

A. CALL TO ORDER

A joint meeting of the Palmer City Council and Airport Advisory Commission was held on January 15, 2019, 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

Comprising a quorum of the City Council and Airport Advisory Commission, the following roll call was taken:

City Council:

Edna DeVries, Mayor
Pete LaFrance, Deputy Mayor
Julie Berberich
Steve Carrington
Linda Combs
Sabrena Combs (arrived at 7:50 p.m.)
David Fuller

Airport Advisory Commission:

Kenneth More, Chairman
Liz Swearingin, Vice Chairman
Richard W. Best (participated telephonically)
Shannon Jardine (participated telephonically)
Joyce Momarts
Andrew Weaver

Airport Advisory Commission Member Jeff Helmericks was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated telephonically)

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk
Frank Kelly, Airport Superintendent

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CC Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	L. Combs
In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs, DeVries, Fuller, LaFrance
Opposed:	None
Absent:	S. Combs
Action:	Motion Carried

AAC Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda

Moved by:	Momarts
Seconded by:	Best
In favor:	Best, Jardine, Momarts, More, Swearingin, Weaver
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Helmericks
Action:	Motion Carried

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ray Michaelson asked the Council and Commission to expand on the plan for tree removal and expressed concern for removing trees, which provide protection from the wind.

F. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Committee of the Whole
 - 1. Recap of 2018 Airport Projects and Events
 - 2. 2019 Airport Projects and Goals
 - 3. Other Matters Related to the Palmer Municipal Airport
 - 4. City Council Direction to the AAC

CC Main Motion: To Enter into a Committee of the Whole

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Fuller
In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs, DeVries, Fuller, LaFrance
Opposed:	None
Absent:	S. Combs
Action:	Motion Carried

AAC Main Motion: To Enter into a Committee of the Whole

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Swearingin
In favor:	Best, Jardine, Momarts, More, Swearingin, Weaver
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Helmericks
Action:	Motion Carried

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 7:08 p.m.

- 1. Recap of 2018 Airport Projects and Events

Chair More reviewed the written material and provided a report on the 2018 Airport Projects and Events.

- 2. 2019 Airport Projects and Goals

Chair More reviewed the written material and provided a report on the 2019 Airport Projects and Goals.

- 3. Other Matters Related to the Palmer Municipal Airport

Airport superintendent Frank Kelly stated tree removal is mandated by the FAA for safety, the airport must provide an obstacle free zone and is always working to be compliant but will leave as many trees as possible to provide a buffer from the wind.

- 4. City Council Direction to the AAC

Council Member S. Combs arrived at the meeting and was seated at the dais at 7:50 p.m.

Direction was provided to develop the 13 acres, draw businesses to the airport, address the Fuel Flowage Fee, and develop a plan for the non-aeronautical acreage,

The City Council and Commission adjourned the Committee of the Whole and reconvened the joint meeting at 8:20 p.m.

CC Main Motion: To Direct the Commission to Develop a Plan for the Non-Aeronautical Acreage Near the Airport, Include Outreach to Media, Advertising, Open Discussions with the Board of Economic Development and Palmer Businesses, and to Draw Business Development for the Area Described

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Fuller
In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs, S. Combs, DeVries, Fuller, LaFrance
Opposed:	None
Action:	Motion Carried

CC Main Motion: To Direct the City Manager to Rezone the Property Adjacent to the Airport to Airport Industrial

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	LaFrance
In favor:	Fuller
Opposed:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs, S. Combs, DeVries, LaFrance
Action:	Motion Failed

G. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

None.

H. COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS

All Council and Commission Members expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to meet and have open discussion and appreciation to Airport Superintendent Kelly for all his hard work, dedication to making the airport a robust part of the city, and his vision.

Council Member LaFrance announced he would be absent from the January 22 Council meeting.

Council Member Fuller announced he would late to the January 22 Council meeting.

Chair More commented he looks forward to what the future holds for the airport, expressed his appreciation to the commission members and Superintendent Kelly for their hard work and extended an invitation to take any of the Council members in his plane so they can see a different perspective of the airport.

Mayor DeVries thanked the Commission for all their hard work and dedication to the community.

I. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council and Airport Advisory Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Approved by the City Council on this 12th day of February, 2019.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna DeVries, Mayor

Approved by the Airport Advisory Commission this 28th day of February, 2019.

Frank Kelly, Airport Superintendent

Ken Moore, Airport Advisory Commission Chairman