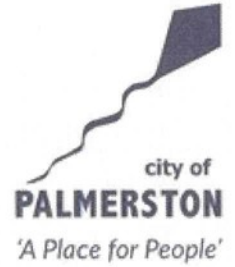


MINUTES



1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 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 1 September 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, Emma Blight
Acting General Manager Infrastructure, Michael Williams
General Manager Finance and Governance, Chris Fearon
Acting General Manager Community, Laura Hardman
Minute Secretary, Pania Withnall

GALLERY

2 members of the public
5 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 Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the apology received from Councillor Morrison for 1 September 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0585 - 1/09/2026

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Nil

4.2 Staff

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 18 August 2026 pages 12259 to 12261 be confirmed.
2. THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 August 2026 pages 12265 to 12291 be confirmed.
3. THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 26 August 2026 pages 12297 to 12299 be confirmed.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0586 - 1/09/2026

Initials: 

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Lei Lithium Project

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the presentation by Bryce Healy, General Manager Exploration and Development for Lithium Plus Minerals Pty Ltd, and Peter Habermann, Senior Project Manager for Projectick Pty Ltd, on the Lei Lithium Project be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0587 - 1/09/2026

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 Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Henderson for 28 August 2026 to 30 August 2026 inclusive, for the reason of holiday, be approved.
2. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (5/0) - 11/0536 - 4/08/2026

Initials:



9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Waters

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	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.
26.1.2	Matters Relating to Council Staff and or Elected Members	This item is considered 'Confidential' 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, 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 employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0588 - 1/09/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

Initials: 

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Electric Vehicle Chargers

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Electric Vehicle Chargers be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the introduction of a \$0.70/kWh (ex GST) user charge for the Palmerston Recreation Centre Car Park EV charger, effective from 1 November 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0589 – 1/09/2026

12.1.2 Council Policy Review - Whistleblower Policy

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Whistleblower Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amended Whistleblower Policy as at **Attachment 12.1.2.3** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Whistleblower Policy, with the attachment as amended to change clause 3.1 to 'The Chief Executive Officer must appoint one or more Nominated Recipients under section 97 of the ICAC Act.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0590 – 1/09/2026

Initials: 

12.1.3 Council Policy Review - Outdoor Dining

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Outdoor Dining be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the amended Outdoor Dining Policy, being Attachment 12.1.3.3.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0591 - 1/09/2026

12.1.4 Palmy Sounds

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Palmy Sounds be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the Palmy Sounds pilot program as outlined within Report entitled Palmy Sounds.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0592 - 1/09/2026

12.1.5 Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal 2027 Allowances Submission

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal 2027 Allowances Submission be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the submission to the Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal Inquiry into Local Government Councils and Local Authority Member allowances 2027 being Attachment 12.1.5.1 to report entitled Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal 2027 Allowances Submission.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0593 - 1/09/2026

Initials: 

12.1.6 2026 LGANT Annual General Meeting Call for Motions

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled 2026 LGANT Annual General Meeting Call for Motions be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the following motions for submission to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Annual General Meeting by the prescribed closing date of 29 September 2026:
 - (a) Advocate to the Northern Territory Government for the introduction of aggravated offence provisions within the Criminal Code that recognise assaults, threats and intimidation committed against Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors.
 - (b) Advocate for amendments to Northern Territory electoral legislation to remove the requirement for candidates to publish their residential address on election materials, ensuring candidate safety, privacy and security while maintaining appropriate electoral transparency.
 - (c) Investigate, develop and promote a Northern Territory Local Government careers, training and pathways platform, similar to the Greater Whitsunday Future Finder initiative, to attract, retain and develop the local government workforce across the Territory.
 - (d) Investigate candidate criteria including:
 - i. a mandatory pre-training for candidates in the lead up to local government elections to support understanding of the role of elected members, that is culturally aware and suitable for municipal and regional councils.
 - ii. code of conduct that applies during elections for all candidates.
 - iii. thorough checking of residency requirements for all candidates.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0594 - 1/09/2026

12.2 Receive and note reports

Nil

Initials: 

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

Nil

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT the verbal report provided by Councillor Kanyai regarding Palmerston Regional Business Association event on Wednesday 19 August 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the verbal report provided by Councillor Kanyai regarding Palmerston Cricket Club Life Members and Sponsors Day on Saturday 29 August 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0595 - 1/09/2026

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Waters

THAT the question asked by Councillor Kanyai regarding Youth Advisory Committee establishment, and the response provided by the Mayor be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0596 - 1/09/2026

Initials: 

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Brekkie in the Park

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Council congratulate the event team for Brekkie in the Park on 30 August 2026; it was a fantastic day.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0597 - 1/09/2026

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 15 September 2026 at 5:30pm in the City of Palmerston Library, Goyder Square, The Boulevard, Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0598 - 1/09/2026

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Hale
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) - 11/0599 - 1/09/2026

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

Acting Chief Executive Officer and Acting General Manager Community left chambers at 7:00pm.

Initials 

The open section of the meeting closed at 7:00pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:43pm.



Chair

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell

Print Name

15 September 2026

Date

Initials: