

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 10, 2020, at 7:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Mayor DeVries requested it be recorded, that due to the preceding joint meeting adjourning at 7:02 p.m. the regular meeting was delayed in starting.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Edna DeVries, Mayor
Julie Berberich
Steve Carrington

Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor
Sabrena Combs
Jill Valerius

City Clerk Alley notified Council of receiving notification from Council Member Best, regarding his absence for the regular meeting. Council Member Best was absent and excused.

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

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction to **Ordinance No. 20-002:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 3.16 Sales Tax and Adopting Remote Seller Sales Tax Code, By Reference, to Create Uniform Provisions for Collection and Remittance of Sales Tax
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 20-018:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a New Lease Agreement with Hageland Aviation Services, Inc. for Continued Operations on Lot 2, Block 3, Palmer Municipal Airport
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. February 25, 2020, Regular Meeting

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

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

E. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace highlighted his written report and provided a memo regarding COVID-19.

2. City Clerk's Report

None.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report.

4. City Attorney's Report

None.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Nancy Burnett requested support for the Palmer Spring Classic Council Grant.

Mr. David Fuller spoke about a previous incident with Council Member Best and Palmer Police Department and requested Council's input on the ethical problem it posed.

Ms. Lee Henrikson spoke about a previous incident with Council Member Best and Palmer Police Department and requested Council's input on the ethical problem it posed.

Ms. Lisa Albert-Konecky spoke about a previous incident with Council Member Best and Palmer Police Department and requested a response from the Mayor regarding the ethical problem it posed.

Mrs. Denise Christopher's written testimony requesting support for the Green Day Gallop Council Grant was entered into the record.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 20-019:** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Employment Agreement with City Clerk Norma Alley

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-019

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius

Motion to Postpone: To Postpone Action Memorandum No. 20-019 to March 24, 2020

Moved by:	Carrington
Seconded by:	L. Combs

Deliberation amongst the Council commenced on potential amendments and merit on postponing the contract. Negotiation commenced between the Council and City Clerk on the contract.

Motion: To Move the Previous Question

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	Berberich
Action:	3 Yes/3 No (Carrington/L. Combs/DeVries)/1 Absent (Best)
Action:	Motion Failed

Vote to Postpone: To Postpone Action Memorandum No. 20-019 to March 24, 2020

Vote:	3 Yes/3 No ((Berberich, S. Combs, Valerius)/1 Absent (Best)
Action:	Motion Failed for Lack of Majority Vote

Primary Amendment #1: To Amend Item 3.B. to Two Months, Item 4.B. to Change the Word Salary to Performance, Item 11.H. to She

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

Primary Amendment #2: To Reduce Pay to \$95, 441.00

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

Primary Amendment #3: To Amend 2.D. to Change Five Years to Three Years

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

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-019, as Amended

Vote:	4 Yes/2 No (Carrington, DeVries)/1 Absent (Best)
Action:	Motion Carried

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 8:24 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

2. **Action Memorandum No. 20-020:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 1436 for Pizzeria Delphi Restaurant, Located at 103 W. Arctic Avenue

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-020

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

3. **Action Memorandum No. 20-021:** Approving a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$2,000.00 to the Organizers of the Mayor’s Green Day Gallop

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-021

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

4. **Action Memorandum No. 20-022:** Approving a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$1,000.00 to the Organizers of the Palmer Spring Classic

Council Member Berberich rescued herself due to being a sponsor of the Palmer Spring Classic.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-022

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	5 Yes/0 No/1 Absent (Best)/1 Recused (Berberich)
Action:	Motion Carried

5. **Information Memorandum No. 20-004:** Committee of the Whole for Discussion on General Election Matters (note: action may be taken following the committee of the whole)

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 8:48 p.m.

Topics addressed included Council seats and term limits.

The Council adjourned from Committee of the Whole at 9:02 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Main Motion: To Direct a Resolution be Prepared for a Public Hearing Regarding Council Term Limits

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

H. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported the Memo from City Manager and an email from Denise Christopher were Items Placed on the Table.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

J. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

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

K. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of April, 2020.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor