



## CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Council Meeting  
held in Council Chambers  
Civic Plaza, Palmerston  
on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 6.30pm.**

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### **Acknowledgement of Traditional Ownership**

*I respectfully acknowledge the past and present Traditional Custodians of this land on which we are meeting, the Larrakia people. It is a privilege to be standing on Larrakia country.*

## **1 PRESENT**

Elected Members:	Mark Blackburn, Official Manager
Staff:	Luccio Cercarelli, Chief Executive Officer Chris Kelly, Director Corporate Services Malcolm Jones, Acting Director City Growth and Operations Shane Nankivell, Finance Manager Samantha Abdic, Communications Officer Tree Malyan, Executive Assistant Alyce Breed, Minute Secretary
Gallery:	Lauren Roberts, NT News Melissa Mackay, 9 News 7 members of the gallery

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Nil.

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 20 February 2018 pages 9497 to 9509, be confirmed.
2. THAT the Confidential minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 20 February 2018 pages 366 to 369, be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/3042 – 06/03/2018

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**4** OFFICIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Nil.

**5** REPORT OF DELEGATES

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Nil.

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

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Nil.

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

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Nil.

**8** PETITIONS

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Nil.

**9** DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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Nil.

**10** CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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Nil.

**11** COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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11.1 Governance and Organisation

Nil.

11.2 Economic Development and Infrastructure

Nil.

11.3 Community Culture and Environment

Nil.

**12** INFORMATION AGENDA

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12.1 Items for Exclusion

Nil.

12.2 Receipt of Information Reports

Nil.

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## 13 DEBATE AGENDA

### 13.1 Officer Reports

#### 13.1.1 Review Procurement Policy 8/1423

1. THAT Report Number 8/1423 entitled Review of Procurement Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council where appropriate and it provides value for money, including a local content weighting, can utilise the Local Buy Procurement arrangement administered by the Local Government Association Queensland and available to Councils in the Northern Territory.
3. THAT Council rescind Council Policy FIN04 – Procurement Policy.
4. THAT Council adopt Policy FIN04 – Procurement Policy being **Attachment A** to Report Number 8/1423 entitled Review of Procurement Policy.

CARRIED 8/3043 – 06/03/2018

#### 13.1.2 Change of Date for the Second Ordinary Council Meeting in March 8/1424

1. THAT Report Number 8/1424 entitled Change of Date for the Second Ordinary Council Meeting in March be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the change in date of the second Ordinary Council Meeting in March from 20 March to 13 March 2018 commencing at 6:30pm.

CARRIED 8/3044 – 06/03/2018

#### 13.1.3 Reporting of Creditor Payments and Accounts 8/1425

1. THAT Report Number 8/1425 entitled Reporting of Creditor Payments and Accounts be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note that in addition to Council's legislative reporting requirements, the following information will be provided with the monthly financial statements:
  - a. List of creditor payments for the month by vendor
  - b. Value of outstanding accounts to creditors at the end of each month by vendor
  - c. Total value of credit card transactions each month

CARRIED 8/3045 – 06/03/2018

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## 14 CORRESPONDENCE

### 17.1 Development Consent Authority – Deputy Chief Minister Hon. Nicole Manison MLA

THAT Council receives the correspondence received from the Deputy Chief Minister Hon. Nicole Manison MLA regarding the outcome of requesting the Official Manager be appointed as Councils representative on the Development Consent Authority.

CARRIED 8/3046 – 06/03/2018

## 15 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

## 16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### 16.1 Antonio Mazza – 4 March 2018

**Q: “In his letter to the ombudsman’s office of 19 July 2016, Ricki Bruhn said “Ms Peters did indicate that her husband, Greg Peters had been actively trying to purchase (Mosko’s Market), however Ms Hosking [the current and then-owner] had given no indication that she was prepared to sell the business to Mr Peters.” Does Council concede that this is misleading, given Ms Peters’ emails released under the Information Act show Ms Peters was, even on that very day, continuing to negotiate with Ms Hosking about the lease, and was on that day sent a copy of the signed lease?”**

The Official Manager stated that this operational matter was managed by the former Chief Executive Officer. This matter has been investigated by the Ombudsman and Council has responded to the Ombudsman recommendations by adopting Policy AD04 Lease of Council property on 19 September 2017. A copy of this Policy is available on Council’s website.

**Q: “Does Council concede that, given the volume and nature of emails from Ms Peters to Ms Hosking, that its negotiations with Ms Hosking were, in effect, negotiations by proxy with Ms Peters?”**

The Official Manager stated that this question should be referred to Ms Peters for a formal response.

**Q: “Ms Peters used her Council email address, at length, during work hours, to discuss the purchase of a business. Further, during work hours, she requested (and received) advice from a fellow Council staff member, Silke Reinhardt, about the purchase of that business. Was this an appropriate use of Council resources?”**

The Official Manager replied with no and notes that this operational matter was investigated by the Chief Executive Officer at that time.

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16.1 Antonio Mazza – 4 March 2018 (continued)

**Q: “Did Ms Peters withdraw from the sale negotiations as a result of inquiries from the Ombudsman?”**

The Official Manager stated that this question should be referred to Ms Peters for a formal response.

**Q: “Did Mr Bruhn, in his meeting with Ms Peters regarding the Ombudsman complaint, caution Ms Peters against further pursuing the purchase of Mosko’s? Were any meeting minutes or notes taken of that meeting?”**

The Official Manager replied that he has been advised that this internal staffing matter was investigated by the Chief Executive Officer at that time and remains in confidence.

*The Official Manager provided an opportunity for members of the gallery to ask questions.*

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**17 OTHER BUSINESS**

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**18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

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**19 CLOSURE**

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Meeting closed at 6.53pm



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Mark Blackburn  
Official Manager  
Date:

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