

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on May 9, 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 Pam Melin, Joshua Tudor, Thomas Ojala IV, Richard W. Best, John Alcantra, and Carolina Anzilotti

Staff in attendance:

Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk
Sarah Heath, City Attorney
Gina Davis, Finance Director

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda with Council Comments moved before Action Memorandum

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

- Proclamation Recognizing the Palmer High School Cheer Team**
Deputy Mayor Melin presented the Palmer High School Cheer Team with a proclamation.
- Proclamation Recognizing Palmer High School Female Athlete of the Year Torrey McClain**
Council Member Anzilotti presented Torrey McClain with a proclamation for female athlete of the year.
- Proclamation Recognizing Palmer High School Male Athlete of the Year Kayson Asay**
Council Member Best presented Kayson Asay with a proclamation for male athlete of the year.

Mayor Carrington called a recess at 6:10 p.m., meeting reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

4. **Presentation - City Finance Director Gina Davis, Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax**
Gina Davis, Finance Director, gave an overview of seller's sale tax.

Discussion followed and Ms. Davis responded to Council questions.

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

- Auditors will be on site until June.
- The Great Alaska Aviation Gathering was successful this past weekend.
- Palmer Clean Up starts Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- Requested to postpone the SRO legislation until the next Council meeting.

2. Mayor's Report

- Provided an overview of the written report in the packet.
- Met the auditors this last week.
- Commented positively on the Aviation Gathering.
- Noted the car show was last weekend.

3. City Clerk's Report

- No formal report.

4. City Attorney's Report

- Volunteered at the Aviation Gathering last weekend.
- Attended a meeting with local business owners and distributed a fact sheet of common criminal offense nuances to local Palmer businesses.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Travis Friesen:

- Commented on recycling in the City of Palmer.

Jackie Goforth:

- Spoke on the book "Let's Talk About It".

Eric Anderson:

- Commented on recycling.

Marcie Benti:

- Commented on traffic in Palmer.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented on a recent event in Texas.

Susan Powder:

- Noted the processes in place for banning books.
- Mentioned concerns with recent actions taken towards the library.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented on Veteran's Memorials and encouraged the city to make sure bike lanes are visible.

Kelsey Anderson:

- Commented that the City Council should not determine what books belong in the library.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 23-012:** Accepting and Appropriating the 2023 State of Alaska High Visibility Click It Or Ticket Enforcement Grant 402 BIL PT-23-06-BL(A)-3 in the Amount of \$4,480 to be used for High Visibility Seatbelt Enforcement Activities by the Palmer Police Department

Chief Shelton provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

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

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 23-012.

Moved by:	Alcantra
Seconded by:	Tudor
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

2. **Resolution No. 23-013:** In Support of The Designation of The Mat-Su Valley Planning For Transportation (MVP For Transportation) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) of the Mat-Su Area.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented in opposition of Resolution 23-013.

Jerad Anderson:

- Commented in support of Resolution 23-013.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented in support of Resolution 23-013.

Jackie Ivie Goforth:

- Commented in opposition of Resolution 23-013.

Travis Friesen:

- Commented in support of Resolution 23-013.

Kelsey Anderson:

- Commented in support of Resolution 23-013.

Eric Anderson:

- Commented in opposition of Resolution 23-013.

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

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

Discussion followed and Manager Moosey responded to Council questions, and Council directed the Manager to invite a member of the current MPO in Fairbanks to participate in the June 13 Council Meeting, under the Committee of the Whole.

Main Motion: Legislation was moved to the May 23 meeting, under public hearing

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

I. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Tudor:

- Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting tonight.
- Great joint meeting with Parks and recreation Advisory Board.
- Good turnout for Great Alaskan Aviation Gathering this last weekend.
- Congratulations to all the seniors graduating.
- Mother's Day Reminder.

Council Member Ojala IV:

- Appreciated everyone's participation this evening.
- Thanked the public for reaching out to their Council person.
- Thanked Gina Davis for her presentation.
- Commented on recycling in Alaska.

Council Member Best:

- Thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their updates.
- Requested support to direct the Attorney to review City Code of Ethics review for redundancy and conflicts, or any advice to the Council, Council Member Anzilotti offered support. A Roll Call VOTE was taken; unanimous.
- Participated in the Great Alaskan Aviation Gathering.
- Thanked Public Works staff for their efforts with the street cleaning.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Commented on the MPO legislation.
- Reminder of Clean-up Day this next Saturday.
- Palmer Graduation next Tuesday evening.
- Will be absent from the May 23 meeting.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Commented on the MPO legislation.
- Thanked business owner Wes Artz for putting together the business group meeting.
- Thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their updates.
- Friday Fling is this Friday.

Council Member Melin:

- Thanked the members of the community for attending the Council meeting this evening.
- Thanked Public Works for their efforts with the street clean up.
- Requested support to direct Manager Moosey to review parking issues and create a parking plan with support from Council Member Ojala IV.
- Requested support to direct Manager Moosey to investigate if there are any resolutions to resolve the smell of the treatment plan with support from Council Member Anzilotti.

Mayor Carrington called for a recess at 8:27 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

J. ACTION MEMORANDA

1. **Action Memorandum No. 23-024:** Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for a 5-year contract for a Safety Resource Officer (SRO) at Colony High School

Mayor Carrington stated, at the request of the Manager, Action Memorandum 23-024 was postponed to a future meeting.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-024.

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

2. **Action Memorandum No. 23-025:** Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a One Year Contract with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to Provide Fire Emergency Response to the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area (GPFSA)

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-025.

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

3. **Action Memorandum No. 23-026:** Liquor License Renewal for Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #793

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-026.

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

4. **Action Memorandum No. 23-028:** Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Contract with Ahtna Construction Primary Products Company, LLC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$425,002, for the 2023 Evergreen Avenue & Airport Road Pathway Project

Public Works Director Jude Bilafer provided a staff report.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-028.

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

5. **Action Memorandum No. 23-029:** Authorize the City Manager to Execute Change Order Number Three for the Second Renewal Option with Alaska Sure Seal in the Amount of \$153,961.65 for Crack Sealing roadways, runways, parking aprons, infrared pothole patching and street line striping in

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-029.

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

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

3 MPO documents from Manager Moosey

N. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Travis Friesen:

- Commented on recycling initiatives in Palmer.

Erik Anderson:

- Commented on recycling.

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented on reading and libraries.

Cindy Hudgins:

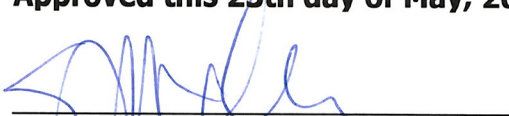
- Remarked on libraries.

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Q. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Approved this 23th day of May, 2023.



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk



Steve Carrington, Mayor