

CITY OF PALMERSTON

Minutes of Council Meeting
held via video conference
live streaming from the Council website <https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au>
on Tuesday 5 May 2020 at 5:30pm.

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Lucy Morrison
Alderman Amber Garden
Alderman Benjamin Giesecke
Alderman Damian Hale
Alderman Sarah Henderson
Alderman Tom Lewis
Alderman Mick Spick

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
Director Lifestyle and Community, Amelia Vellar
Director Organisational Services, Richard Iap
Acting Director City Growth and Operations, Alex Douglas
Minute Secretary, Alexandra Briley

LIVE STREAMING VIEWERS

Four live stream viewers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting - the Larrakia People - and pay my respects to their elders, past, present and future.

2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.31pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Nil.

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3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Nil.

4 REQUEST FOR TELECONFERENCING

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Nil.

5.2 Staff

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Alderman Hale
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 April 2020 pages 10063 to 10072, be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/1097 – 05/05/2020

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil.

Initials: _____

7 MAYORAL REPORT

7.1 Mayoral Update Report - 5 May 2020

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report – 5 May 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1098 – 05/05/2020

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

9.1 Cat Park

Moved: Alderman Lewis
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT the following public question from Raymond Terrance of Gunn and response regarding Cat Park as tabled and read out be received and noted.

Question: Would it be feasible to discuss the idea of a cat type park or sanctuary on section of Fish River Park that is on the other side of the playground?

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

Answer: Thank you for your query regarding the possibility of a cat park/sanctuary at the park located at Fish River Way, Gunn.

As you may be aware, Council manages open space such as parks and performs a range of functions relating to the management and responsible keeping of domestic pets in our municipality.

Within the purview of local government, City of Palmerston regulates the control of domestic animals in public places (e.g. dogs to be on a leash and restrictions on when dogs can be in parks or reserves) and has a dedicated dog park for dogs to socialise and exercise. Unlike domesticated dogs there are other factors to consider in terms of the socialisation of cats due to their territorial nature, threats to their safety and to the safety of native wildlife.

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Cats are solitary and prefer to roam on their own and not with groups of cats. If they are raised in a home with no contact with other cats they may react strongly to another cat in their territory.

Unfortunately domestic cats that go outside (including to socialise in a park) face a lot of dangers. Outdoor cats are more exposed to catching infectious diseases from other cats especially through fighting such and can be infected with fleas, ticks, and other parasites. They are at increased risk of being hit by vehicles and attacked by other cats, dogs, or wildlife.

Cats (domestic or feral) are known to be prolific and efficient hunters. They have caused the extinction of some ground-dwelling birds and small to medium-sized mammals. Cats have been identified as a key threat to the survival of several native species by the federal government and for this reason Council aims to educate the public on keeping domestic cats within the confines of their property. Being a responsible cat owner can save precious native wildlife.

It is acknowledged cats can be wonderful companions for individuals or families in our community, however due to their behaviours and personality traits as mentioned, a cat park within our municipality is not considered feasible.

CARRIED 9/1099 – 05/05/2020

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

Nil

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil.

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Hale

THAT pursuant to Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items:

Initials:

ITEM	REGULATION	REASON
25.2.1	8(c)(iii)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act</i> and 8(c)(iii) of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.
25.2.2	8(c)(iv)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act</i> and 8(c)(iv) of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person is discussed.

CARRIED 9/1100 – 05/05/2020

11 PETITIONS

Nil.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

13 OFFICERS REPORTS

13.1 Receive and Note Reports

13.1.1 Organisational Services Department Quarterly Report January to March 2020

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison

Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT Report entitled Organisational Services Department Quarterly Report January to March 2020 be received and noted.

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Initials: _____

13.2 Action Reports

13.2.1 Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – 25 February 2020

Moved: Alderman Garden

Seconded: Alderman Spick

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – 25 February 2020 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council receive and note the Unconfirmed Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes being **Attachment 13.2.1.1** to Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – 25 February 2020.
3. THAT Council endorse the recommendations from the Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting held on 25 February 2020:
 - a. The following items from Report Number 9RMA/022:
 - (i) THAT Report Number 9RMA/022 entitled Action Report be received and noted.
 - (ii) THAT a report outlining the details and linkages of a 3 year internal audit plan to the strategic and operational risk register be presented to the next committee meeting.
 - (iii) THAT the Committee requests that at its next meeting a workshop be included to cover:
 - o Terms of Reference
 - o Strategic Risk Register
 - o Risk Management and internal audit framework
 - b. The following items from Report Number 9RMA/021:
 - (i) THAT Report Number 9RMA/021 entitled Asset Management Plan Update be received and noted.
 - (ii) THAT a further report be submitted to the Risk Management and Audit Committee to consider the final drafts of the Asset Management Plans for Stormwater Drainage, Pathways and Transport (Roads) by the 30 June 2020 with reference to the Strategic Risk Register.
 - c. The following items from Report Number 9RMA/023:
 - (i) THAT Report Number 9RMA/023 entitled Management of Outstanding Infringements be received and noted.
 - (ii) THAT item 9RMA/018 be noted as completed and removed from the action report.

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13.2.1 Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – 25 February 2020
(continued)

- d. The following item from External Audit:
 - (i) THAT based on the performance of Merit Partners the Risk Management and Audit Committee recommends to Council the option to extend the appointment of Merit Partners for the 2019/20 year.
- e. The following items from Report C9RMA/020:
 - (i) THAT Report Number C9/RMA020 entitled Information Technology Security Update on Outstanding Action Items be received and noted.
 - (ii) THAT outstanding issue RMA/0126 – Review of and update of IT permissions to modules within the financial systems be transferred to the completed actions items register.
 - (iii) THAT Mobile Device Management Software Platform Implementation be added to the Risk Management and Audit Outstanding Action Items register with a completion date of 31 December 2020.
 - (iv) THAT the IT Policy review and Development Schedule including completion dates be provided to the 26 May Meeting.
 - (v) THAT this decision be moved to the open session.
- 4. THAT Council note that the next meeting that was to be held on 26 May 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19 and is being rescheduled to late June 2020.

CARRIED 9/1102 – 05/05/2020

13.2.2 Draft Policy Preserving Our Urban Forest

Moved: Alderman Giesecke
Seconded: Alderman Lewis

- 1. THAT Report entitled Draft Policy Preserving Our Urban Forest be received and noted.
- 2. THAT Council adopt the Draft *Policy Preserving Our Urban Forest* at **Attachment 13.2.2.1** to Report entitled Draft Policy Preserving Our Urban Forest for the purposes of 21 days public consultation with a report on consultation outcomes presented to the first Ordinary Council Meeting in July 2020.

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13.2.3 Adoption Draft *FIN02 - Rating Policy*

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Adoption Draft *FIN02 - Rating Policy* be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts *FIN02 - Rating Policy* **Attachment 13.2.3.2** as a policy of Council.

CARRIED 9/1104 – 05/05/2020

13.2.4 Third Quarter Budget Review 2019/20

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Third Quarter Budget Review 2019/20 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the Third Quarter Budget Review 2019/20, pursuant to Section 128 (2) of *Local Government Act* per **Attachment 13.2.4.1** of report entitled Third Quarter Budget Review 2019/20.
3. THAT Council adopts the reserve movements for 2019/20 of:

- i. Transfer from Reserve:
 - \$715,000 from Developer Funds in Lieu of Construction Reserve
 - \$100,000 from Waste Management Reserve for Waste Strategy
- ii. Transfer to Reserve
 - \$1,400,050.08 to Unexpended Capital Works Reserve inclusive of:
 - \$305,750.91 for Playground Refurbishments
 - \$300,000.00 for Sustainability Programs
 - \$178,415.26 for Fleet Replacements
 - \$150,000.00 for Mitchell Creek Escarpment Feasibility Study
 - \$100,000.00 for Archer Waste Management Facility Renewals
 - \$97,930.50 for continued works on Marlow Lagoon Pathways
 - \$97,206.00 for Archer Landfill Site Rehabilitation
 - \$91,747.41 for the second stage of the *Liveable Cities* program
 - \$80,000.00 for the commission of Public Art
 - \$300,309.15 to Working Capital Reserve
 - \$50,000.00 to Unexpended Grants Reserve

as per **Attachment 13.2.4.2** of report entitled Third Quarter Budget Review 2019/20.

Initials: _____

13.2.4 Third Quarter Budget Review 2019/20 (continued)

4. THAT Council adopts reserve movements as at 1 July 2020 of \$1,400,050.08 from Unexpended Capital Works Reserve to allow delivery and completion of 2019/20 Capital Works Program.

CARRIED 9/1105 – 05/05/2020

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil.

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Financial Relief for Sporting Organisations

Moved: Alderman Lewis
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the correspondence dated 24 April 2020 from the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture being Item 14.2.1 entitled Financial Relief for Sporting Organisations be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1106 – 05/05/2020

14.2.2 Local Government Assistance Package

Moved: Alderman Hale
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT the correspondence dated 28 April 2020 from the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development being Item 14.2.2 entitled Local Government Assistance Package be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1107 – 05/05/2020

Initials: _____

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

15.1 Tourism Top End Meeting

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the verbal report received by Alderman Henderson regarding Tourism Top End Meeting be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1108 – 05/05/2020

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

16.1 Lake 9 Durack Fish Kill

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT the question asked by Deputy Mayor Morrison regarding Lake 9 Durack Fish Kill and the response provided by the Acting Director City Growth and Operations be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1109 – 05/05/2020

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

18 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Alderman Hale
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 19 May 2020 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, members of the public can view the meeting via live streaming from the Council website <https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au>.

CARRIED 9/1110 – 05/05/2020

Initials: _____

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Alderman Lewis
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT pursuant to Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* and Regulation 9 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 9/1111 - 05/05/2020

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes for media liaison.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:34 pm

Chair

Print Name

Date

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