

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on June 14, 2022, in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor Carrington called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

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

Steve Carrington, Mayor	Richard Best
Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor	John Alcantra
Carolina Anzilotti	Joshua Tudor
Thomas Ojala IV	

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager	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. 22-033:** Direct the City Manager to Engage a Cooperative Service agreement for Limited Fire Dispatch Services
  - b) **Action Memorandum No 22-036:** Accepting Board Member Josh Tudor's Resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission
  - c) Introduction and set public hearing date of June 28, 2022, for Ordinance No. 22-003, Amending the Palmer Municipal Code, Title 4, Section 4.30.070 to Allow for Cancellation of Approved Leave to Address Resignations Submitted After Leave is Approved
  - d) Introduction and set public hearing date of June 28, 2022, for Ordinance No. 22-004, Amending the Palmer Municipal Code 2.04.01 and 2.05.020, Pertaining to Eligibility of Council Members and the Mayor
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a) May 24, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes

**Main Motion: Approval of Agenda, Consent Agenda and Minutes**

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Anzilotti
Vote:	Approved by unanimous consent
Action:	Motion Carried

**E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

1. Presentation from Scottish Highland Games – Kathy Steen

Kathy Steen was in attendance and provided an overview of the upcoming event.

## **F. REPORTS**

### City Manager's Report

City Manager John Moosey reported on the following:

- Scottish Highland Games sponsorship
- \$6.9 M grant for the City Wastewater Treatment Project
- Requested Council sign letters thanking senators and representatives for keeping the funds in the Governor's budget

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- Reiterated the written report in the packet
- The City's ordinance process

### City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Shelly Acteson reported on the following:

- Candidacy packets will be available July 18

### City Attorney Report

City Attorney Sarah Heath reported on the following:

- Attorney Health gave an overview of Executive Session.

## **G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Wes Artz:

- Commented on the lack of openness to change and recommended the council develop responsibly near the downtown railroad tracks.

Jill Valerius:

- Questioned the correlation between the Open Meetings Act (OMA) requirements and several Board of Economic Development members who were also on the Chamber Board, attending a Chamber of Commerce function at the same time, and commented on proposed Ordinance No. 22-004.

Cody Hawkins:

- Commented negatively on the graphic graffiti near the Safeway store, and requested the council look into way to mitigate the graffiti.

Lolly Hale:

- Provided an introduction to the new Palmer Towne Food Court.

Stephanie Nowers, Mat-Su Borough Assembly Member:

- Provided an update of Mat-Su Borough happenings

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented on the challenges associated with walking downtown near the railroad tracks.

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented on being offended by the Pride month acknowledgment by the Palmer Visitor Center.

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Resolution No. 22-018:** Recognizing Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for Vital Traffic and Safety Improvement that Enhances Our Community

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward, the public hearing was closed.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 22-018**

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

2. **Resolution No. 22-019:** Recognizing Governor Dunleavy’s Budgetary Support for the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward, the public hearing was closed.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 22-018**

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

**I. ACTION MEMORANDA**

1. **Action Memorandum No. 22-034:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection of the Liquor License Renewal of Fred Mayer Store #649, License #4366

**Main Motion: To Action Memorandum No. 22-034**

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

Council Member Best inquired of the Clerk had received any comments on the renewal. The Clerk responded no.

2. **Action Memorandum No. 22-035:** IT Support Services RFP Award

**Main Motion: To Action Memorandum No. 22-035**

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



3. **Action Memorandum No. 22-037:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection to Change of Controlling Interest in, Connoisseur Lounge, LLC Located at 226 West Evergreen Avenue, Suite 2 Marijuana License #27522

Discussion ensued pertaining to the amount of revenue the City receives from the Connoisseur Lounge.

**Main Motion: To Action Memorandum No. 22-037**

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

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

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

1. Letter from Manager Moosey for the council to sign thanking legislators for supporting the City's Wastewater Treatment Project.

**M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Dusty Silva:

- Stated the Board of Economic Development Members had spoken with the City Attorney prior to members attending the Chamber meeting.

Wes Artz:

- Suggested the Council and the Chamber work in tandem to make sure permits, etc for events are obtained prior to an event, such as the car show.

Jackie Goforth:

- Shared how important the flag is to her and reminded Council it is the content of your character that counts the most and spoke in favor of having the voters decide how to handle recalled council members.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented on the rude behavior of an audience member during the meeting and spoke in favor of proposed Ordinance No. 22-004.

Alex Papisavus:

- Commented favorably on the "give back to the community" mentality of the recently recalled council members and reminded people to be civil to one another.

Dickie Hudgins:

- Commented on masking up and the job relating to Covid, and the idea that the recently recalled council members consider themselves above the law.

Ronalee Moses:

- Stated the Board of Economic Development members obtained clarification from the city Attorney concerning the Open Meetings Act before attending the Chamber meeting.

Cody Hawkins:

- Commented negatively on a clinic in Anchorage that offers transgender information.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Thanked the Clerk’s office for working toward uninterrupted video streaming of the meetings.

Barbara Hunt:

- Informed council of the five benches located in the garden near the Palmer Museum.

Neil VanGorder:

- Requested council review the number of votes in favor of the recalls versus opposed to the recalls.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager Evaluation (Note: Action may be taken following the Executive Session)**

**Main Motion: To Enter Into Executive Session to Discuss Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager Evaluation**

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

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:29 pm and returned to the Regular Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

**Main Motion: To Extend the City Manager’s Contract until June 30, 2024, with a 3% raise**

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

**O. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Best:

- Thanked Alaska Pickers for their tenure as city business.
- Looking forward to more discussion with businesses concerning downtown development.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Thanked the audience for participating in the meeting.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Thanked the audience for participating in the meeting.
- Informed Council of participation with the Police Chief in addressing the homelessness issue in the city.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Thanked meeting participants.
- Asked Manager Moosey to investigate the graffiti issue brought forth by an audience member.

- Asked for support to have the City Attorney review the contract between the City and the Visitor Information Center. Council Member Best offered support.
- Commented favorably on moving issue forward and meeting with the rest of the city Boards and Commissions.

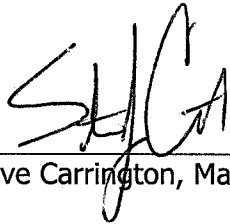
Mayor Carrington:

- Informed Council of the upcoming homelessness forum.


**P. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

**APPROVED this 12th day of July 2022.**



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk