

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 05 November 2025, commencing at 7.00pm.

Members Present: Grant Smith (The Mayor) (in the Chair) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Waid Crockett, Chief Executive opened the meeting in the chair. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Karakia Timatanga

Mr Wiremu Te Awe Awe opened the meeting with karakia.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb declared a conflict of interest in Item 9 Appointment of Deputy Mayor (clause 147-25) and took no further part in discussion or debate.

Oath of Office – Mayor Grant Smith

The Mayor made the required declaration required by clause 14 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, witnessed by the Chief Executive.

Desiree Viggars, Legal Counsel invested the Mayor with the Chain of Office. Margaret Hunt, Executive Assistant to the Mayor invested the Mayoress with the Chain of Office.

Mayor Grant Smith took the Chair at 7.19pm

Oath of Office - Councillors

Each Councillor made the declaration required by clause 14 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, witnessed by the Mayor.

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Inaugural address by The Mayor

The inaugural address by the Mayor is appended to the minutes.

171-25 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Presentation, by Grant Smith, Mayor.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Rachel Bowen.

RESOLVED

1. That Council note that the Mayor has appointed Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb as the Deputy Mayor.

Clause 171-25 above was carried on the hands.

Note: Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb declared a conflict of interest, withdrew from the discussion and left the room.

172-25 Summary of Relevant Legislation

Memorandum, presented by Desiree Viggars, Legal Counsel.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council note the report Summary of Relevant Legislation for information.

Clause 172-25 above was carried on the hands.

173-25 Council Meeting Schedule 2025

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Manager - Governance.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council agree the following meeting dates for the remainder of 2025:

- Council - 9.00am, Wednesday 12 November 2025
- Council - 9.00am, Wednesday 3 December 2025
- Council - 9.00am, Wednesday 10 December 2025

to be held at the Council Chamber, first floor, Civic Administration Building,
32 The Square, Palmerston North.

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Clause 173-25 above was carried on the hands.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb closed the meeting with karakia

The meeting finished at 8.02pm.

Confirmed 3 December 2025

Mayor

UNCONFIRMED