

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on October 3, 2016, at 6 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Richard Best	DeLena Johnson
Linda Combs	Peter LaFrance
Edna DeVries	

Council Members Hanson and Carrington were absent and excused.

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

LaMarr Anderson	Dusty Silva
Christopher Chappel	Ariel Talen-Keller
Tendra Nicodemus	Lorie Koppenberg – arrived at 6:52 pm

Also in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager  
Sandra Garley, Community Development Director  
Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk  
Bernadette Packa, Deputy City Clerk  
Michael Gatti, City Attorney – participated telephonically

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board of Economic Development Chair LaMarr Anderson.

**D. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

**E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Johnson expressed appreciation to the Board of Economic Development (BED) members for their service and invited Board of Economic Development Chair LaMarr Anderson to speak

on the development of and purpose behind the joint meeting.

Chair Anderson spoke to the recently instituted process of inviting community leaders and business leaders to speak at BED meetings to share their ideas for encouraging economic development for the City of Palmer. He additionally provided highlights of projects in progress, including a Snow Removal Policy, Walkable Map, and a Junk/Trash Ordinance.

**Item 1 – Committee of the Whole: Discussion on Potential Economic Development for the City of Palmer with Special Guest Governor Sean Parnell**

**Main Motion: To enter into a Committee of the Whole to Discuss Potential Economic Development for the City of Palmer with Special Guest Governor Sean Parnell**

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	DeVries
Action:	Motion carried unanimously.
In favor:	Best, Combs, DeVries, Johnson, LaFrance, Anderson, Chappel, Nicodemus, Silva, Talen-Keller
Opposed:	None

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 6:14 pm and exited at 7:21 pm.

Items of discussion included:

- The Entrepreneurial Nature of the City of Palmer;
- The Possibility of Filing City Sales Tax On-line;
- The State Issued Certificate of Need Addressing Skilled Nursing Beds;
- The Need for Affordable Senior Living;
- The Potential Investment in the Mat-Su Port by Private Industry and a Potential Railroad Spur;
- The Provision of Expedious Permitting and Licensing;
- The Review of Lands Utilization;
- The Need for More Office Space to Attract More Businesses to the Area; and
- The Addition of a Frequently Asked Questions Section for New Business Owners to the City Website.

**G. BOARD AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board of Economic Development Member Nicodemus:

- Expressed appreciation for everyone’s time.

Board of Economic Development Member Talen-Keller:

- Thanked everyone for their time; and
- Thanked former Governor Parnell for his attendance.

Council Member Combs:

- Reminded everyone about the Food Drive and challenged the Council to participate; and
- Encouraged everyone to vote in the October 4, 2016 election.

Board of Economic Development Member Silva:

- Expressed appreciation to former Governor Parnell for his meeting attendance and the ideas he shared on the need for more office space in the City of Palmer.

Council Member DeVries:

- Thanked former Governor Parnell for his attendance; and
- Expressed interest in receiving his advice over the next three years.

Board of Economic Development Member Chappel:

- Expressed appreciation to former Governor Parnell for the ideas he shared.

Council Member LaFrance:

- Provided an update on the local races and invited everyone to participate.

Board of Economic Development Member Koppenberg:

- Expressed appreciation to former Governor Parnell for his insights.

Council Member Best:

- Thanked the former Governor for attending the meeting; and
- Reminded everyone of the Colony Christmas Parade on December 10, 2016.

Board of Economic Development Chair Anderson:

- Thanked former Governor Parnell for his attendance; and
- Commented on the value of inviting special guest speakers to the BED meetings and encouraged the Council to attend such future meetings; and
- Proposed another joint meeting be held soon.

Mayor Johnson:

- Thanked all the board members and council members for their attendance;
- Touched on new office buildings currently under construction in the City of Palmer; and
- Spoke to local businesses giving back to the community.

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

**Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016.**

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

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Edna DeVries, Mayor

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Sandra Garley, Community Development Director

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LaMarr Anderson, BED Chairman