CITY OF PALMERSTON

Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, Palmerston
on Tuesday 20 September 2016 at 6.30pm.

Mayor Ian Abbott
Chair

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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: His Worship the Mayor Ian Abbott (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Seranna Shutt
Alderman Athina Pascoe-Bell
Alderman Andrew Byrne
Alderman Paul Bunker

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

Gallery: Lauren Roberts, NT News
1 member of the public

2 APOLOGIES

Alderman McKinnon – Leave of Absence

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

THAT the apology received from Alderman McKinnon be received and granted.

CARRIED 8/2249 – 20/09/2016
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

1. THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 6 September 2016 pages 8678 to 8689, be confirmed.

2. THAT the Confidential minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 6 September 2016 pages 257 to 259, be confirmed.

3. THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, 13 September 2016 pages 8690 to 8691, be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/2250 – 20/09/2016

MAYOR’S REPORT

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

THAT Council receives Report Number M8-29.

CARRIED 8/2251 – 20/09/2016

REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil.

QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

6.1 Library Café Lease

In response to the Questions raised by Alderman Pascoe-Bell “In regards to the question asked at the previous Council meeting, it is not clear how it was advertised or how applicants were sourced to fill the library café lease, please elaborate?” – The Acting Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:-

“Once the prior tenant decided to stop trading, the Director of Corporate and Community Services requested that Council’s property manager carry out a rental review and to immediately search for new possible tenants, and to bring any applications to Council. I am not aware of whether any advertising took place, but had it been necessary the property agent had the authority to do so. Within a week, however, the property manager brought two applications back to Council, which were reviewed by the Director and the Chief Executive Officer, who determined that Moskos Market were the most appropriate tenant. Negotiations commenced, and the lease was settled.”

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

10.1 Addition of Colour and Vibrancy to the City Centre

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

THAT an Officer’s report be brought to Council which examines opportunities to add colour by way of lighting, flags, etc. to existing features in and around Goyder Square.

CARRIED 8/2252 – 20/09/2016

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Governance and Organisation

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

THAT the minutes from the Governance and Organisation Committee meeting held on 8 September 2016, be received and noted and that Council adopts the recommendations made by the Committee and accordingly resolves as follows:-

11.1.1 Political Involvement in City of Palmerston Events

THAT Council adopts EM05 Political Involvement in Council Events Policy.

11.1.2 Review FIN22 Grant Income Policy

THAT Council adopt the amended FIN22 Grant Income Policy.

CARRIED 8/2253 – 20/09/2016
11.2 Economic Development and Infrastructure

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

THAT the minutes from the Economic Development and Infrastructure meeting held on 8 September 2016, be received and noted and that Council adopts the recommendations made by the Committee and accordingly resolves as follows:-

11.2.1 Closure of a section of Wallaby Holtz Road in Yarrawonga EDI/0451

1. THAT Council endorse the closure of the unmade section of Wallaby Holtz Road (between the Stuart Highway and the intersection with Yarrawonga Road) in Yarrawonga north.

2. THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to seek consent, pursuant to section 187 of the Local Government Act, from the Minister for Local Government and Community Services and the Minister responsible for the administration of the Control of Roads Act, for the permanent closure of the unmade section of Wallaby Holtz Road (between the Stuart Highway and the intersection with Yarrawonga Road) in Yarrawonga north.

3. THAT Council resolve to change the unmade section of Wallaby Holtz Road (between the Stuart Highway and the intersection with Yarrawonga Road) in Yarrawonga north to drainage reserve.

11.2.2 Renaming of Miller Court Park, Gunn EDI/0453

THAT Council staff further investigate and provide a list of names based on the theme plant species of the local area for the Park on Lot 10011 Miller Court, Gunn.

11.2.3 Reclassification of Park Class – William Kirkby Jones Memorial Park, Zuccoli EDI/0455

1. THAT Council change the classification of William Kirkby Jones Memorial Park from Class 2 to Class 1.

2. THAT the costs associated with increasing the level of services provided at William Kirkby Jones Memorial Park be included in the first budget review 2016/17.

CARRIED 8/2254 – 20/09/2016
11.3 Community Culture and Environment

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

THAT the minutes from the Community Culture and Environment meeting held on 7 September 2016, be received and noted and that Council adopts the recommendations made by the Committee with the exclusion of 11.3.2 and accordingly resolves as follows:-

11.3.1 Aridigawa Sister City Agreement CCE/0592

1. THAT Council authorise the Mayor to sign a three (3) year extension to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Aridagawa and City of Palmerston.

2. THAT Council approve for a Sister City Exchange Scholarship to be established, awarding two (2) Palmerston students with $2,000 to assist in participating in school exchanges to Aridagawa.

11.3.3 Financial Support – Top End Rehoming Group CCE/0598

THAT Council consider the application by Top End Rehoming Group for a Community Grant once an endorsed Companion Animal Management Plan is in place.

11.3.4 Financial Support – Cat Association of Northern Territory Inc CCE/0600

THAT Council consider the application by Cat Association of the Northern Territory Inc. for a Community Grant once an endorsed Companion Animal Management Plan is in place.

CARRIED 8/2255 – 20/09/2016

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

11.3.2 Shakespeare in the Park CCE/0594

1. THAT Council approve two performances of Shakespeare at Sanctuary Lakes at a cost of $26,500.00.

MOTION WITHDRAWN
12 INFORMATION AGENDA

12.1 Items for Exclusion
Nil.

12.2 Receipt of Information Reports

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

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

CARRIED 8/2256 – 20/09/2016

13 DEBATE AGENDA

13.1 Officer Reports

13.1.1 Liquor Licence Application – Lot 5694 (1) Mannikan Court, Bakewell – New Liquor Licence (restaurant) – Guzman Y Gomez

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0979.

CARRIED 8/2257 – 20/09/2016

13.1.2 Liquor Licence Application – Lot 7765 Gateway Shopping, Cnr Stuart Highway, Roystonea Avenue and Yarrawonga Road – New Liquor Licence (on licence) – Event Cinemas Palmerston

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0980.

CARRIED 8/2258 – 20/09/2016

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0981.

CARRIED 8/2259 – 20/09/2016

13.1.4 Community Facilities Fees and Charges 2016/2017

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0982.

CARRIED 8/2260 – 20/09/2016

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Bunker


CARRIED 8/2261 – 20/09/2016

13.1.5 Palmerston Pistol Club Inc. Rate Concession

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0983.

2. THAT Council approves a rate concession for the Palmerston Pistol Club Inc. in waiving the annual rates for the financial year 2016/2017.

CARRIED 8/2262 – 20/09/2016
13.1.6  Rosebery School – Installation of Two (2) School Crossings on Forrest Parade 8/0984

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0984.

CARRIED 8/2263 – 20/09/2016

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

2. THAT subject to the Rosebery Primary and/or Middle Schools providing a written undertaking to manage the school crossing flags two school crossings be provided on Forrest Parade in the locations discussed in Report Number 8/0984.

3. THAT staff continue to work with the Rosebery Primary and/or Middle Schools, NT Police and the Department of Education to improve pedestrian safety on Forrest Parade.

CARRIED 8/2264 – 20/09/2016

13.1.7  Council Committees and Representation 8/0986

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0986.

CARRIED 8/2265 – 20/09/2016

The Mayor called for nominations to fill the position on the CEO Performance Appraisal Committee.

Deputy Mayor Shutt and Alderman Pascoe-Bell were nominated for the vacant position. A vote was taken which provided the following result:

Deputy Mayor Shutt – 4
Alderman Pascoe-Bell – 1

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

2. THAT Council appoint Deputy Mayor Shutt to the CEO Performance Appraisal Committee.

CARRIED 8/2266 – 20/09/2016
13.1.7 Council Committees and Representation (continued) 8/0986

The Mayor called for nominations to fill the Chair position on the Palmerston Animal Management Reference Group.

Alderman Pascoe-Bell was the only member nominated.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Bunker

3. THAT Council appoint Alderman Pascoe-Bell as the Chairperson of the Palmerston Animal Management Reference Group.

CARRIED 8/2267 – 20/09/2016

14 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

15 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

17 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil.

19 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 7.14pm