspondence from the Hon Steven Edgington MLA

THAT correspondence dated 27 July 2026 entitled Correspondence from the Hon Steven Edgington MLA be received and noted.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0541 – 4/08/202

Initials:

22.0 Request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

Moved: **Councillor Fraser**
Seconded: **Councillor Kanyai**

1. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Waters who will be physically prevented from attending meetings for the period 20 July to 24 July 2026 (inclusive), due to a granted leave of absence.

3. THAT this decision be moved to the open minutes following the Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0483 – 7/07/2026

26.1.1 Palmerston Plan Grant Funding Update

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Plan Grant Funding Update be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorses the following projects to be delivered as part of the Palmerston Plan funding;
   a. Project A - Bloodwood Park fencing.
   b. Project B - Gray and Driver Playground softfall upgrades, with Widdup Park to be the first project, and the remaining projects to align with current program priorities in Gray and Driver.
   c. Project C - Driver Community Centre redevelopment, subject to additional grant funding being obtained.
   d. Project D - Gray and Driver footpath upgrades, with the Driver Avenue footpath upgrade from the bridge to the President Park pedestrian crossing, and the remaining projects to align with current program priorities in Gray and Driver.
   e. Project E - Library pop-up outreach van.
   f. Project F - Zuccoli Community Hub stage development with the delivery of the skate park, shade, pathways, and landscaping.
   g. Project G - Mitchell Creek walking trails and seating as the commencement of the concept plan implementation with installation of pathways and relevant seating areas providing connectivity from Dawun Dirra Park and Zuccoli Community Hub.

Initials:

3. THAT the following projects, totalling $3 million, are incorporated into the 2026/2027 Municipal Plan and Budget, to be captured as part of the first budget review for 2026/2027.
   a. Bloodwood Park fencing - $300,000.
   b. Widdup Park softfall replacement - $200,000.
   c. Driver Avenue footpath upgrade - $200,000.
   d. Library pop-up van - $200,000.
   e. Zuccoli Community Hub Stage 2B - $2,000,000.
   f. Mitchell Creek walking trails - $100,000.

4. THAT these decisions are moved into open following the announcement of the Palmerston Plan, or approval of project specific Implementation Plans, whichever comes first.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0540 – 4/08/2026

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: **Councillor Water**
Seconded: **Councillor Henderson**

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 Project Initiative	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.

Initials:

26.1.2	Rate Concession Assessment	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.
26.1.3	Review of Confidential Matters	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.
26.2.1	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) - 11/0552 – 18/08/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

Initials:

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting - 28 July 2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting - 28 July 2026 be received and noted.

2. THAT the unconfirmed Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes provided as **Attachment 12.1.1.1** be received and noted.

3. THAT Council adopts the recommendation from the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meeting held 28 July 2026, as follows:
   (a) THAT the amendments to the Palmerston Local Economic Plan implementation plan are presented to Council for consideration.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0553 – 18/08/2026

12.1.2 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Membership Update

Moved: Deputy Mayor
Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Membership Update be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorses the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Chair to write a letter of thanks to Colin Southam for his time as a Relevant Business or Property Association Representative.

3. THAT Council undertakes an appropriate Expression of Interest process to fill all vacant positions on the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0554 – 18/08/2026

Initials:

Councillor Waters declared a conflict and left the Chambers at 6:39pm.

12.1.3 Community Funding Program - Palmerston Rugby Union Club

Moved: **Deputy Mayor Bayliss**
Seconded: **Councillor Kanyai**

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Palmerston Rugby Union Club be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse Option One (1) of the report and approve a three-year sponsorship of $6,000 per year to the Palmerston Rugby Union Club through the Community Funding Program.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0555 – 18/08/2026

Councillor Waters returned to the Chambers at 6:41pm

12.1.4 Community Funding Program - Legacy NT

Moved: **Councillor Henderson**
Seconded: **Councillor Fraser**

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Legacy NT be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse Option Two (2) of the report to approve partial funding of a community grant at a cost of $4,500 to Legacy Club of the Northern Territory Incorporated through the Community Funding Program.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0556 – 18/08/2026

12.1.5 Community Plan Health Check - Feedback review

Moved: **Mayor Pascoe-Bell**
Seconded: **Councillor Henderson**

1. THAT Report entitled Community Plan Health Check - Feedback review be received and noted.

2. THAT Council note the responses to the feedback from the Community Plan Health Check 2025/26 outlined in **Attachment 12.1.5.1**. to Report entitled Community Plan Health Check - Feedback review.

Initials:

3. THAT Council continue to deliver on the objectives and outcomes of the Community Plan through the implementation of existing Council strategies and plans, including the Palmerston Local Economic Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan, Disability Inclusion and Access Plan, Play Space Strategy, Creative Industries Plan, and Sustainability Strategy.

4. THAT Council endorse the updates to the Community Plan outlined in **Attachment 12.1.5.2** to Report entitled Community Plan Health Check - Feedback review, with the re-inclusion of the following measure for success; "reduce crime rates - specifically a reduction in alcohol fuelled violence".

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0557 – 18/08/2026

12.1.6 Proposed Amendment to the NT Planning Scheme to facilitate infill development and subdivision in Zone LR

Moved: **Deputy Mayor Bayliss**
Seconded: **Councillor Fraser**

1. THAT Report entitled Proposed Amendment to the NT Planning Scheme to facilitate infill development and subdivision in Zone LR be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse the submission at **Attachment 12.1.6.1** to this report entitled Proposed Amendment to the NT Planning Scheme to facilitate infill development and subdivision in Zone LR for submission to the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0558 – 18/08/2026

Initials:

12.1.7 Administrative Review Committee Terms of Reference Review 2026

Moved: **Councillor Henderson**
Seconded: **Councillor Hale**

1. THAT Report entitled Administrative Review Committee Terms of Reference Review 2026 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorses the revised Administrative Review Committee Terms of Reference **Attachment 12.1.7.3**, to Report entitled Administrative Review Committee Terms of Reference Review 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0559 – 18/08/2026

12.1.8 Palmerston Local Economic Plan Refresh

Moved: **Councillor Fraser**
Seconded: **Councillor Hale**

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Local Economic Plan Refresh be received and noted.

2. THAT a further review of the implementation plan is brought back to council considering the re inclusion of NT Government responsibilities and collaborations.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0560 – 18/08/2026

12.1.9 Adoption of the Animal Management Plan

Moved: **Deputy Mayor Bayliss**
Seconded: **Councillor Kanyai**

1. THAT Report entitled Adoption of the Animal Management Plan be received and noted.

2. THAT Council adopt the City of Palmerston Animal Management Plan 2026-2030 at **Attachment 12.1.9.1**.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0561 – 18/08/2026

Initials:

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 Creative Industries Plan 2023-2027 Annual Update

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT Report entitled Creative Industries Plan 2023-2027 Annual Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0562 – 18/08/2026

12.2.2 Palmerston Youth Festival 2026 - Post Event Update

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Youth Festival 2026 - Post Event Update be received and noted.

2. THAT Council notes the Mayor has sent a Letter of Appreciation to the Chief Minister and Minister Charls, thanking the Northern Territory Government for its continued support of the 2026 Palmerston Youth Festival and seeking future support for funding.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0563 – 18/08/2026

12.2.3 Major Capital Projects Update

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0564 – 18/08/2026

12.2.4 Financial Report for the Month of July 2026

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0565 – 18/08/2026

Initials:

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Remuneration Tribunal Inquiry on Local Government Council and Local Authority members' allowances 2027

Moved: **Councillor Waters**
Seconded: **Deputy Mayor Bayliss**

1. THAT correspondence dated 4 August 2026 entitled Remuneration Tribunal Inquiry on Local Government Council and Local Authority members' allowances 2027 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council note that a draft submission Report will be provided to the 1 September 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0566 – 18/08/2026

13.2.2 Call for Nominations - LGANT Board Directors

Moved: **Councillor Waters**
Seconded: **Deputy Mayor Bayliss**

1. THAT correspondence dated 7 August 2026 entitled Call for Nominations - LGANT Board Directors be received and noted.

2. THAT Council nominate Councillor Kanyai to the position of Vice President - Municipal of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Board.

3. THAT Council nominate Councillor Fraser for the position of Board Director - Municipal of the Local Government Association Northern Territory Board.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0567 – 18/08/2026

Initials:

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: **Mayor Pascoe-Bell**
Seconded: **Councillor Henderson**

THAT the verbal report provided by Mayor Pascoe-Bell regarding the Developing Northern Australia Conference in Alice Springs on the 5-7 August 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0568 – 18/08/2026

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: **Councillor Henderson**
Seconded: **Councillor Kanyai**

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding rangers wearing body cameras be reviewed, and the response provided by the General Manager Community be received and noted.

2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding information about Zuccoli points of interest, and the response provided by the Acting Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Kanyai regarding information on Mitchell Creek concept plan, and the response provided by the Acting Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0569 – 18/08/2026

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: **Councillor Kanyai**
Seconded: **Councillor Henderson**

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0570 – 18/08/2026

Initials:

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: **Councillor Fraser**
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 (7/0) - 11/0571 – 18/08/2026

The open section of the meeting closed at 7:56pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: **Councillor Waters**
Seconded: **Councillor Fraser**

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0572 – 18/08/2026

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 8:06pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:31pm.

Chair

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell
Print Name

1 September 2026
Date

Initials: