

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor Carrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Mayor Steve Carrington, Deputy Mayor Pamela Melin, Richard W. Best, John Alcantra, Carolina Anzilotti, Joshua Tudor, and Thomas Ojala, IV

Staff in attendance:

John Moosey, City Manager  
Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk  
Brad Hansen, Community Dev. Director

Sarah Heath, City Attorney  
Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda as presented**

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Ojala IV
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

1. Department of Transportation – Update on Glenn Highway Phase II Project by Dennis Linell, Consultant Design Manager and Sean Baski, Project Manager

Dennis Linell and Sean Baski gave an update on the Glenn Highway Phase II Project.

2. **Committee of the Whole:** Visitor Information Center Contract and Palmer Museum of History and Art Contract (Note: Action may be taken by the Council following the Committee of the Whole) Motion made by to enter Committee of the Whole by Council Member Best & Council Member Ojala IV

**Main Motion: To Enter into Committee of the Whole with members of the Palmer Museum of History and Art and their Attorney to Discuss Museum Contract and the Visitor Information Services Contracts, Entered at 6:18 pm, and Exited at 6:56 pm**

Moved by:	Melin
Seconded by:	Best
Vote:	Unanimous Consent
Action:	Motion Carried

Mayor Carrington called for a recess from 6:58 pm to 7:05 pm.

## F. REPORTS

### 1. City Manager's Report

- Discussed a pension bill that is coming forward from the State.
- The mayor suggested giving special consideration for prioritizing snow clearing on streets where elder Palmer citizens reside.
- Dwayne Shelton, Police Chief and Manager Moosey met last week with the School District, regarding the Resource Officer vacancy and discussed placing a Palmer Officer in the schools as a Public Safety Officer.
- Provided an update on the library crisis.
- Manager Moosey asked the council for approval to sign a lease for a temporary library space, asset recovery and shoring up of the library, and approval of an RFP for an architect.

**Main Motion: To allow the Manager to spend funds to lease temporary library space and shore up the library building**

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**Main Motion: To Direct the Manager to put together an RFP for an Architect for the Library renovation, and bring the RFP back for Council approval**

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Anzilotti
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

Discussed followed and Manager Moosey responded to Council questions.

Manager Moosey brought for the updated City of Palmer 2023 Legislative Priorities white paper, which noted the addition of the Palmer Public Library. The Council unanimously voted in favor of updated version and changed the Palmer Public Library request to \$9.75 Million.

### 2. Mayor's Report

- Provided a written report in the council packet.
- Council Member Best gave an update regarding his recent trip to AML in Juneau.
- Council Member Alcantra gave an update regarding his recent trip to AML in Juneau.
- Council Member Tudor attended the Palmer Chambers Annual meeting.

### 3. City Clerk's Report

- No formal report.

4. City Attorney’s Report

- Working through the city’s contracts.
- Working on streamlining a template for contracts for uniformity.
- Spoke regarding fund gifting regarding the Palmer library relief.

**G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Cindy Hudgins:

- Spoke concerning certain books carried by the library.

Joseph Parreira:

- Gave an overview of the Palmer Family Park Project.

Jacki Goforth:

- Commented regarding book donations to the local libraries.

Susan Powder:

- Commented in support of the Palmer library.

Ruth Holbert:

- Spoke in support of the Palmer library and the community.

Lucy Stone:

- Commented on the books in the library.

Lloyd Therman:

- Spoke regarding the meeting content and library book content.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Spoke regarding book donations from Big Cabbage Radio.

Mark Spohn:

- Commented that City funds should not be paid to any contracted group if it’s associated with inappropriate books.

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Resolution No. 23-008:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Supporting the Knik Arm Crossing

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 23-008:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Supporting the Knik Arm Crossing

Moved by:	Melin
Seconded by:	Best
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**I. ACTION MEMORANDA**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **K. NEW BUSINESS**

## **L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE**

Palmer Family Park Flyer, DOT documents

## **M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jacki Goforth:

- Commented regarding the Palmer Museum and library.

Mary Jo Parks:

- Commented regarding previous comments regarding the Palmer Museum.

Ileana Ojala:

- Commented negatively regarding certain content carried by the Palmer library.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Continuation of comments regarding the Palmer library books and Palmer Museum.

Bert Huptelle:

- Commented on the meeting and the books in the library.

Lloyd Therman:

- Thanked the Council for listening to comments from the public in attendance.

Joseph Parreira:

- Commented favorably on the Palmer Family Park project.

## **N. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **O. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Alcantra:

- Thanked Joseph Parreira for his presentation.

Council Member Tudor:

- Thanked the Palmer community for participating tonight.
- Thanked Manager Moosey for his work on the library issue.

Council Member Ojala:

- Thanked DOT speakers for coming to the meeting tonight.
- Thanked the Museum for their participation.
- Thanked Mr. Moosey for his response with the library collapse.
- Commented negatively regarding some books in the library.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Thanked DOT for the highway project.
- Looking forward to a more transparent relationship with the library.
- Thanked Manager Moosey on the quick library decisions.
- Thanked Joseph Parreira for his presentation.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Thanked Manager Moosey for his response during the library disaster.
- Spoke regarding influence in the community from certain groups.
- Would like to see a firm policy established for books in the Palmer library.

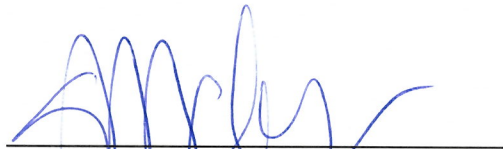
Council Member Best:

- Appreciates the City coming together during the library disaster.
- Commented on transparency in the governing body and working relationships.

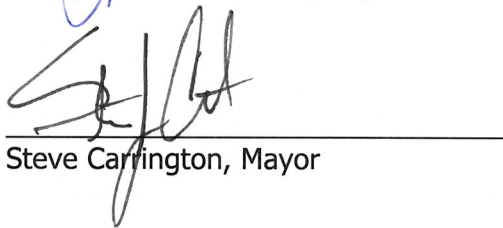
**P. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Approved this 14th day of March, 2023.**



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk



Steve Carrington, Mayor