

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special joint meeting of the Palmer City Council and the Board of Economic Development (Board) was held on February 5, 2019, 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, the following were present:

Edna DeVries, Mayor	Julie Berberich
Steve Carrington	Linda Combs
Sabrina Combs	David Fuller (participated telephonically) arrived at 6:22 p.m.
Pete LaFrance, Deputy Mayor	

Comprising a quorum of the Board of Economic Development, the following were present:

Dusty Silva, Chair	Peter Christopher
Barbara Hunt	Janet Kincaid
Lorie Koppenberg	Kelly Turney, Vice Chair

Board of Economic Development Member Christopher Chappel was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk
Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated telephonically)	Angie Anderson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs
In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs S. Combs, DeVries, LaFrance
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Fuller
Action:	Motion carried

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda

Moved by:	Koppenberg
Seconded by:	Turney
In favor:	Christopher, Hunt, Kincaid, Koppenberg, Silva, Turney
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Chappel
Action:	Motion carried

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee of the Whole (note: action may be taken by the council following the committee of the whole)
 - a. Recap of 2018 Board Accomplishments
 - b. 2019 Board Projects and Goals
 - c. Other Matters Related to the Board
 - d. City Council Direction to the Board

Main Motion: For City Council to Enter Into a Committee of the Whole

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs
In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs S. Combs, DeVries, LaFrance
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Fuller
Action:	Motion Carried

Main Motion: For the Board of Economic Development to Enter Into a Committee of the Whole

Moved by:	Koppenberg
Seconded by:	Kincaid
In favor:	Christopher, Hunt, Kincaid, Koppenberg, Silva, Turney
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Chappel
Action:	Motion carried

The City Council and Board entered into a Committee of the Whole at 6:05 p.m.

- a. Recap of 2018 Board Accomplishments

Chair Silva reported on 2019 board accomplishments. Items of discussion included the following:

- Depot Rental and Use Policy;
- Short Term Rentals;
- Downtown Pavilion use;
- Presentation from Stantec regarding Brownfields;
- Downtown zoning districts;
- Roving/Itinerant Vendors;
- Electric boxes; and
- Online payment for sales tax and business licenses.

- b. 2019 Board Projects and Goals

Chair Silva reported on the 2019 Board Projects and Goals. Items of discussion included the following:

- Work Plan using the Strategic Plan as a base;
- Brownfields Areawide Plan;
- Downtown redevelopment;
- Support reducing crime and harassment in the Downtown District and creation of a business watch;
- Department of Transportation Glenn Highway Project Impacts on downtown;
- Review of zoning districts, creation of a Highway District, and creating an Historic District;

- Parking;
- Payment or fee in lieu of parking;
- Welcome Wagon for new businesses;
- Soliciting community input on Palmer development;
- Roving/Itinerant Vendors;
- Electric Boxes; and
- Online Payments for Sales Tax and Business Licenses.

Mayor DeVries called a ten minute recess at 7:43 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

c. Other Matters Related to the Board

Items of discussion included a Palmer Municipal Code language regarding BED membership requirements and the purpose of the ex-officio members.

d. City Council Direction to the Board

Items of discussion included the following:

- Annexation;
- Fee for use of all public property; and
- Marijuana businesses in Palmer.

The Council and Board exited the Committee of the Whole and reconvened the joint meeting at 8:17 p.m.

G. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

None.

H. COUNCIL AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

All Council and Commission Members expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to meet and have open discussion and recognized the BED for their dedication and hard work.

Council Member LaFrance requested legislation be brought forward to remove the BED's ex-officio members. Council Member L. Combs supported this request.

Council Member Berberich announced that her and Council Member S. Combs starting tomorrow, for one week, will find alternative transportation through Palmer and encouraged others to accept the challenge.

Council Member S. Combs commented:

- She would like to see annexation pursued;
- The city should not be afraid of annexations for the potential value it brings to the community and assurance our town stays the way we like it;
- She attended a forum on crime where those in attendance requested an ordinance on excessive calls; and
- Asked the city manager for a meeting to gather more information regarding an excessive calls ordinance.

Chair Silva expressed her appreciation to the City Council for scheduling the joint meeting and to allow open dialog amongst all members.

Mayor DeVries thanked the Board for all their hard work and dedication to the community.

I. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Approved by the City Council on this 26th day of March, 2019.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna DeVries, Mayor

Approved by the Board of Economic Development this 11th day of February, 2019.

Brad Hanson, Community Development Director

Dusty Silva, Board of Economic Development Chair