

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on July 28, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Due to COVID-19 Mayor DeVries was present in the Council Chambers while the Council Members participated in the meeting by teleconference.

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

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| Edna DeVries, Mayor | Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor (participated by teleconference) |
| Julie Berberich (participated by teleconference) | Sabrina Combs (participated by teleconference) |
| Richard W. Best (participated by teleconference) | Jill Valerius (participated by teleconference) |
| Steve Carrington (participated by teleconference) | |

Staff in attendance were the following:

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| John Moosey, City Manager | Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated by teleconference) |
| Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk | Kara Johnson, 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. 20-053:** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Assignment and Consent to Assignment of Lease Agreements with Hinchinbrook Equipment, Inc. and New Horizons Telecom, Inc. for PMA Lease No. 91-1 on Lease Lot 5, and PMA Lease No. 97-2 on Lease Lot 4, of Block 3, Palmer Municipal Airport for the Purpose of Transferring the Leases to the Parent Corporation
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 20-054:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Sole Source Contract with Roger Hickel Contracting, Inc., for the Purchase and Installation of an Additional Sulzer Blower, to Include Control Integration and Electrical Connections, at the Palmer Wastewater Treatment Plant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$312,026.00
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 23, 2020, Regular Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda, Consent Agenda, and Minutes

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Berberich
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

E. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Moosey reported:

- Fire Department promotion;
- Revenue update;
- Budget meeting schedule;
- Cares Act grant applications update;
- Airport events;
- Fairgrounds events; and
- Requested Council input regarding the 2021 Budget.

2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley highlighted her written report and announced:

- Referendum petition is now certified and will be on the October 2020 ballot;
- Price quotes were received for hearing officers on Appeal Case No. #20-004: U-Haul CUP and hearing no objection from the Council, the Clerk's Office moved forward with Joseph Levesque;
- Candidate Filing deadline; and
- Received training on the new election equipment.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report and requested a change to Palmer Municipal Code (PMC) to allow Council more time to review citizen petitions.

4. City Attorney's Report

None.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Robert Lacher spoke on the new intersection of Evergreen Avenue and Cobb Street.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski spoke on the new intersection of Evergreen Avenue and Cobb Street and current affairs regarding wearing masks in public.

City Clerk Alley read written testimony into the record (see official meeting packet for written testimony).

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Ordinance No. 20-007:** Suspending Ordinance No. 18-004 Pertaining to Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 8.09 Regarding the Distribution of Single-Use Disposable Plastic Shopping Bags During the State of Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-007.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights of the public to address policies and procedures.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski testified against Ordinance No. 20-007.

City Clerk Alley read written testimony into the record (see official meeting packet for written testimony).

Hearing no objections from the Council, Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 20-007, as Amended

Moved by:	Carrington
Seconded by:	L. Combs

Primary Amendment #1: To Amend Section 3 to add "upon approval by City Council" and read as "Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 8.09 is hereby temporarily suspended, upon approval by City Council, for sixty calendar days following the lifting of the state of Alaska emergency orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic."

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

Primary Amendment #2: To Amend Section 1 to read "this ordinance shall be temporary in nature."

Moved by:	Berberich
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

Primary Amendment #3: To Strike the Lifting After Emergency Orders in Section 3 and Section 4

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	3 Yes/4 No (Best, Carrington, L. Combs, DeVries)
Action:	Failed for Lack of Majority

Vote on Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 20-007, as Amended

Vote:	4 Yes/3 No (Berberich, S. Combs, Valerius)
Action:	Motion Carried

- Resolution No. 20-019:** Issuance of Utility Revenue Bonds in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$8,000,000.00 to Finance Wastewater Utility Improvements, as Required by Federal Consent Decree, and to Submit the Question of the Issuance of such Bonds to the Qualified Voters of the City at the October 6, 2020 City Election (1st Public Hearing)

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-019. Seeing no one come forward to speak and hearing no objection from the Council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-019

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Carrington

Mayor DeVries announced a second public hearing will be held at the August 11, 2020, Council Meeting.

3. **Resolution No. 20-020:** Accepting and Appropriating the 2020 State of Alaska DUI High Visibility Enforcement Grant 405d M5HVE-20-01-FA(A)-10 in the Amount of \$18,720.00 to be Used for DUI High Visibility Enforcement Activities by the Palmer Police Department from July 3, 2020, through September 8, 2020

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-020.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights of the public to address policies and procedures.

Hearing no objections from the Council, Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-020

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

H. NEW BUSINESS

None.

I. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported City Manager’s report and written public testimony were Items Placed on the Table.

J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Valerius and Council Member S. Combs sponsored a public hearing for the Council to consider repealing Palmer Municipal Code Section 5.32.

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Approved this 25th day of August, 2020.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor