

CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston
on Tuesday, 1 March 2016 at 6.30pm**

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1. PRESENT

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

Staff: Ricki Bruhn, Chief Executive Officer
Ben Dornier, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services
Alyce Breed, Minute Secretary

Gallery: Silke Reinhardt, Finance Manager
Craig Dunlop, NT News

2. APOLOGIES

Mayor Ian Abbott – Apology

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved: Alderman Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

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

CARRIED 8/1847–01/03/2016

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

1. THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 16 February 2016 pages 8410 to 8488, be confirmed
2. THAT the Confidential minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 16 February 2016 pages 206 to 207, be confirmed.
3. THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Wednesday, 17 February 2016 pages 8489 to 8490, be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/1848-01/03/2016

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

M8-16

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Alderman Shutt

THAT Council receives Report Number M8-16.

CARRIED 8/1849-01/03/2016

5. REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

6. QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

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

Nil

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

11. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Governance and Organisation

Nil

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 Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Alderman Shutt

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

CARRIED 8/1850–01/03/2016

The Chair invited the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Technical Services and Director of Corporate and Community Services to provide a verbal update on the outstanding matters contained within the Action Report.

Officers provided a verbal report to the meeting and answered questions from the Elected Members.

13. DEBATE AGENDA

13.1 Officer Reports

13.1.1 Power to Sell Land – Assessments 105694 and 105669 8/0827

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Alderman Byrne

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0827.

CARRIED 8/1851–01/03/2016

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

2. THAT Council approves the recommended process of power of sale of land for non-payment of rates for Assessment 105694.
3. THAT Council approves the recommended process of power of sale of land for non-payment of rates for Assessment 105669.
4. THAT the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and seal all documentation in relation to the sale of land for non-payment of rates for the above mentioned properties.

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14. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

15. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

At the invitation of the Chair

17. OTHER BUSINESS - ALDERMAN REPORTS

17.1 Alderman Pascoe-Bell

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded:

THAT in the interest of transparency all Rates and Budget Workshops be open to the public.

MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER

17.2 Alderman Bunker

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

THAT a report be prepared for Council regarding the cost of operating its recreation facilities.

CARRIED 8/1853–01/03/2016

17.3 Palmerston Library Easter Opening Hours

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

THAT the Library be closed to the public on 25, 26, 27 and 28 March 2016.

CARRIED 8/1854–01/03/2016

17.4 Alderman Carter

Provided an update on a recent radio interview and other meetings attended.

17.5 Alderman Byrne

Gave details about a public consultation being held by the NT Government in regards to a liquor license for the proposed Flynn Tavern.

18. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Moved: Alderman Carter
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

18.1 Rates Concessions Lots 7765, 7766 and 11037

8/0828

1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate and Community Services and Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 18.1 Rates Concessions Lots 7765, 7766 and 11037 and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:

(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

This item is considered confidential pursuant to Regulation 8 (b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 1 March 2016, in relation to confidential item number 18.1 Rates Concessions Lots 7765, 7766 and 11037 and the report and associated documentation remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 2 years from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

18.2 Application – Rates Concession for Assessment 105270

8/0830

1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate and Community Services and Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 18.2 Application – Rates Concession for Assessment 105270 and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:

(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

This item is considered confidential pursuant to Regulation 8 (b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 1 March 2016, in relation to confidential item number 18.2 Application – Rates Concession for Assessment 105270 and the report and associated documentation remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

18.3 Application – Rates Concession for Assessment 103434

8/0831

1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate and Community Services and Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 18.3 Application – Rates Concession for Assessment 103434 and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:

(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

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2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 1 March 2016, in relation to confidential item number 18.3 Application – Rates Concession for Assessment 103434 and the report and associated documentation remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

18.4 Greening Australia – Lease Agreement Offer to Operate from Archer Waste Transfer Station **8/0825**

1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate and Community Services and Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 18.4 Greening Australia – Lease Agreement Offer to Operate from Archer Waste Transfer Station and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:

(c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person

This item is considered confidential pursuant to Regulation 8 (c)(i) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 1 March 2016, in relation to confidential item number 18.4 Greening Australia – Lease Agreement Offer to Operate from Archer Waste Transfer Station and the report and associated documentation remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

18.5 Sale of a Portion of Miller Court Road Reserve **8/0829**

1. THAT pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government Act, Council orders that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate and Community Services and Minute Secretary on the basis that Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a manner closed to the public in order to receive, discuss and consider the report and associated documents in relation to confidential agenda item 18.5 Sale of a Portion of Miller Court Road Reserve and that Council is satisfied that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public is outweighed in relation to the matter because receiving, considering and discussing the report and associated documentation involves:

(c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person

This item is considered confidential pursuant to Regulation 8 (c)(i) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

2. THAT Council orders that the minutes from the Confidential Council meeting held on 1 March 2016, in relation to confidential item number 18.5 Sale of a Portion of Miller Court Road Reserve and the report and associated documentation remain confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 2 years from the date of this meeting or a lesser period as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED 8/1855–01/03/2016

The meeting moved into the Confidential Session at 7:02pm

18.6 Moving decisions from the Confidential Session into the Open Session

In accordance with the resolutions of Council, the following decisions from the Confidential Session are moved into the Open Session:

Application – Rates Concession for Assessment 105270 **8/0830**

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0830.
2. THAT Council approves the remission of interest for the period of 2 December 2015 to 30 June 2016 for assessment 105270 under the conditions of financial hardship Policy FIN17.
3. THAT the resolutions only come back to the open session.

Application – Rates Concession for Assessment 103434 **8/0831**

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0831.
2. THAT Council approves the remission of interest for the period of 16 February 2016 to 30 June 2016 for assessment 103434 under the conditions of financial hardship policy FIN17.
3. THAT the resolutions only come back to the open session.

19. CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 7.53pm

(Chair)