

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on January 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

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

Edna DeVries, Mayor
Julie Berberich
Steve Carrington

Sabrena Combs
Jill Valerius

Deputy Mayor Linda Combs and City Council Member Richard W. Best were 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. 20-001**: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 5.28 Relating to Itinerant Vendors
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 20-005**: Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Palmer Museum of History and Art's Services Contract Amendment No. 8

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	5 Yes/0 No/2 Absent (Best, L. Combs)
Action:	Motion Carried

E. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace highlighted his written report.

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

Mr. Mike Chmielewski thanked the city for fixing the sound system in the Depot.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 20-008:** Approving the Alternative Allocation Method for Distribution of the FY20 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program in FMA 14: Cook Inlet Area

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-008

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	5 Yes/0 No/2 Absent (Best, L. Combs)
Action:	Motion Carried

2. **Action Memorandum No. 20-006:** Selecting the Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient(s)

Council Member S. Combs thanked the Council for the nomination but requested her name be withdrawn from the nominee list. Mayor DeVries stated all nominees, Dr. Alex Hills, Betty Pierce, and Gary Wolfe would receive the award.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-006 Awarding All Nominees the Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	5 Yes/0 No/2 Absent (Best, L. Combs)
Action:	Motion Carried

3. **Action Memorandum No. 20-007:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 1194 for Caboose Lounge, Located at 606 S. Alaska Street
4. **Action Memorandum No. 20-008:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 1195 for Iron Horse Liquor, Located at 606 S. Alaska Street
5. **Action Memorandum No. 20-009:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 3058 for Moosehead Saloon, Located at 810 S. Colony Way

Mayor DeVries asked for objections to combine Action Memorandum No. 20-007, Action Memorandum No. 20-008 and Action Memorandum No. 20-009. Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor DeVries announced these items would be considered collectively.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-007, Action Memorandum No. 20-008, and Action Memorandum No. 20-009

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	5 Yes/0 No/2 Absent (Best, L. Combs)
Action:	Motion Carried

6. **Information Memorandum No. 20-002:** Committee of the Whole for Discussion on General Election Matters (note: action may be taken by the council following the committee of the whole)

Main Motion: To Enter Into Committee of the Whole

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	5 Yes/0 No/2 Absent (Best, L. Combs)
Action:	Motion Carried

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 7:21 p.m.

Topics addressed included:

- Vote by mail;
- Election date for 2020;
- Term Limit Legislation; and
- The conflicts between the Charter and Code on candidate residency requirements.

The Council adjourned from Committee of the Whole at 8:02 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

7. **Information Memorandum No. 20-003:** Committee of the Whole for Discussion on Remote Sales Tax Information from the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission (note: action may be taken by the council following the committee of the whole)

Main Motion: To Enter Into Committee of the Whole

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	5 Yes/0 No/2 Absent (Best, L. Combs)
Action:	Motion Carried

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 8:05 p.m.

Topics addressed included:

- Timeline for implantation of Remote Sales Tax;
- New software for Remote Sales Tax; and
- The effect of the Remote Sales Tax will have on local businesses.

The Council adjourned from Committee of the Whole at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Mayor DeVries confirmed the Council consensus during Committee of the Whole to have an ordinance drafted for consideration to change the Code language, stating residency of a candidate must be one year from time of filing, in order to match the Charter language.

Consensus of the Council was to hold another Committee of the Whole to continue discussion on the election.

H. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

None.

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 8:33 p.m.

Approved this 25th day of February, 2020.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor