

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on April 14, 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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| Nathan Wallace, 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. Introduction of **Ordinance No. 20-003**: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Sections 2.04.031, 2.05.020, and 18.15.010 Relating to Mayor and Council Member Candidate Residency Requirements for Elections
  - b. Introduction to **Ordinance No. 20-005**: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 2.04.160 Council Community Grants
  - c. **Action Memorandum No. 20-026**: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Sole Source Professional Services Agreement with HDL Engineer Consultants LLC for Engineering Services for 95% Engineer Drawings of the Bogard Booster Station in an Amount not to Exceed \$92,960.00
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. March 10, 2020, Regular Meeting
  - b. March 24, 2020, Regular Meeting
  - c. March 31, 2020, Special Meeting

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

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

## E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

### 1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace highlighted his written report and thanked the city for his time as the city manager.

### 2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley highlighted her written report and requested direction from the Council regarding the Vote By Mail feasibility study proposal.

### 3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report.

### 4. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Gatti spoke to the matter of the term limit initiative petition. Mayor DeVries requested Resolution No. 20-010 be on the May 12 agenda and the attorney's memo regarding the matter be attached.

## F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. David Fuller spoke about a previous incident with Council Member Best and the Palmer Police Department. He stated the public is still waiting on an apology from Council Member Best, an acknowledgment from Mayor DeVries, and the Council's response to ethics and values (see official meeting packet for written testimony).

Ms. Ailis Vann, Palmer Chamber of Commerce Director, thanked outgoing City Manager Wallace for his service to the city and gave an update on events and future plans in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

## G. PUBLIC HEARING

### 1. **Resolution No. 20-011:** Submitting the Question of Amending Charter Section 1.9 Penalties for Violations, to the City's Qualified Voters at the October 6, 2020, City of Palmer Election

City Manager Wallace provided the staff report on Resolution No. 20-011.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-011. Hearing no objections from the Council Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

#### **Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-011**

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

## H. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. **Action Memorandum No. 20-027:** Approve a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$2,000.00 to the MatSu Running Club for the Who Let the Girls Out Run/Walk

#### **Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-027**

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Berberich

**Primary Amendment #1: To Reduce Grant Amount to \$750.00**

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

**Vote on Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-027, as Amended**

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

- 2. **Action Memorandum No. 20-028:** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the City Manager’s Employment Agreement with John Moosey

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-028**

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs

**Primary Amendment #1: To Amend Section 3.A from 6 Months to 2 Months Severance**

Moved by:	Carrington
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	1 Yes/6 No (Berberich, Best, L. Combs, S. Combs, DeVries, Valerius)
Action:	Failed for Lack of Majority Vote

**Vote on Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-028**

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

- 3. **Action Memorandum No. 20-029:** Appointing Community Development Director Brad Hanson as the Interim City Manager and Authorizing Compensation

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-029**

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Berberich

**Primary Amendment #1: To Increase Compensation to 15%, Effective Immediately, and to Continue Until New City Manager is in Place**

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

**Vote on Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-029, as Amended**

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

4. **Action Memorandum No. 20-030:** Approving the Cancellation of the April 28, 2020, Regular Council Meeting

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-030**

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

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

City Clerk Alley reported there were no Items Placed on the Table.

**J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

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

All members of the Council thanked City Manager Nathan Wallace for his dedication and outstanding service to the city and stated he would be greatly missed.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.**

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

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Edna B. DeVries, Mayor