CITY OF PALMERSTON

Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, Palmerston
on Tuesday 6 September 2016 at 6.31pm.

Mayor Ian Abbott
Chair

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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
Alderman Sue McKinnon

Staff: Ben Dornier, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services
Gary Boyle, Major Projects Officer
Alyce Breed, Minute Secretary
Sharon Tollard, Library Services Manager

Gallery: Lauren Roberts, NT News
2 members of the public

2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

1. THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 16 August 2016 pages 8667 to 8677, be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/2217 – 06/09/2016
Moved: Alderman Byrne  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

2. THAT the Confidential minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 16 August 2016 pages 254 to 256, be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/2218 – 06/09/2016

4 MAYOR’S REPORT  
M8-28

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Alderman Byrne


2. THAT Council note that Mayor Abbott has cancelled his Leave of Absence from Wednesday, 7 September to Sunday, 18 September 2016.

CARRIED 8/2219 – 06/09/2016

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

7.1 Alderman Pascoe-Bell – Library Café Lease

Alderman Pascoe-Bell asked the Acting Chief Executive Officer:

“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 took the question on notice.

8 PETITIONS

Nil.

9 DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.
CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

10.1 Policy for Casual Vacancy on Council

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

1. THAT Council adopt EM04 Casual Vacancy Policy.

MOTION LOST

DIVISION

Alderman Byrne called a division – as a consequence the result of the above motion was set aside.

Upon dividing, 3 members voted in the affirmative, 3 members voted in the negative.

Members Voting in the Affirmative
Alderman Byrne
Alderman Bunker
Deputy Mayor Shutt

Members Voting in the Negative
Mayor Abbott
Alderman McKinnon
Alderman Pascoe-Bell

The Chair declared the motion LOST

A Point of Order was raised by Alderman Bunker. The Mayor accepted this Point of Order.

10.2 Determining Casual Vacancy on Council

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Alderman Byrne

1. THAT in accordance with Section 39 (5) (a) of the Local Government Act, Council elect to co-opt a person to fill the casual vacancy (created by the resignation of Alderman Carter) until the next general election, with expressions of interest to be advertised in the NT News on 10th and 17th September and closing on Friday 23rd September 2016.

MOTION LOST
DIVISION

Alderman Byrne called a division – as a consequence the result of the above motion was set aside.

Upon dividing, 3 members voted in the affirmative, 3 members voted in the negative.

Members Voting in the Affirmative
Deputy Mayor Shutt
Alderman Byrne
Alderman Bunker

Members Voting in the Negative
Mayor Abbott
Alderman McKinnon
Alderman Pascoe-Bell

The Chair declared the motion LOST

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

THAT the motion be put.

CARRIED 8/2220 – 06/09/2016

DIVISION

Alderman Byrne called a division – as a consequence the result of the above motion was set aside.

Upon dividing, 3 members voted in the affirmative, 3 members voted in the negative.

Members Voting in the Affirmative
Mayor Abbott
Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Alderman McKinnon

Members Voting in the Negative
Deputy Mayor Shutt
Alderman Byrne
Alderman Bunker

The Chair used his casting vote and declared the motion CARRIED

A Point of Order was raised by Alderman Pascoe-Bell. The Mayor did not accept this Point of Order.
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

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

1. THAT item 12.3.3 ‘Smart Cities’ report be excluded from the Information Agenda for discussion.

CARRIED 8/2221 - 06/09/2016

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

2. THAT a report be brought to Council with options and costings for the development of a digital strategy.

CARRIED 8/2222 - 06/09/2016

12.2 Receipt of Information Reports

Moved: Alderman McKinnon
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

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

CARRIED 8/2223 - 06/09/2016

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

Officers provided a verbal report to the meeting.
13.1 Officer Reports

13.1.1 Thai Temple and NT Thai Association  8/0966

Moved:  Alderman McKinnon
Seconded:  Deputy Mayor Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0966.

CARRIED 8/2224 - 06/09/2016

Moved:  Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded:  Alderman McKinnon

2. THAT Council instruct officers to determine a suitable location and brings this location back to Council for consideration.

MOTION LOST

Moved:  Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded:  Alderman Byrne

3. THAT Council further consider the request by Thai Temple and NT Thai Association for land following the completion of the land use plan for Marlow Lagoon and adjoining Crown Land.

CARRIED 8/2225 - 06/09/2016

13.1.2 Alderman Carter - Resignation  8/0967

Moved:  Alderman Bunker
Seconded:  Deputy Mayor Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0967.

CARRIED 8/2226 - 06/09/2016

A Point of Order was raised by Alderman Byrne. The Mayor did not accept this Point of Order.

A Point of Order was raised by Alderman Byrne. The Mayor did not accept this Point of Order.

Moved:  Mayor Abbott
Seconded:  Alderman Pascoe-Bell

2. THAT Council not fill the casual vacancy.

CARRIED 8/2227 - 06/09/2016

A Point of Order was raised by Alderman McKinnon. The Mayor did not accept this Point of Order.
DIVISION
Alderman Byrne called a division – as a consequence the result of the above motion was set aside.

Upon dividing, 3 members voted in the affirmative, 3 members voted in the negative.

Members Voting in the Affirmative
Mayor Abbott
Alderman McKinnon
Alderman Pascoe-Bell

Members Voting in the Negative
Deputy Mayor Shutt
Alderman Byrne
Alderman Bunker

The Chair used his casting vote and declared the motion CARRIED

13.1.3 Library Materials – Stock Write-off 8/0970

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0970.

CARRIED 8/2228 – 06/09/2016

Moved: Alderman McKinnon
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

2. THAT Council approves the stock write off $81,273.

CARRIED 8/2229 – 06/09/2016

13.1.4 Review EM02 Elected Members Benefits and Support Policy 8/0971

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shutt
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0971.

CARRIED 8/2230 – 06/09/2016

Moved: Alderman McKinnon
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

2. THAT Council approve the amended EM02 Elected Members Benefits and Support Policy.

MOTION WITHDRAWN
13.1.5 City of Palmerston Arts Strategy 8/0962

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

THAT the matter be brought back for discussion.

CARRIED 8/2231 – 06/09/2016

13.1.5 City of Palmerston Arts Strategy 8/0962

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0962.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

13.1.5 City of Palmerston Arts Strategy 8/0974

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0974.

CARRIED 8/2232 – 06/09/2016

Moved: Alderman Byrne
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt


CARRIED 8/2233 – 06/09/2016

13.1.6 Proposed Future Multistorey Car Park Lot 10024 and Part Lot 9629 Frances Street, Palmerston City 8/0976

Moved: Alderman McKinnon
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0976.

CARRIED 8/2234 – 06/09/2016
13.1.6 Proposed Future Multistorey Car Park Lot 10024 and Part Lot 9629 Frances Street, Palmerston City (continued) 8/0976

Moved: Alderman Bunker
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shutt

2. THAT Council continue to pursue the option of including a public car park in the building development on Lot 10024 and neighbouring Lot 9629 with the future owner of Lot 10024.

3. THAT a minimum of 250 bays be provided in a standalone public accessible area separate from the buildings private car park.

4. THAT a minimum of 250 bays be provided in addition to the bays generated by the uses at the site.

CARRIED 8/2235 – 06/09/2016

DIVISION

Alderman Bunker called a division – as a consequence the result of the above motion was set aside.

Upon dividing, 5 members voted in the affirmative, 1 member voted in the negative.

Members Voting in the Affirmative
Mayor Abbott
Deputy Mayor Shutt
Alderman Bunker
Alderman Byrne
Alderman McKinnon

Members Voting in the Negative
Alderman Pascoe-Bell

The Chair declared the motion CARRIED

14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Northern Territory Grants Commission Allocations 2016-17

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

THAT Council receives correspondence from Mr Bob Beadman, Chairman of the Northern Territory Grants Commission regarding Northern Territory Grants Commission Allocations 2016-17, received on 16 August 2016.

CARRIED 8/2236 – 06/09/2016
**RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

At the invitation of the Chair

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved: Alderman McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

THAT the meeting be adjourned for approximately 20 minutes.

CARRIED 8/2237 – 06/09/2016

The meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

**RECONVENED**

Moved: Alderman McKinnon  
Seconded: Alderman Pascoe-Bell

THAT the meeting be reconvened.

CARRIED 8/2238 – 06/09/2016

The meeting reconvened at 9:23pm.

**CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Moved: Alderman Pascoe-Bell  
Seconded: Alderman McKinnon

18.1 Facilities Review 8/0968

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 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Director of Technical Services, Major Projects Officer 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 Facilities Review 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:
18.1 Facilities Review (continued)  8/0968

(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 6 September 2016, in relation to confidential item number 18.1 Facilities Review the report and associated documents 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.

18.2 Covai Café  8/0969

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 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Director of Technical Services, Major Projects Officer 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 Question in relation to confidential agenda item 18.2 Covai Café 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 Question 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 6 September 2016, in relation to confidential item number 18.2 Covai Café the report and associated documents 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 Repurposing of ISLRIP Funds to Hillson ST and Archer Waste Transfer Station  8/0973

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 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Director of Technical Services, Major Projects Officer 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 Question in relation to confidential agenda item 18.3 Repurposing of ISLRIP Funds to Hillson ST and 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 Question 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.
18.3 Repurposing of ISLRIP Funds to Hillson ST and Archer Waste Transfer Station (continued)

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 6 September 2016, in relation to confidential item number 18.3 Repurposing of ISLRIP Funds to Hillson ST and Archer Waste Transfer Station the report and associated documents 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.

CARRIED 8/2239 – 06/09/2016

The meeting moved into the Confidential Session at 9:24pm.

19 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 10.35pm