

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on May 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Due to COVID-19 Mayor DeVries was present in the Council Chambers while the Council Members participated in the meeting by teleconference.

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following were present:

Edna DeVries, Mayor	Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor (participated by teleconference)
Julie Berberich (participated by teleconference)	Sabrina Combs (participated by teleconference)
Richard W. Best (participated by teleconference)	Jill Valerius (participated by teleconference)
Steve Carrington (participated by teleconference)	

Staff in attendance were the following:

Brad Hanson, City Manager	Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated by teleconference)
Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk	Kara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a. **Action Memorandum No. 20-043:** Acknowledgement of all Federal Grant Assurances as it Relates to the Federal Aviation Administration’s Airport Improvement Program

**Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda**

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs

**Primary Amendment #1: To Amend the Agenda By Moving Item I.3. to I.2.**

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**Vote on Motion: To Approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda, as Amended**

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

- 1. Presentation by Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Richard Benedetto

Mr. Richard Benedetto spoke on current city projects and the proposed curbside and off-road parking increase and changes. He fielded questions from Council.

**F. REPORTS**

- 1. City Manager’s Report

City Manager Hanson highlighted his written report.

- 2. City Clerk’s Report

None.

- 3. Mayor’s Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report and requested the proposed ethics legislation to be discussed as a Committee of the Whole.

- 4. City Attorney’s Report

None.

**G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Julie Estey, Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) Director of Pubic Affairs, updated on the easement tree clearing that will be happening within the city of Palmer.

**H. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. **Resolution No. 20-013:** Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate the 2020 State of Alaska High Visibility Click It or Ticket Enforcement Grant in the Amount of \$12,480.00 to be used for High Visibility Seatbelt Enforcement Activities by the Palmer Police Department

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-013. Hearing no objections from the Council Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-013**

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **Resolution No. 20-014:** Authorizing the City Manager to Suspend Certain Fees and Fines From the 2020 Fees and Fines Schedules Due to COVID-19 Public Health Disaster Emergency

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-014**

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

- Action Memorandum No. 20-044:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 5566 for Matanuska Brewing Company

*Action Memorandum No. 20-044 was moved on the Agenda.*

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-044**

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

- Resolution No. 20-015:** Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Coronavirus Relief Funds in the Amount of \$7,566,546.24 for Costs that are for Necessary Expenditures Incurred Due to the Public Health Emergency with Respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

City Manager Hanson presented the staff report.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-015**

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**J. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE**

City Clerk Alley reported MEA's proposed clearing map was the Item Placed on the Table.

**K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski spoke about the Memorial Day celebration in Wasilla, voiced support for Palmer having their own Memorial Day event, and the new bike paths in town.

**L. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

No direction was given to staff for legislation to be placed on a future agenda.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020.**

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

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Edna B. DeVries, Mayor