MINUTES

1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2026

The Ordinary Meeting of City of Palmerston held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830.

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Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 3 November 2026 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS	Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair) Deputy Mayor Wayne Bayliss Councillor Mark Fraser Councillor Damian Hale Councillor Sarah Henderson Councillor Lucy Morrison *(via Audio/ Audiovisual)* Councillor Rob Waters
STAFF	Interim Chief Executive Officer, Nadine Nilon Acting General Manager Infrastructure, Michael Williams 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 Four (4) 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 5:34pm.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

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

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Kanyai for Item 26.1.4 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0690 – 3/11/2026

4.2 Staff

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

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

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 October 2026 pages 12361 to 12372 be confirmed.

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5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

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

THAT the following public question from Mike Clark of Zuccoli NT and response as tabled regarding West Farrar Development be received and noted.

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Question 1: RE: West Farrar Development:
1. Why is the new development being built over a tributary of Mitchell Creek, the same tributary that feeds the largest wetland in the Mitchell Creek catchment.
Response 1:
Council is a referral authority during development assessments. In this role, the basis of Council's submission will be relating to existing and proposed public assets and infrastructure, with consideration of alignment to the Palmerston Eastern Suburbs Area Plan and the Northern Territory Subdivision Development Guidelines. Questions about why areas have been identified for development should be directed to the Department of Lands Planning and Environment.

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Question 2: RE: West Farrar Development:
2. Can City organise an independent hydrology study to determine whether stormwater from the new development can be integrated into the natural tributary wetland in a similar way to the Hawker corridor in Zuccoli.
Response 2:
Council is Council is currently reviewing all development application materials, including those related to stormwater management, with consideration of alignment to the Palmerston Eastern Suburbs Area Plan and the Northern Territory Subdivision Development Guidelines. Past developments offer insights into effective stormwater management, and these are considered when assessing new developments, noting that each site presents different challenges and constraints that require site-specific solutions.

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

9.1.1 Leave of Absence Requests

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

3. THAT the leave of absence request received from Deputy Mayor Bayliss for 21 to 25 October 2026 inclusive, for the reason of Holiday, be approved.

4. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Hale for 11 to 24 October 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 (6/0) - 11/0651 – 6/10/2026

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9.1.2 Request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

3. THAT Council approve the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Hale who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting on 20 October 2026, due to a granted leave of absence, being a greater distance than 100km from the appointed place of meeting.

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

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0652 – 6/10/2026

9.1.3 Request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT Council notes Councillor Morrison's attendance via audio/audiovisual conferencing at the meeting of 3 November 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 (7/0) - 11/0704 – 3/11/2026

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9.1.4 Land Valuation for 40 Farrar Boulevard, Farrar

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Land Valuation for 40 Farrar Boulevard, Farrar be received and noted.

2. THAT Council decline the request to transfer Lot 8096 (40) Farrar Boulevard, Farrar to HPA Incorporated.

3. THAT Council endorse supporting HPA Incorporated in the use of Lot 8096 (40) Farrar Boulevard, Farrar should a suitable activity be determined that retains the site being available as public open space for the community.

4. THAT this decision be moved to the Open Minutes of the 3 November 2026 meeting.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0707 – 3/11/2026

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

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 Committee Recommendations	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.

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26.1.2	Council Property, Agreements and Contracts	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.
26.1.3	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	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.
26.1.4	Confidential Restricted	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.
26.2.1	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	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.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0693 – 3/11/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

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11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Adoption of Annual Report 2025/26

Moved: **Councillor Waters**
Seconded: **Councillor Henderson**

1. THAT Report entitled Adoption of Annual Report 2025/26 be received and noted.

2. THAT Council adopts the Annual Report 2025/26, including the 2025/26 audited financial statements at **Attachment 12.1.1.1** to Report entitled Adoption of Annual Report 2025/26, as amended to include additional text regarding survey methodology and correction of typographical errors.

3. THAT Council notes that a copy of the Annual Report 2025/26 will be provided to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development before 15 November 2026.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0694 – 3/11/2026

12.1.2 Widdup Park Redevelopment Public Consultation and Concept Plan

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

1. THAT Report entitled Widdup Park Redevelopment Public Consultation and Concept Plan be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorses the draft Widdup Park – Preliminary Landscape Concept **Attachment 12.1.2.1.**

3. THAT Council endorses the commencement of Stage 1 for Widdup Park, comprising upgraded play equipment, shade shelter, irrigation reinstatement and tree planting.

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12.1.3 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting - 27 October 2026

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting - 27 October 2026 be received and noted.

2. THAT the unconfirmed Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes provided as **Attachment 12.1.3.1** be received and noted.

3. THAT Council adopts the recommendations from the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meeting held 27 October 2026, as follows:
   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.
   b. 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.
   c. THAT the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting of 10 December 2026 be cancelled.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0696 – 3/11/2026

12.1.4 New Council Policy - Pop Up Dining

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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

2. THAT Council adopt the Pop-Up Dining Policy provided as **Attachment 12.1.4.1** of report entitled New Council Policy - Pop Up Dining.

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12.2 Receive and note reports

Nil

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

Nil

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding the gym floor at SWELL, be taken on notice by the Acting General Manager Infrastructure.

2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding investigating the update on the Joan Fejo Park public toilet repairs, be taken on notice by the Acting General Manager Infrastructure.

3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding wet season major drain inspections, and the response provided by the Acting General Manager Infrastructure be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0698 – 3/11/2026

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16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Nomination Withdrawal - LGANT Board

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

THAT Council notes Councillor Kanyai's withdrawal of her nomination for the position of Vice President – Municipal on the LGANT Board.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0699 – 3/11/2026

16.2 Paintwork at Joan Fejo Park Basketball Court

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

THAT an inspection of the paintwork on the basketball court at Joan Fejo Park take place to determine why it is fading and review options for appropriate paint products.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0700 – 3/11/2026

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 17 November 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0701 – 3/11/2026

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

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

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) - 11/0702 – 3/11/2026

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19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The open section of the meeting closed at 6:24pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

Councillor Waters left at 6:24pm.

General Manager Community and General Manager People and Place left Chambers at 6.24pm.

Councillor Waters returned to Chambers at 6:26pm.

General Manager Community and General Manager People and Place returned to Chambers at 6.26pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:09pm.

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Chair

Print Name

Date

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