

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on July 12, 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	
Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor	John Alcantra
Carolina Anzilotti	Joshua Tudor
Thomas Ojala IV	

Council Member Best was absent and unexcused.

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager	Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Sarah Heath, City Attorney	Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) **Action Memorandum No. 22-042:** Confirming the Mayor's Nomination of Louis Young for Appointment to the Board of Economic Development with Term Ending December 31, 2024
 - b) **Action Memorandum No. 22-043:** Confirming the Mayor's Nomination of Lorie Koppenberg and Chris Chappel for Re-Appointment to the Board of Economic Development with Terms Ending December 31, 2024
 - c) **Action Memorandum No. 22-044:** Authorize the City Manager to Purchase Insurance Coverage for the Period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, per the Premium Quote Submitted by the City's Insurance Broker, Combs Insurance
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a) June 14, 2022, Special and Regular Meetings
 - b) June 28, 2022, Regular Meeting

Main Motion: To Move Action Memorandum No. 22-043 and 22-044 to Item I

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

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as amended

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

F. REPORTS

City Manager’s Report

City Manager John Moosey reported on the following:

- Matsu Valley Planning Group
- Meet the Miners event July 20
- City of Palmer hosting Miner’s game on July 21
- Palmer Pride Picnic, July 22

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- Challenged the Council to represent the city in other venues
- Homelessness Forum on July 8
- Palmer Pride Picnic, July 22

City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Shelly Acteson reported on the following:

- Candidacy packets will be available July 18 and must be completed by July 29, 4 pm

City Attorney Report

City Attorney Sarah Heath reported on the following:

- No comment.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Wes Artz:

- Thanked the Mayor for addressing the homelessness issue.
- Thanked the Council members for helping with the recent issues.
- Thanked Police Chief for his assistance.

Ronalee Moses:

- Thanked the Council for parking improvements.
- Requested the Council review the City’s Code pertaining to protests and protester rules.

Jackie Goforth:

- Spoke regarding possible City Code violations from a protest that took place on Saturday.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Due to COVID concerns, the noodle chute will not happen at Palmer Pride this year.
- Suggested the Counsel invite Kim from the Borough Planning Department to a Council Meeting.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

- 1. Action Memorandum No. 22-043:** Confirming the Mayor’s Nomination of Lorie Koppenberg and Chris Chappel for Re-Appointment to the Board of Economic Development with Terms Ending December 31, 2024.

Discussion ensued regarding the selection process.

Main Motion: Action Memorandum No. 22-043; Re-appointment of Lorie Koppenberg and Chris Chappel to the Board of Economic Development

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

- 2. Action Memorandum No. 22-044:** Authorize the City Manager to Purchase Insurance Coverage for the Period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, per the Premium Quote Submitted by the City’s Insurance Broker, Combs Insurance.

Main Motion: 22-044 Purchase Insurance Coverage

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ronalee Moses:

- Noted that during recent events in the downtown area, crosswalks were impeded and need to be more accessible.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented negatively on the insurance broker fee stated in Action Memorandum 22-004.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Alcantra:

- Commented on the insurance brokerage fee.
- Commented on parking issues at the library during Friday Fling.
- Asked if the City of Palmer also adopts the senior and disabled veteran tax exemption if passed during the Borough election.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Thanked the audience participation individuals.
- Discouraged negative protest behaviors.

- Encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Mayor Carrington:

- Noted the City Administration is currently looking into code changes to reflect expectations of protesters behavior.

Council Member Ojala:

- Expressed concern with crosswalk access.
- Thanked public for protest updates.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Recommended the review of possible code changes regarding protests in the city.

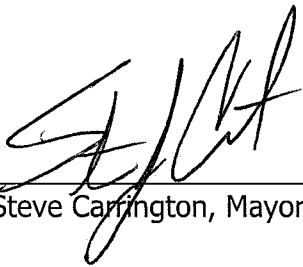
Council Member Tudor:

- Concurred with Deputy Mayor Melin's concerns with some of the protester's behavior.

P. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED this 26th day of July 2022.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Aateson, CMC, City Clerk