

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on June 28, 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	Richard Best
Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor	John Alcantra
Carolina Anzilotti (via Zoom)	Joshua Tudor
Thomas Ojala IV	

Staff in attendance were the following:

Brad Hanson, Acting City Manager	Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk
City Attorney Sarah Heath	

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) **Action Memorandum No. 22-038:** Approving Funding in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000 to Fund a Downtown Concept Master Plan as Requested by the City of Palmer Board of Economic Development
 - b) **Action Memorandum No. 22-040:** Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Contract with Bering Marine Corporation for the Purchase and Delivery of 180 Tons of Road Salt in the Amount of \$36,239.40
 - c) **Action Memorandum No. 22-041:** Authorize the City Manager to Purchase Video Projection Equipment for the Palmer Community Center from Sound Decisions Through a Grant from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, and Division of Public Health in the Amount of \$19,856.00
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a) June 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Main Motion: To Postpone the June 14, 2022, Special and Regular Minutes

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

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

F. REPORTS

Acting Manager's Report

Acting City Manager Brad Hanson reported on the following:

- State Budget signed
- Tennis courts update almost complete
- Library concept for new courtyard

Mayor's Report

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- Palmer Pride Picnic
- Beautification award nominations
- Citizen of the year award nominations

City Clerk's Report

Deputy City Clerk Holly Dubose reported on the following:

- Clerk training in Washington

City Attorney Report

City Attorney Sarah Heath provided a written letter of opinion regarding Ordinance No. 22-004.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Coons:

- Commented on a recent event in Soldotna.

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented on an event in Soldotna that made national news.
- Remarked on pride flag hung at Palmer Museum.
- Noted some member of the public in attendance did not recite the pledge.

Wes Artz:

- Commented on law enforcement cars traveling in Palmer at a high rate of speed during busy events.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **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

Acting City Manager Brad Hanson provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 22-003.

Liz Jackson:

- Commented unfavorably on the ordinance.

Mike Coons:

- Spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Main Motion: Approval of Ordinance No. 22-003

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

2. **Ordinance No. 22-004:** An Ordinance of the Palmer City Council Amending the Palmer Municipal Code 2.04.01 and 2.05.020, Pertaining to Eligibility of Council Members and the Mayor

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 22-003.

Liz Jackson

- Spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Jill Valerius

- Spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Mike Coons

- Spoke in support of the ordinance.

Janel Gagnon

- Spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Amy Smith

- Spoke in objection of the ordinance and suggested that a charter amendment be brought to the voters.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Spoke in support of ordinance.

Discussion followed between the Council and Attorney Heath concerning the proposed legislation and suggested a Charter amendment proposition in tandem with the ordinance.

Primary Amendment #1 To amend Ordinance No. 22-004 by changing the word "ineligible" to "eligible" in Section 3 c.

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	7 to 1, Alcantra opposed
Action:	Motion Carried

Primary Amendment #2 To direct staff to provide legislation to change the Charter by ballot proposition to align with the proposed ordinance.

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

Primary Amendment #2 To postpone action on Ordinance No. 22-004 until the July 26 Regular Council Meeting

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

Seeing no objection from council, Primary Amendment #2 and Primary Amendment #3 were approved.

Mayor Carrington noted that correspondence had been submitted in an email opposing the ordinance.

- Resolution No. 22-020:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District for Acceptance of \$35,000 for the Rehabilitation of the Bill Hermann Tennis Courts and Grant Semi-Exclusive Use of City of Palmer Recreational Facilities and to Grant the Mat-Su Tennis Association \$35,000 for Rehabilitation Expenses of the Bill Hermann Tennis Courts

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 22-020.

Jill Valerius

- Thanked the Community Development Director for his help with the project.

Main Motion: Approval of Resolution No. 22-020

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

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

- Action Memorandum No. 22-039:** Direct the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection of the Liquor License Renewal for Pizzeria Delphi Restaurant, #1436

Main Motion: Approval of Action Memorandum No. 22-039

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

1. Felton Street extension project scope document.

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Megan Aube-Tremmell:

- Spoke in opposition to Ordinance 22-004.
- Noted the time of the meeting is difficult for her to attend.

Amy Smith:

- Requested an avenue to participate remotely.

Jacki Goforth:

- Commented on the Open Meetings Act, and masking of her granddaughter.

Cody Hawkins:

- Thanked whoever was involved in covering graffiti.
- Informed council of protest happening in Palmer this Saturday.
- Commented on school board member Dwight Probasco's vote.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Congratulated the Community Development Director on his involvement with tennis court project.
- Reminded Council of the July 12th vote on term limit for the Mat-Su Borough Mayor and Assembly.
- Discussed the senior and veteran tax exemption being discussed by the MSB Assembly.

Mike Coons:

- Spoke regarding the importance of liberties.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ojala:

- No comments.

Council Member Tudor:

- Spoke in favor of Ordinance 22-004 going before the voters.
- Thanked whoever covered up the graffiti near Safeway.
- Thanked Council Member Anzilotti for passing out flyers concerning safety.
- Thanked Scottish Highland Games for coming to Palmer.
- Thanked all that were involved in the tennis court project

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Apologized for not being able to attend the meeting in person.
- Trusts the voters to make the decision on whether to elect a recalled person.
- Thanked Council Member Tudor for helping to passing out flyers.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Thanked the audience for showing up tonight.

- Thanked Mike Coons for his military service.
- Asked the Manager for the number of veterans and seniors that currently take advantage of the tax credit.
- Commented on citizens concern of current meeting time.
- Thanked Community Development Director (CDD) for his work the tennis court project.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Thanked the CDD for his work on the tennis court project.

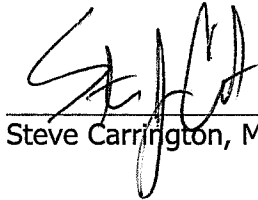
Council Member Best:

- No comments.

P. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

APPROVED this 12th day of July 2022.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk