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VIBRANT ECONOMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 28 JULY 2026

The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee 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 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting held in Council Chambers Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston on Tuesday 28 July 2026 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Councillor Damian Hale (Chair) Councillor Mark Fraser Rick Burgess, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative Chowdhury Md Sadaruddin, Community Member Christopher Lay, Local Business Owner Representative Karlie Archer, Local Business Owner Representative
STAFF	Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Walsh General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl Executive Manager People, Customer and Communications, Becky Saywell Acting City Activation Manager, Sophie Walkington Minute Secretary, Emily Dehne
GALLERY	1 member of the public 1 member of Staff

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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 5:37pm.

3 APOLOGIES

Moved: **Councillor Fraser**
Seconded: **Christopher Lay**

1. THAT the apology received from Michelle Murphy for 28 July 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - VEAC11/09 – 28/07/2026

4 AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

4.1 Request for audio/audiovisual conferencing

Nil

4.2 Audio/Audio visual conferencing previously granted

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Committee members

Nil

5.2 Staff

Nil

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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: **Christopher Lay**
Seconded: **Chowdhury Md Sadaruddin**

THAT the Minutes of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2026 pages 52 to 56 be confirmed.

CARRIED (6/0) - VEAC11/010 – 28/07/2026

6.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

8.1 Moving confidential items into open

Nil

8.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

8.3 Confidential items

Nil

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9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 Action reports

9.1.1 Palmerston Local Economic Plan Refresh

Moved: **Councillor Fraser**
Seconded: **Christopher Lay**

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

2. THAT the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee recommends to Council:
   a. That the amendments to the Palmerston Local Economic Plan implementation plan are presented to Council for consideration.

CARRIED (6/0) - VEAC11/011 – 28/07/2026

Konrad Seidl left the meeting at 6:17pm
Konrad Seidl returned to the meeting at 6:23pm

Emma Blight left the meeting at 7:04pm
Emma Blight returned to the meeting at 7:06pm

Becky Saywell left the meeting at 7:09pm
Becky Saywell returned to the meeting at 7:11pm

9.2 Receive and note reports

9.2.1 Economic Development Events Update

Moved: **Councillor Fraser**
Seconded: **Karlie Archer**

THAT Report entitled Economic Development Events Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - VEAC11/012 – 28/07/2026

9.2.2 Palmerston Local Economic Plan Annual Update

Moved: Karlie Archer
Seconded: Christopher Lay

THAT Report entitled Palmerston Local Economic Plan Annual Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - VEAC11/013 – 28/07/2026

9.2.3 Council Policy - Breach of Code of Conduct by Member

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Christopher Lay

THAT Report entitled Council Policy - Breach of Code of Conduct by Member be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - VEAC11/014 – 28/07/2026

10 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Information

Nil

10.2 Correspondence

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Public Safety Officer Comment

Moved: Christopher Lay
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Christopher Lay's comment regarding the Public Safety Officers be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - VEAC11/015 – 28/07/2026

12 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved: **Councillor Fraser**
Seconded: **Karlie Archer**

THAT the next Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 27 October 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (6/0) - VEAC11/016 – 28/07/2026

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Moved: **Councillor Fraser**
Seconded: **Rick Burgess**

THAT the meeting of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston on 28 July 2026 closed at 7:20pm.

CARRIED (6/0) - VEAC11/017 – 28/07/2026

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:20pm.

Chair

DAMIAN HALE
Print Name

Date 27/10/2026.

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