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VIBRANT ECONOMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 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

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

PRESENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Councillor Damian Hale (Chair) Councillor Mark Fraser Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell Chowdhury Md Sadaruddin, Community Member Christopher Lay, Local Business Owner Representative Craig Spencer, Business or Property Association Representative Karlie Archer, Local Business Owner Representative
STAFF	Chief Executive Officer, Nadine Nilon Acting General Manager Infrastructure, Michael Williams General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl Acting City Activation Manager, Sophie Walkington Economic Development Lead, Caroline Villaflor Minute Secretary, Emily Dehne
GALLERY	1 members of the public 1 members 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 5:31PM.

3 APOLOGIES

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

1. THAT the apology received from Michelle Murphy for 27 October 2026 be received and noted.

2. THAT the apology received from Rick Burgess for 27 October 2026 be received and noted.

3. THAT the apology received from Geoff Goodrich for 27 October 2026 be received and noted.

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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

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5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: **Christopher Lay**
Seconded: **Mayor Pascoe-Bell**

THAT the Minutes of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2026 pages 57 to 62 be confirmed.

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6.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Business Futures Forum 2026

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

THAT the presentation by Lizzie Hodgetts of Forward Focus Partners on the 2026 Palmerston Business Futures Forum be received and noted.

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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 New Council Policy - Pop Up Dining

Moved: **Chowdhury Md Sadaruddin**
Seconded: **Mayor Pascoe-Bell**

1. THAT Report entitled New Council Policy - Pop Up Dining be received and noted.

2. THAT the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

   a. THAT the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee endorses the Draft Pop-Up Dining Policy as **Attachment 9.1.1.1** for Council to consider at the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting in November 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - VEAC11/021 – 27/10/2026

Mayor Pascoe-Bell left the meeting at 6:16pm
Mayor Pascoe-Bell returned to the meeting at 6:20pm

9.1.2 Palmerston Business Newsletter

Moved: **Craig Spencer**
Seconded: **Councillor Fraser**

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Business Newsletter be received and noted.

2. THAT the Committee considers the proposed improvements suggested, and any other opportunities that might enhance the relevance of the newsletter and its value to the business community.

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9.1.3 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2027

Moved: **Karlie Archer**
Seconded: **Craig Spencer**

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2027 be received and noted.

2. THAT the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
   a. THAT the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meetings for 2027 be scheduled as follows:
      i. Tuesday, 9 March 2027 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers
      ii. Tuesday, 22 June 2027 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers
      iii. Tuesday, 14 September 2027 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers
      iv. Tuesday, 30 November 2027 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers

   b. THAT the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting of 10 December 2026 be cancelled.

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9.2 Receive and note reports

Nil

10 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Information

Nil

10.2 Correspondence

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

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12 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved: **Councillor Fraser**
Seconded: **Craig Spencer**

THAT the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee note the proposed date of the next meeting on Tuesday, 9 March 2027 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (5/0) - VEAC11/024 – 27/10/2026

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

THAT the meeting of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston on 27 October 2026 closed at 6:37pm.

CARRIED (7/0) - VEAC11/025 – 27/10/2026

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:37pm.

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Chair

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