

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on June 25, 2019, 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	Sabrena Combs
Julie Berberich	David Fuller
Steve Carrington	Pete LaFrance, Deputy Mayor
Linda Combs	

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Michael Gatti, City Attorney
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. **Action Memorandum No. 19-051:** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Three Year Agreement to Purchase Insurance Coverage with the City's Insurance Broker RISQ Consulting with a 5% Discount for Each Year
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 19-052:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Assignment and Consent to Assignment of Lease Agreement with CIG, LLC (Assignor) and PAAQ Hangar Association (Assignee) for PMA Lease No. 19-001 on Lease Lot 12, Block 3, Palmer Municipal Airport for the Purpose of Transferring the Lease to a Newly Formed T Hangar Association
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. May 28, 2019, Special Meeting
 - b. May 28, 2019, Regular Meeting

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

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	7 Yes/0 No
Action:	Motion Carried

Primary Amendment #1: Postpone the Election of the Alternate Deputy Mayor to July 9, 2019

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

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Presentation from Julie Berberich on the Palmer Spring Classic 2019 Bike Event

Dr. Jill Valerius reported, in lieu of Julie Berberich, on the Palmer Spring Classic 2019 Bike Event with a PowerPoint presentation (see official meeting packet for presentation) and thanked the Council for the grant that was awarded for the event.

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace summarized his written report, which was handed out at the meeting (see official meeting packet for report).

2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley introduced the new Deputy City Clerk Kara Johnson, reported the deadline for submitting sister city delegation applications had passed and those selected would be announced at the Palmer Pride Picnic held July 26, and announced upcoming election dates.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report, announced Planning and Zoning Commission Member resignations were received since the last meeting, and requested nominations for Palmer Pride Picnic awards.

4. City Attorney's Report

None.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Jeni McDaniel highlighted Scottish Highland Games events, which were held on June 30, 2018, and presented the Council with a flyer.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

Mr. Todd Smolden, Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office Director, provided an update on Governor's Office matters and nominated Ms. Barbara Johnson for the Yard Beatification Award.

Mr. Stu Graham, Alaska Municipal League (AML) 1st Vice President, spoke to the importance of AML matters.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Ordinance No. 19-011:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Sections 2.04.041 and 2.05.030 Establishing Council Member and Mayor Term Limits

Council Member Fuller introduced the ordinance.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-011.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified in opposition of the ordinance, and for the public's right to vote on this matter.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 19-011

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	S. Combs

Council Member L. Combs stated she did not support the ordinance, because the election process worked, as shown in the last four elections, with a new individual elected to the Council; she had not heard the public's desire for this change; and felt this should go to the vote of the people.

Council Member S. Combs stated she was in favor of the ordinance, because while campaigning she heard citizens say they supported term limits. She felt the terms should be extended to three consecutive terms for a Council Member and three consecutive terms for the Mayor for a total of a member of the Council to serve six total consecutive terms.

Primary Amendment #1: To Change the Consecutive Terms for Mayor and Council Member to Three Terms for a Total of Six Consecutive Terms

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	LaFrance
Vote:	2 Yes/5 No (Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs, DeVries, Fuller)
Action:	Motion Failed for Lack of Majority Vote

Council Member Berberich stated she heard from a number of citizens, when she was going door to door during her campaigning, that they would support term limits for the Council. She agreed that Ordinance No. 19-011 should go to the vote of the people.

City Attorney Gatti advised on Council's legislative authority regarding placing advisory questions on the ballot.

Motion to Postpone: Motion to Postpone Ordinance No. 2019-011 to October 8 and Direct the City Clerk to Prepare a Resolution Sending an Advisory Question to the Electorate on October 1, 2019, Regular Election, Establishing Term Limits for the City Council and Mayor

Moved by:	Berberich
Seconded by:	LaFrance
Vote:	5 Yes/2 No (S. Combs/Fuller)
Action:	Motion Carried

- Ordinance No. 19-012:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 1.08.020(A) Penalty Surcharge and Amending the 2019 City of Palmer Fine Schedule to Reflect the New Surcharge

City Manager Wallace summarized the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-012.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified expressed concern for government transparency.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 19-012

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	7 Yes/0 No
Action:	Motion Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **Action Memorandum No. 19-053:** Directing the City Clerk to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 649 for Klondike Mike’s Saloon, Located at 820 S. Colony Way

Mayor DeVries announced Klondike Mike’s Saloon had paid their sales tax in full.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 19-053

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	7 Yes/0 No
Action:	Motion Carried

- 2. **Action Memorandum No. 19-054:** Accepting Council Member Pete LaFrance’s Resignation, Declaring the Seat Vacant Effective June 26, and Directing the City Clerk to Begin the Appointment Process to Fill the Vacancy Until a Successor is Seated After the October 1, 2019, Regular Election

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 19-054

Moved by:	LaFrance
Seconded by:	Fuller
Vote:	7 Yes/0 No
Action:	Motion Carried

- 3. ~~Election of Alternate Deputy Mayor postponed to July 9, 2019~~ - This item was postponed to July 9.

J. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported the Spring Classic PowerPoint, Manager’s Report, and Scottish Highland Games flyer were Items Placed on the Table.

K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

Mrs. Robin Schroeder thanked the Council for their hard work, dedication, and many hours committed to serving the community.

L. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

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

M. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of August, 2019.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor