

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on July 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor Carrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Steve Carrington, Mayor
Carolina Anzilotti
Richard W. Best
Joshua Tudor

Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor
John Alcantra
Thomas Ojala IV

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager
Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk

Sarah Heath, City Attorney
Holly Dubose, 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. 22-045:** A: Confirming the Mayor’s Nomination of Penny Mosher and John Murphy for Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission with Terms Ending December 31, 2024
 - b. Introduction and set public hearing date of August 9, 2022, for **Ordinance No. 22-005:** to Rezone Tax Parcel C-21, T18N, R2E, S33, from C-L, Limited Commercial to C-G, General Commercial
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. July 12, 2022, Regular Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda, Consent Agenda, and Minutes, as Presented

Moved by:	N/A
Seconded by:	N/A
Vote:	Unanimous Consent
Action:	Motion Carried

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

F. REPORTS

City Manager reported on the following:

- City Insurance update;
- Elevate Matsu Coalition overview;
- Matsu Miners City Sponsored game;

- Upcoming Friday tour of Forestry facility;
- Palmer Revenue update, and
- Senior exemption legislation to be drafted.

City Clerk reported the following:

- Candidacy packets due by Friday at 4pm;
- John Alcantra has been verified for his candidacy; and
- One other candidate has submitted a candidate packet and has not yet been verified.

Mayor reported the following:

- Linda Combs Citizen of the year; and
- Palmer Pride was a successful event.

City Attorney reported on the following:

- Reiterated her written report and spoke against Council adopting Ordinance 22-004 and Resolution 22-021 as written.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commended Council Member Best on his microphone use and gave suggestions for the Council, and commented on red flashing light at the four way stop in Palmer.

Eric Anderson:

- Commented on the homeless issue coming from Anchorage after the shelter closing.
- Challenged the Council to represent members of the community that did not vote for them.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented on the change in atmosphere with the new Council.
- Commented on the funding source for the City's voting machines.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 22-021:** Submitting a Question to the City's Qualified Voters at the October 4, 2022, City of Palmer Election, Pertaining to Eligibility of Council Members and the Mayor

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Seeing no others come forward Mayor Carrington closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-021, As amended

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	5 Yes/ 2 No (Alcantra and Anzilotti)
Action:	Adopted

Mayor Carrington called a 5-minute recess to draft amended language. Mayor Carrington called back to order at 6:41pm.

Primary Amendment #1: Amend Resolution No. 22-021 as follows: From, "No person who has been recalled from an office or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against them shall be deemed eligible for all city offices, boards and commissions for two years from the end of the designated term for removal by recall or resignation".

To, "Any person who has been recalled after October 4, 2022, from an office or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against them shall be deemed ineligible for all city offices, boards and commissions for two years from the end of the designated term for removal by recall or resignation".

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Adopted

2. Resolution No. 22-005 A: Amending the City of Palmer Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022

City Manager Moosey gave an overview of the budget adjustment.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward Mayor Carrington closed the Public Hearing.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-005 A

Moved by:	Alcantra
Seconded by:	Best
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 22-004:** Amending the Palmer Municipal Code 2.04.031 and 2.05.020, Pertaining to Eligibility of Council Members and the Mayor

Main Motion: To Postpone Indefinitely Ordinance No. 22-004

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Tudor
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Eric Anderson:

- Thanked Mike Chmielewski with Big Cabbage Radio for streaming the meetings
- Commented on recent protests.

- Encouraged people to check out the paving project in the Cedar Hills neighborhood.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Alcantra:

- Commented on Palmer Pride picnic.

Council Member Tudor:

- Thanked everyone for attending the Palmer Pride Picnic.
- Congratulated to Linda Comb for citizen of the year.
- Congratulated the Fern for business of the year.
- Explained his reason for supporting the amended Ordinance.

Council Member Best:

- Commented on the beautification awards and the efforts put forth by Palmer residents.

Council Member Melin:

- Regretful her inability to attend the Palmer Pride event.
- Congratulated residents for beautification awards.
- Noted the comments made by Eric Anderson and recommended neighborhood watch efforts to help mediate issues.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Enjoyed singing national anthem at the Miners Game.

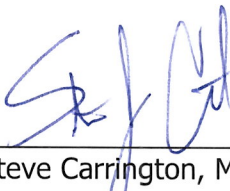
Council Member Alcantra:

- Congratulated new members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and noted Mr. Murphy specifically.
- Thanked Cindy Hudgins for her comments.
- Commented on the use of certain voting machines.

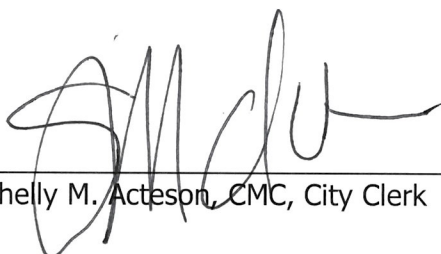
N. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of August, 2022.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk