

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A joint meeting of the Palmer City Council and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held on March 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Comprising a quorum of the Council and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the following roll call was taken:

City Council:

Edna DeVries, Mayor  
Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor  
Julie Berberich  
Steve Carrington  
Sabrena Combs  
Jill Valerius

Park & Recreation Advisory Board:

Shannon Connelly, Chair  
Heather Kelley, Vice Chair  
Stephanie Allen  
Marilyn Bennett  
Jo Ehmann  
George Hoden  
Ryan Richard

Council Member Best was absent and declared excused by Mayor DeVries.

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager  
Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Michael Gatti, City Attorney  
Kara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**CC Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda**

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	6 Yes/0 No/1 Absent (Best)
Action:	Motion Carried

**PRAB Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda**

Moved by:	Kelley
Seconded by:	Allen
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Michele Harmeling, United Way Mat-Su Representative, requested Council’s support to seek funding for Bugge Park improvements and an Arts Trail Project.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Committee of the Whole (note: action may be taken following the committee of the whole)
  - a. 2019 Board Accomplishments Recap
  - b. 2020 Board Projects and Goals
  - c. Other Matters Related to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
  - d. City Council Direction to the Board

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

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	6 Yes/0 No/1 Absent (Best)
Action:	Motion Carried

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

Moved by:	Richard
Seconded by:	Kelley
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

The Council and Board entered into a Committee of the Whole at 6:07 p.m.

Topics addressed included:

- 2019 Board accomplishments recap:
  - Amusement Park improvements
  - Arboretum improvements
  - Paved path between Cope Industrial Way and Gulkana Street
- 2020 Board projects and goals:
  - Development of walking tour map
  - Development of the Adopt-a-Park Program
  - Park historical write-ups
  - CIP priorities
- Proposed Art Trail Project
- Council Direction to the Board:
  - Continued work on a Veteran’s Memorial
  - Hidden Ranch Park development

The City Council and Board adjourned from Committee of the Whole at 6:48 p.m. and reconvened the joint meeting.

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

None.

**H. COUNCIL AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

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

**Main Motion: Support an Unexcused Absence of Council Member Best**

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	3 Yes/3 No (Carrington, L. Combs, DeVries)/1 Absent (Best)
Action:	Failed for Lack of Majority Vote

Mayor DeVries, as presiding officer, declared motion failed and declared Council Member Best’s absence excused.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before City Council and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

**Approved by the City Council on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

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Edna B. DeVries, Deputy Mayor

**Approved by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Board this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2020.**

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Chris Nall, Public Works Director

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Shannon Connelly, Board Chair