

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on June 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Deputy Mayor Melin 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 (on Zoom), 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
- Jude Bilafer, Public Works Director
- Brad Hansen, Community Development Director
- John Moosey, City Manager

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Main Motion: To Approve the amended Agenda with the postponement of the City Manager’s evaluation**

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

A motion was made and seconded to enter committee of the whole with no objection.

**E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Resolution No. 23-013, with invited guest Jackson Fox, Executive Director of the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System**

Jackson Fox, Executive Director of Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System gave a brief bio and addressed Council questions.

A motion was made by Council Member Best, seconded by Council Member Alcantra to Suspend the Rules and allow DOT representative Bradley to join the Committee of the Whole.

A motion was made to exit Committee of the Whole by Council Member Best, seconded by Council Member Anzilotti. The Council had no objections.

## F. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. **Proclamation Recognizing June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as Flag Day**  
Council Member Best read a proclamation recognizing June 14<sup>th</sup>, as Flag Day.
2. **Presentation Alaska Scottish Highland Games, Jeni McDaniel, Executive Director**  
Jeni McDaniel, Executive Director of the Alaska Scottish Highland Games gave an overview of the upcoming event.
3. **Proclamation Recognizing June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as Juneteenth in Palmer, Alaska**  
Council Member Tudor presented a proclamation recognizing June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as Juneteenth.

Deputy Mayor Melin called a recess at 7:03 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

## G. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report
  - Job Corp Center Rededication ceremony.
  - Arctic Winter Games request breakdown on the table.
  - VIC & Museum were well attended over the weekend.
  - MTA capital credit check for the City of Palmer.
  - Selection of Architect for the Library during the next meeting.
  - June 20<sup>th</sup> is Palmer Day at the Mat-Su Miner Game.
2. Mayor's Report
  - Written report in the packet.
  - June 27<sup>th</sup> Bond Attorney to present details about placing a bond proposition on the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, ballot.
3. City Clerk's Report
  - No formal report.
  - October 3, 2023, election preparation has started.
4. City Attorney's Report
  - The Ethics and Code of Conduct is almost finalized.
  - The contract audit is almost finalized.
  - Review of policies and insurance for City events: requested by Council Member Best and supported by Deputy Mayor Melin.

## H. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Travis Friesen:

- Commented on protesting efforts at a Wasilla bookstore.

## I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **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, Formation of the MVP as an Independent Organization and Provide for Membership in the MPO and as a Member of the Board of Directors

Deputy Mayor Melin opened the public hearing.

Mike Chmielewski: Spoke in favor of resolution 23-013.

Eric Anderson: Commented in opposition of resolution 23-013.

Seeing no one else come forward, the Deputy Mayor Melin closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 23-013.**

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

Discussion ensued and Council Member Tudor suggested changes to the title of the resolution that defined the Mayor as the elected official to represent the City in the MPO groups.

**Primary #1:** Amend language of the last "Be it further resolved clauses", to read "the city of palmer mayor", will serve as a member of the policy board of MVP for transportation and be it further resolved that the city of palmer mayor will serve as a member of the board of directors and MVP for transportation and execute all related organizational and administrative documents on behalf of MVP for transportation."

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

Discussion followed and the Council agreed to postpone the amended resolution to the June 27 meeting.

- Resolution No. 23-017:** Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$5,000 From Thrive Mat-Su and United Way of Mat-Su to Support the Palmer Police Department Bicycle Patrol Unit

Deputy Mayor Melin opened the public hearing.

Travis Friesen: Commented in support of Resolution 23-017.

Eric Anderson: Commented in support of Resolution 23-017.

Chief Dwayne Shelton: Commented in support of Resolution 23-017.

Deputy Mayor Melin closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 23-017**

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

- Resolution No: 23-018:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Supporting the Palmer Parks & Recreational Advisory Board and Funding a Concept Development Plan for a Veterans/First Responders Memorial Wall

Deputy Mayor Melin opened the public hearing.

Travis Friesen: Commented in support of Resolution 23-018.

Deputy Mayor Melin closed the public hearing.

Council discussion ensued.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 23-018**

Moved by:	Ojala IV
Seconded by:	Alcantra
Vote:	Unanimous Consent
Action:	Motion Carried

**I. ACTION MEMORANDA**

- 1. Action Memorandum No. 23-030:** Approving a Request from Arctic Winter Games 2024 to Waive Facility Use Fees up to \$32,205 for the Usage of the MTA Events Center and the Palmer Train Depot during March of 2024

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-030**

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

- 2. Action Memorandum No. 23-038:** Authorizing the City Manager to Dispose of Surplus City Wastewater Equipment (Dredge) Valued at More than \$10,000.

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-038**

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

**J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Travis Friesen:

- Commented on the use of animals for Police Patrol, bicycle construction and recycling.

Cheryl Metiva:

- Commented on the Arctic Winter Games and thanked the City of Palmer for their sponsorship.

Jennifer Williams:

- Commented on patron suggestions for the new Palmer Library.

Marty Metiva:

- Commented positively on the Palmer Council.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented on the Public Works crew painting curbs in the city.
- Noted the timeliness of the Palmer City Council Meetings.

Eric Anderson:

- Commented on property purchased by the Borough.

## **K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Carrington:

- Thanked Deputy Mayor Melin for running the meeting.

Council Member Tudor:

- Palmer Pavilion for Juneteenth on June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Asked the public for comments regarding the MPO.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Thanked the public for their comments this evening.
- Attended Colony Days this weekend.
- Commented on the Job Corp Center Rededication ceremony.

Council Member Ojala IV:

- Commented on the Cedar Hills traffic.
- Suggested a center turn lane for traffic turning left onto Palmer Fishhook.
- Commented positively on Colony Days.
- Acknowledged the new curb paint.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Commented positively on Colony Days.
- Thanked the presenters for attending this evening.
- Excited to sing the National Anthem during the upcoming Miners Game.

Council Member Best:

- Thanked the public for their comments this evening.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Commented positively on the new street paint in Palmer and the flowers.
- Thanked Public Works Department for making the city beautiful.

## **L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **M. NEW BUSINESS**

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


Memo from Manager Moosey

## **O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **P. ADJOURNMENT**

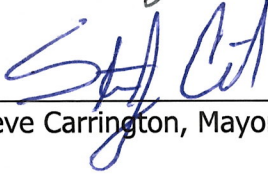
With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

**Approved this 27th day of June, 2023.**



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Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk



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Steve Carrington, Mayor