

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on November 23, 2021, in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Deputy Mayor Carrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

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

Steve Carrington, Deputy Mayor	Sabrena Combs
Pamela Melin	Brian Daniels
Jill Valerius (on Zoom)	

Council Member Best was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager	Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Michael Gatti, City Attorney (via Zoom)	

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a. **Action Memorandum No. 21-064:** Approving Mayor DeVries' Resignation, Declaring the Seat Vacant, Effective November 21, 2021, in Accordance with PMC 2.05.070
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. September 14, 2021, Regular Meeting

**Main Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes.**

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Daniels
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**E. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO INCOMING MAYOR STEVEN J. CARRINGTON**

Council Member Steven J. Carrington was sworn in as Mayor.

**F. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

**G. REPORTS**

1. City Manager's Report  
City Manager Moosey reported on the following:

- Congratulated Mayor Carrington.

2. Mayor's Report  
Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- Shop Palmer event.

3. City Clerk's Report  
City Clerk reported on the following:

- Deputy Clerk position posted on the website.

4. City Attorney reported on the following:

- Congratulated Mayor Carrington.

## H. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Coons:

- Questioned the need for the City to spend funds on a study to local and national elections.

Jackie Goforth:

- Spoke in favor of honesty, integrity and ethical interactions.
- Read aloud from the City Code of Ethics.

Connie Yoshimura:

- Provided an update on the Cedar Park Subdivision.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Questioned ties between the city and the local newspaper and Radio Free Palmer

Mike Chmielewski:

- Refuted statements made by a member of the public concerning visits to his home by council members.
- Commented on 2 studies discussed by council concerning pay wages and tennis courts.

A brief at ease was called by Mayor Carrington.

## I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Ordinance No. 21-019:** Amending Palmer Municipal Codes 2.04.080, 2.20.080, 2.22.080, 2.25.080 and 2.30.080 to Modify the Start Time of Meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 21-019. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

### Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 21-019

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

- 2. Ordinance No. 21-020:** Amending the Palmer Municipal Code 3.16 Sales Tax, to Create Certain Uniform Provision for the Collection and remittance of Sales Tax in Alignment with the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Code PMC 3.16.300, Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Code Adopted by Reference.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-020. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 21-020**

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

- 3. Resolution No. 21-037:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Identifying the City of Palmer's Capital Project Priorities for State, Federal and Other Interested Parties Funding

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 21-037. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 21-037**

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

- 4. Resolution No. 21-038:** A Resolution of the City of Palmer Authorizing the City Manager to Accept, Appropriate and Execute the Federal ARPA Grants Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Palmer Public Library for Pandemic Modifications in the Amount of \$45,295

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 21-038.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Questioned the oversight of the funds.

Mike Coons:

- Expressed concern with Federal oversight of the funds.

City Manager Moosey provided a brief staff report of the plans for the funds.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 21-038**

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Daniels
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

## J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Council did not enter into Committee of the Whole.

## K. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 21-061:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Three-Year Contract for Professional Audit Services

### Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-61

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

2. **Action Memorandum No. 21-62:** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Assignment of Lease Agreement with CIG, LLC (Assignor) and 800 E Yukon, LLC (Assignee) for PMA Lease No. 19-002, on Lease Lot 13, Block 3, Palmer Municipal Airport for the Purpose of Transferring the Lease to a New Real Estate Holding Entity

### Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-062

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

3. **Action Memorandum No. 21-063:** Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with a Selected Law Firm for Legal Services for the City of Palmer Not to Exceed \$160,000 from the Request for Proposals RFP 3 21-01CC

### Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-063

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

4. **Action Memorandum No. 21-065:** Approving a Council Community Grant to Palmer Hockey Association for Alaska Army National Guard Stars and Striped Hockey Tournament

### Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-065

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	Combs
Vote:	Unanimous NO votes
Action:	Motion FAILED for lack of a majority vote

Discussion ensued concerning the grant request for an event that had already occurred. City Manager Moosey provided an overview of the request.

5. **Action Memorandum No. 21-066:** Approving a Council Community Grant to Palmer Hockey Association for Air Force Aim High Junior Varsity Hockey Tournament

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 21-065**

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Daniels
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**Primary Amendment #1: To change the grant amount o \$1,000**

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

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

**M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented on the biased, liberal, and left-wing nature of the newspaper used by the city.

Jackie Goforth:

- Explained the term "gaslighting" and commented on the book "The Real Anthony Fauci".

Mike Coons:

- Requested Council entertain the idea of becoming a sanctuary city concerning vaccine mandates.
- Noted he is Commissioner on the Commission on Aging, and requested the Council sign a quarterly ethics form.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council did not hold an Executive Session.

**O. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Valerius:

- Thanked the City Manager and staff for all the work on the budget.
- Provided an overview of noteworthy AML Conference virtual sessions.
- Commented favorably on the Buy Alaska Program.
- Clarified that she was not in attendance at Ms. Henricksen's home as stated earlier in the meeting.

Council Member Combs:

- Commented on AML Conference sessions, including rank choice voting.
- Thanked City Manager for the well put together budget.
- Commented on the upcoming Shop Small Saturday event.

Council Member Daniels:

- Thanked Mayor Carrington on a well-run meeting.
- Commented on the importance of the upcoming Small Business Saturday event.

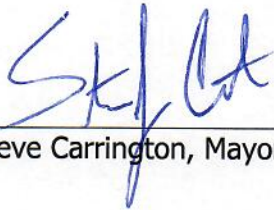
Council Member Melin:

- Thanked Manager Moosey and Finance Director Gina Davis for their work on the budget and their patience with responding to budget questions.

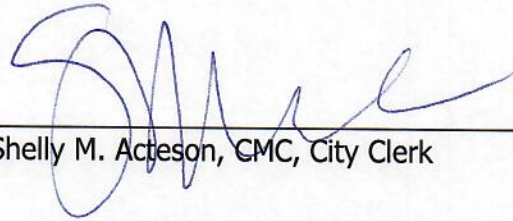
**P. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

**APPROVED this 9 day of January, 2022.**



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk