

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on October 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. 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  
Josh Tudor

Carolina Anzilotti  
John Alcantra  
Thomas Ojala IV

Council Member Best arrived at 6:19 pm.

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager  
Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk

Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk (on Zoom)  
Sarah Heath, City Attorney (on Zoom)

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Approval of Consent Agenda  
**No items under Consent Agenda.**
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. October 11, 2022, Regular Meeting

**Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda, and Minutes, as presented**

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

**E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

1. Proclamation Recognizing Veteran’s Day  
Mayor Carrington presented the proclamation for Veterans Day.
2. Proclamation declaring November 1, 2022, as Extra Mile Day  
Mayor Carrington presented the proclamation declaring November 1, 2022, as Extra Mile Day.
3. Palmer Museum of History and Art Annual Report, Sam Dinges, Executive Director  
Executive Director, Sam Dinges provided an overview of the report and responded to Council questions.

## **F. REPORTS**

### 1. City Manager's Report:

- Open house regarding the Railroad Corridor tomorrow at 5:30 pm.
- Felton street and bike bath soon to be completed.
- Water overflow on Eagle that has been directed into stormwater drainage.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier project almost complete.
- Brad Hanson, Community Development Director, provided an overview of the Planning and Zoning's recommendation that City Council Provide funds to update the 2006 Comprehensive Plan.
- Budget presentation and overview.

### 2. City Clerk's Report:

- No report at his time.

### 3. Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Carrington highlighted his written report, stated he would attend upcoming meetings, and announced he attended Red Ribbon Week at Sherrod this morning.

### 4. City Attorney's Report

- Noted criminal prosecution fines outlined in City Code are not prosecuted by the city but the State District Attorney.

## **G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Maggie Lua:

- Commented on Museum marketing Return on Investment (ROI).

Michelle Kruger:

- Commented on Communism.

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented on Facebook posts.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented on the Museum Annual Report.

Wes Artz:

- Encouraged Palmer citizens to take a walk behind Fred Meyer to gain a better understanding of the camps.

Mary Jo Parks:

- Commented favorably on the Palmer Museum Director's report.

Erin Saunders:

- Commented positively on the Palmer Museum's efforts.

Dean Phipps:

- Noted the positive importance of the Palmer Museum and tourism in the community.

Mayor Carrington called for a 7-minute recess.

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 1. Resolution No. 22-032: Supporting the Don Young Recognition Act, naming the Palmer Job Corps Center as the Don Young Job Corps Center

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 22-032.

Maggie Ube:

- Spoke in support of the Ordinance.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Spoke in opposition of the Ordinance.

Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

City Manager Moosey provided the staff report and fielded questions from Council.

#### **Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-032**

Moved by:	Alcantra
Seconded by:	Tudor
Vote:	5 Yes/2 No (Ojala, Melin)
Action:	Motion Carried

### 2. Resolution No. 23-001: Adopting the 2023 City of Palmer Employee Pay Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing)

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 23-001.

Eric Anderson:

- Asked for clarification regarding pay, bonuses, and annual pay raises.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

City Manager Moosey provided the staff report and fielded questions from Council.

#### **Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 23-001**

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Ojala
Vote:	N/A
Action:	N/A

### 3. Resolution No. 23-002: Adopting the 2023 Fee Schedule for the City of Palmer for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and Ending December 31, 2023 (1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing)

***The Council agreed to combine Resolutions 23-002, 23-003, 23-004, and 23-005 as one public hearing and one motion to be approved.***

4. **Resolution No. 23-003: Adopting the 2023 Fine Schedule for the City of Palmer for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and Ending December 31, 2023 (1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing)**
  
5. **Resolution No. 23-004: Adopting the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and Ending December 31, 2023 (1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing)**
  
6. **Resolution No. 23-005: Adopting a Budget for the City of Palmer, Alaska for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and Ending December 31, 2023, and Appropriating Monies (1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing)**

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolutions No. 23-002, 23-003, 23-004 & 23-005.

Eric Anderson:

- Commented that all the budget items presented tonight are a lot of items to consider at one time.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearings.

**Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 23-002, 23-003, 23-004, & 23-005 (1<sup>st</sup> public hearing)**

Moved by:	Melin
Seconded by:	Anzilotti
Vote:	N/A
Action:	N/A

## I. ACTION MEMORANDA

1. **Action Memorandum No. 22-060: Authorizing the City Manager to Select and Execute a Purchasing Option for a New Fire Engine for Palmer Fire and Rescue**

City Manager Moosey and Chief Cameron provided the staff report and fielded questions from Council.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-060**

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

2. **Action Memorandum No. 22-061: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with USI Services, Not to Exceed \$48,000 for Health Care Brokerage Services**

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-061**

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

**3. Action Memorandum No. 22-062: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with White Knight Services in the Amount of not to exceed \$ 2,004.00 per complete call out for snow removal City facilities.**

City Manager Moosey provided the staff report and fielded questions from Council.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-062**

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

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

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

- The 2023 City of Palmer budget binder, Document from Wasilla resident, Document from Cindy Hudgins, Documents from Eric Anderson.

**M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Cindy Hudgins:

- Continuation from earlier in the meeting.

Jackie Goforth:

- Continuation of comments from earlier in the meeting.
- Spoke in opposition to a display of pride material.

Maggie Lua:

- Spoke in support of the Palmer Museum.

Eric Anderson:

- Commented on a handout of a septic and waste study he provided to the Council.
- Would like a way to see more calendared City events.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**O. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. **Committee of the Whole:** Discussion of "Next Steps" relating to the Acute Vagrancy Forum (Note: Action may be taken by the Council following Committee of the Whole)

**Main Motion: To Enter into Committee of the Whole**

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

Discussion ensued amongst council.

The Council entered Committee of the Whole at 8:47 pm and exited at 9:33 pm.

## P. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Alcantra:

- Thanked the public for attending.
- Thanked Deputy Mayor Melin for heading up the Acute Vagrancy forum.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Thanked the Palmer PD, and City employees for all their hard work.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Noted her recent tour of the City's Treatment Plant.
- Thanked Police and Fire Departments.
- Requested support to direct the City Attorney to pull contract for Palmer Museum & Visitor Center to make sure it mirrors the City's social media rules. Council Member Best offered support.

Council Member Tudor:

- Thanked the Palmer PD.
- Commented favorably on the Transportation Fair.

Council Member Ojala:

- Thanked employees for the reports presented tonight.
- Commented positively on pamphlets received from visitor center.

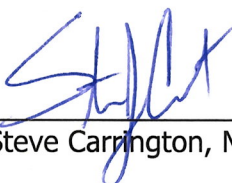
Council Member Best:

- Commented positively on the farm tour events.

## Q. ADJOURNMENT

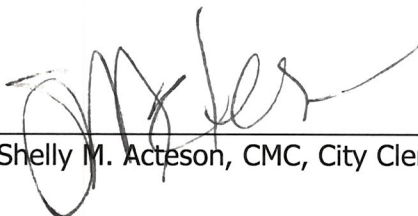
With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

**Approved this 8th day of November, 2022.**



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Steve Carrington, Mayor



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Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk