

## A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on June 23, 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:

Edna DeVries, Mayor

Julie Berberich (participated by teleconference)

Richard W. Best (participated by teleconference)

Steve Carrington (participated by teleconference)

Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor (participated by teleconference)

Sabrina Combs (participated by teleconference)

Jill Valerius (participated by teleconference)

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated by teleconference)

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. **Resolution No. 20-016:** Designating Authorized Signatures for Check Signing Affecting Any and All Disbursements of City Monies for the General Checking Account, the Palmer Construction Account and Designating City Representatives Who Are Authorized and Empowered to Execute and Deliver All Documentation and Instructions on City Investment Accounts
  - b. **Action Memorandum No. 20-047:** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Design and Construction Administration Contract Addendum with HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC in the Amount of \$37,560.00 for Blast Pad Paving Work Related to the RW 16/34 Rehabilitation
  - c. **Action Memorandum No. 20-048:** Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a New Park Equipment Donation from the Mat-Su United Way and Coordinate Public Works Support of the Installation of the New Equipment
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. May 26, 2020, Regular Meeting

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

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Berberich

**Primary Amendment #1: To Move Audience Participation Prior to Reports**

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

**Vote on Motion: To Approve the Agenda, Consent Agenda, and Minutes, as Amended**

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Todd Smolden, Governor Dunleavy’s Mat-Su Office Director, provided an update on Governor’s Office.

Mr. Steven Paine, Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Safety and Emergency Preparedness Manager, spoke on proposed speed limit for Old Glenn Highway between Clark-Wolverine and Matanuska River Bridge and the effects it will have on the community.

Ms. Cheri Sobczak-Crippen testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Mr. Aundra Jackson, Mat-Su Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation President, testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police (see official meeting packet for written testimony).

Ms. Daphne Barbosa testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Shawna Larson, Chickaloon Tribal Council Vice-Chairman, testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Lisa Wade, Chickaloon Tribal Council Secretary, testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Trista Hosiman testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Crystal Howard testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Christina Edwin testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Aurora Till testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Jinee Mealone testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Olivia Berk testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Jolene Malone testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Azlynn Brandenburg testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Zoey Fuller testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Hannah Villanvera testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Sherry Wilson testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Meghan Crier testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Kim Waychoff testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Julia Safarik testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Annika Gagnon testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Veri di Suvero testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Kelsey Schober testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Amber Hogan testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Tea Brown testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Ms. Kalani Ross testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Mr. Jeremy Houston testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Mr. Sherman Leifer, Palmer Bar Owner/Member, asked for Council's support for the liquor license application.

Mr. Wesley Artz, Palmer Bar Owner, asked for Council's support for the liquor license application.

Mr. Luke Howard, 907 Freedom, testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

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

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

Mayor Devries called a recess at 9:12 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:23 p.m.

## **F. REPORTS**

### 1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Moosey reported this was his first Palmer Council Meeting as city manager and was looking forward to this new opportunity.

### 2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley reported on Council returning to the Chambers.

### 3. Mayor's Report

#### a. Palmer Pride Awards Nominations

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report, requested nominations for Palmer Pride Awards, and updated the Council on Fred Meyer's request to lift the restrictions on distribution of plastic bags.

### 4. City Attorney's Report

None.

**G. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **Ordinance No. 20-006:** Amending the Zoning Map to Revise the Zoning Designation of Tax Parcel Tract 5, Cedar Hills Subdivision, Unit 2, Phase 1 to Re-Zone Parcel from Commercial Limited (CL) to Public Use (P)

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-006. Hearing no objections from the Council Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 20-006**

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Carrington

**Primary Amendment #1: To Amend Ordinance No. 20-006 wording; The Public use of the Property is Limited to the Establishment of an Emergency Medical Facility Building with Necessary Buffers, Open Space, and Setbacks for Mitigation of Noise and Light. Emergency Medical Facility Building Must be Orientated in Such a Way that Provides Safe Access to the Glenn Highway, as Outlined in Applicant’s Response**

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

**Vote on Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 20-006, As Amended**

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Information Memorandum No. 20-006:** Committee of the Whole for General Discussion Regarding Code of Ethics for City Council (Note: action may be taken following the Committee of the Whole)
2. **Information Memorandum No. 20-007:** Committee of the Whole for General Discussion Regarding CARES Act Funding (Note: action may be taken following the Committee of the Whole)

**Motion to Postpone: To Postpone Information Memorandum No. 20-006 and Information Memorandum No. 20-007 to July 14, 2020, Agenda**

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

*Mayor DeVries directed for written testimony to be carried forward to the next meeting.*

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **Action Memorandum No. 20-049:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 1274 for Palmer Bar Located at 828 S. Colony Way

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**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-049**

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

- 2. **Action Memorandum No. 20-050:** Approving the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Resource Data, Inc., for Vote From Home Feasibility Study Services for the City of Palmer for \$3,000.00

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

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**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-050**

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

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

Deputy City Clerk Johnson reported written testimony was the Item Placed on the Table.

**K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

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

Ms. Auroa Till testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski testified on behalf of current affairs regarding the Chief of Police.

**L. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

No direction was given to staff for legislation to be placed on a future agenda.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

**Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.**

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

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Edna B. DeVries, Mayor