Minutes of Council Meeting
held in at the Palm A Meeting Room, Rydges Palmerston
15 Maluka Drive, Palmerston
on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at 6.30pm.

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1 PRESENT

Elected Members: Acting Mayor Seranna Shutt (Chair)
Alderman Athina Pascoe-Bell
Alderman Andrew Byrne
Alderman Geoff Carter
Alderman Paul Bunker
Alderman Sue McKinnon

Staff: Ben Dornier, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services
Alyce Breed, Minute Secretary

Gallery: 1 member of the public

2 APOLOGIES

Mayor Ian Abbott – On Council Business

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved: Alderman McKinnon
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

THAT the apology received from Mayor Abbott be received and granted.

CARRIED 8/2074 – 21/06/2016
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell  

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 7 June 2016 pages 8603 to 8612, be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/2075 - 21/06/2016

MAYOR’S REPORT

Moved: Alderman McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell  

1. THAT Council receives Report Number M8-23.

CARRIED 8/2076 - 21/06/2016

Moved: Alderman McKinnon  
Seconded:  

2. THAT Council approve for two tickets to be purchased at a cost of $150 each to allow for His Worship the Mayor Ian Abbott and Guest to attend the Northern Territory Officers’ Ball 2016 on Saturday 27 August 2016.

MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF SECONDER  

Moved: Alderman McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Bunker  

3. THAT Council approve for one ticket to be purchased at a cost of $150 to allow for His Worship the Mayor Ian Abbott to represent the City of Palmerston at the Northern Territory Officers’ Ball 2016 on Saturday 27 August 2016.

CARRIED 8/2077 - 21/06/2016

REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil.

QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

PETITIONS

Nil.
DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Governance and Organisation

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

THAT the minutes from the Governance and Organisation Committee meeting held on 9 June 2016, be received and noted and that Council adopts the recommendations made by the Committee with the exclusion of 11.1.3 and 11.1.6 and accordingly resolves as follows:

11.1.1 Review FIN08 Internal Controls Policy

THAT Council adopt the amended FIN08 Internal Controls Policy.

11.1.2 Review FIN02 Financial Management Policy

THAT Council adopt the amended FIN02 Financial Management Policy.

11.1.4 Review FIN03 Annual Financial Statements Policy

THAT Council adopt the amended FIN03 Annual Financial Statements Policy.

11.1.5 Review FIN15 Asset Disposal Policy

THAT Council adopt the amended FIN15 Asset Disposal Policy.

11.1.7 Review FIN04 Procurement Policy

THAT Council adopt the amended FIN04 Procurement Policy.

CARRIED 8/2078 – 21/06/2016

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconder:

11.1.3 Review FIN10 Fraud Protection Plan Policy

THAT Council adopt the amended FIN10 Fraud Management Policy with the inclusion of reference to individuals being able to report matters to the Commissioner for Public Interest Disclosures to section 4.9 and 4.11.1 of the Policy.

MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER
Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

THAT Standing Orders be suspended to allow for open discussion.

CARRIED 8/2079 – 21/06/2016

Standing orders were suspended at 6.50pm.

Reinstatement of Standing Orders

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

THAT Standing Orders be reinstated.

CARRIED 8/2080 – 21/06/2016

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.06pm.

11.1.6 Review FIN21 Debt Collection Policy

THAT Council adopt the amended FIN21 Debt Collection Policy.

CARRIED 8/2081 – 21/06/2016

11.2 Economic Development and Infrastructure

Nil.

11.3 Community Culture and Environment

Nil.

12 INFORMATION AGENDA

12.1 Items for Exclusion

Nil.

12.2 Receipt of Information Reports

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

THAT the information items contained within the Information Agenda, be received.

CARRIED 8/2082 – 21/06/2016
13.1 Officer Reports

13.1.1 Fencing Playgrounds

Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

1. THAT the Council receives Report Number 8/0907.
   CARRIED 8/2083 - 21/06/2016

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

2. THAT a playground risk management policy be developed and all playgrounds be assessed against the future policy.
   CARRIED 8/2084 - 21/06/2016

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

3. THAT improvement works required to address the risks identified by the future playground risk management policy be costed and brought back to Council for budget consideration.
   CARRIED 8/2085 - 21/06/2016

13.1.2 Transfer of Streetlight Assets to Local Government

Moved: Alderman McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Carter

1. THAT the Council receives Report Number 8/0908.
2. THAT the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be granted delegated authority to sign and seal the draft streetlight deed in Attachment A to Report Number 8/0908.
   CARRIED 8/2086 - 21/06/2016

13.1.4 Financial Report for the Month of May 2016

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0912.
   CARRIED 8/2087 - 21/06/2016
### 13.1.5 Local Government Act Legislative Reform 8/0913

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

   CARRIED 8/2088 – 21/06/2016

Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

2. THA That Council does not support the responsibility of conducting representation reviews being given to the NT Electoral Commission or any other body, and maintains the position that councils are best placed to determine their own constitutional arrangements as currently specified in the Local Government Act.  
   CARRIED 8/2089 – 21/06/2016

Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

3. THA That Council supports the removal of conditional rating from the Local Government Act.  
   CARRIED 8/2090 – 21/06/2016

Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Alderman Carter

4. THA That Council endorses Attachment B as Council's response to the Department of Local Government and Community Services.  
   CARRIED 8/2091 – 21/06/2016

### 13.1.6 Draft Feral Cat Policy REG02 8/0914

Moved: Alderman Carter  
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

1. THAT the Council receives Report Number 8/0914.

2. THAT Council endorses the draft Feral Cat Policy REG02 in Attachment A to Report Number 8/0914 and that the policy be reviewed on a 4 year cycle.

### 13.1.6 Draft Feral Cat Policy REG02 (Continued) 8/0914

3. THAT the cat trap hire fee for 2016/17 be set at $30 per month.

4. THAT a redeemable voucher be provided with each months trap hire to the value of $60 in 2016/17 to assist with veterinary costs.  
   CARRIED 8/2092 – 21/06/2016
13.1.7 Adelaide 36ers 8/0915

Moved: Alderman McKinnon
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0915.

CARRIED 8/2093 – 21/06/2016

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Alderman Carter

2. THAT Council determine to not sponsor the Adelaide 36ers event hosted by the Darwin Basketball Association.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8/2094 – 21/06/2016

14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Certificate of Appreciation – Palmerston RSL Sports and Social Club Inc

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon


CARRIED 8/2095 – 21/06/2016

15 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

17 OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Animal Management Strategy – Territory Day July 1st 2016 8/0916

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

1. THAT Council accept the late Report Number 8/0916.

2. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0916.
17.1 Animal Management Strategy – Territory Day July 1st 2016 (Continued) 8/0916

3. THAT all registered dogs that are found at large on Territory Day Eve and the following 48 hrs will be returned to owners at nil cost.

4. THAT the general public will be informed by press release, prior to Territory Day, of Council’s Animal Management Strategy for that period.

CARRIED 8/2096 – 21/06/2016

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil

19 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 8.07pm
Summary:

The igniting of fireworks during Territory Day celebrations has a detrimental effect on the behaviour of domestic pets throughout the Palmerston residential area. Increased reports from the public of 'dogs at large' and 'lost dogs' received by Ranger Services increases dramatically over this period. Increased patrols and adjusted staffing levels are implemented to cope with the workload during this time.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council accept the late Report Number 8/0916.
2. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0916.
3. THAT all registered dogs that are found at large on Territory Day Eve and the following 48 hrs will be returned to owners at nil cost.
4. THAT the general public will be informed by press release, prior to Territory Day, of Councils Animal Management Strategy for that period.

General:

The aim of Council Rangers is to return any registered dogs as quickly as possible, without penalty, back to their owners along with advice as to securing their animal until the celebrations are over. Any dogs that are picked up that are unregistered or subject of an attack investigation will be impounded; owners can then retrieve their dogs from the Council Pound by registering their animal and paying the appropriate fees.

Financial Implications:

Nil
Legislation/Policy:

City of Palmerston Animal Management By-Laws (1 July 2008)

Recommending Officer: Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services

Any queries on this report may be directed to Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services on telephone (08) 8935 9958 or email mark.spangler@palmerston.nt.gov.au

Schedule of Attachments:

Nil