

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on January 11, 2022, 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	Sabrina Combs
Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor	Brian Daniels
Jill Valerius (on Zoom)	Richard Best (on Zoom)

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager (on Zoom)	Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Sarah Heath, City Attorney	

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) **Action Memorandum No. 22-001:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection for Turkey Red Liquor License No. 4758 of Licensed Premises Diagram Change
 - b) **Action Memorandum No. 22-002:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Management Services Contract with Eagle Golf Course Management, Inc. for the Operation of the Palmer Municipal Golf Course to Reflect 2022 Payments
 - c) **Action Memorandum No. 22-003:** Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Palmer Museum of History and Art's Contract Amendment No. 10 for Care, Custody and Control of Historical Artifacts Owned by the City in the Amount of \$55,400 to Reflect 2022 Payments
 - d) **Action Memorandum No. 22-004:** Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Amendment No. 2, Palmer Museum of History and Art's Management Service Contract Amendment for Operation of the Visitor Center in the Amount of \$71,115 to Reflect 2022 Payments
 - e) **Action Memorandum No. 22-005:** Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Addendum with HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC in the Amount of \$124,272 for the Additional Design Work Associated with the 2021 Taxiway (N) November Design Project for the New Aircraft Parking Apron E
 - f) **Action Memorandum No. 22-006:** Confirming the Mayor's Nomination of Richelle Carmichael for Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with Term Ending December 31, 2024
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a) November 23, 2021, Special and Regular Meeting

b) December 7, 2021, Special Meeting

Council Member Best requested to move item D. 1. a. to New Business. There were no objections.

Main Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as amended and Minutes.

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager’s Report

Community Development Director Brad Hanson introduced community member Brad Zirkle, who volunteered to help fix the train engine by the Depot that was damaged during the recent windstorm.

City Manager John Moosey reported on the following:

- Welcomed new City Attorney Sarah Heath.
- Deputy Mayor’s presentation to the local legislators.
- Governor’s budget included funds for the City’s Wastewater Clarifier Project.
- Request for Proposals for IT Services, newspaper notice publications, and meeting broadcast services.
- City Disaster Declaration executed.
- Mat-Su Borough Disaster Relief information request of businesses and residents.
- 41 years of service to the city by employee Joan Patterson

2. Mayor’s Report

Deputy Mayor Melin provided an overview of the Valley Mayors and Managers Meeting.

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- City Disaster Declaration.
- Council Seat vacancy process.

Discussion followed regarding the vacancy process.

3. City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Shelly Acteson reported on the following:

- Recall petitions were filed with the Clerk today.

4. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Sarah Heath reported on the following:

- Timeline of the council vacancy process according to the Code.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented on submitting the signatures for the three recall petitions to the City Clerk today.

Jackie Goforth:

- Referenced AS 44.62.310 violations and the Mat-Su Moms for Justice Facebook Group.
- Referenced the City Code of Ethics document.
- Demanded that the three council members that were the subject of the recall petitions, are hoist by their own petard.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Welcomed the new City Attorney.
- Spoke in favor of the city updating its website to be informative and useful for the public, especially during a crisis like the windstorm.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution 22-006:** Authorize the City Manager to advance \$899,910.28 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 Project for the Second Tranche of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 22-006. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-006

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

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 22-001:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection for Turkey Red Liquor License No. 4758 of Licensed Premises Diagram Change

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-001

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

Council Member Best inquired if the Clerk had received any comments on the proposed change. The Clerk stated no comments had been received.

K. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jacki Goforth:

- Read aloud a Mat-Su Moms for Justice post and commented on the worldwide effects of the black lives matter group.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Questioned if the council members subject to the recall really care about Palmer.
- Stated if those members truly loved Palmer, they would just resign and save the city the cost of a recall election.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Daniels and Council Member Valerius:

- Welcomed new city Attorney Sarah Heath.
- Thanked the MEA linemen and countless others who helped during the recent windstorm.

Council Member Best:

- Reiterated other members' comments and reminded Council of the keep in mind the Golden Heart Award.
- Spoke with pride of the community members during the storm.

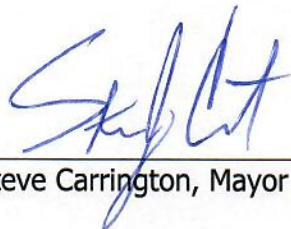
Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Gave a shout out to our first responders.
- Noted that many acts of kindness were observed during the storm and its aftermath.
- Suggested the city and Borough come together to adopt a 211-information option for residents to rely on.

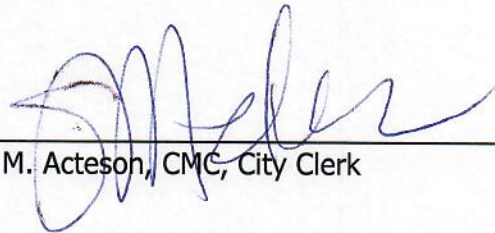
O. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

APPROVED this 8th day of February, 2022.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk