

## A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on July 25, 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, Joshua Tudor, Thomas Ojala IV, John Alcantra, and Carolina Anzilotti, Deputy Mayor Pam Melin, Richard W. Best

Staff in attendance:

Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk  
Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk  
Sarah Heath, City Attorney (via zoom)  
John Moosey, City Manager  
Dwayne Shelton, Police Chief

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

## D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

## E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

## F. REPORTS

### 1. City Manager's Report

- Manager Moosey gave an overview on upcoming Ordinance 23-004-A.

### 2. Mayor's Report

- Written report in the packet.
- The Regular Council Meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> will be moved to August 7<sup>th</sup> to accommodate Council attendance at the Alaska Municipal League Conference in Homer.

### 3. City Clerk's Report

- Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 4pm is the deadline for candidate filing packets.

4. City Attorney's Report

- Written report provided in the packet regarding the MPO.

**G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Travis Friesen:

- Commented on his successes with recycling efforts.

Wes Artz:

- Expressed thankfulness for earning the Business of the year award.

Rachel House (Friends of the Palmer Library group):

- Commented positively on community outreach regarding the library.
- Read positive comment cards received from participants at the Palmer Art and Garden Faire.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented positively on the participation of Palmer Pride this past Friday.
- Spoke regarding the MPO discussion that occurred at the Matsu Borough meeting last Tuesday.

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Ordinance No. 23-003:** Expanding the Zoning Designation of Public (P) with the use limited to an emergency medical facility building (EMS) for Tract 5, Cedar Hills Unit No. 2, Phase 1 to include Fire and Telecommunication services, located in Section 29, Township 18 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Lisa Gray (representing the Matsu Borough):

- Gave an overview of the requested rezone.

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

Council members commented regarding the Ordinance.

**Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 23-003**

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

2. **Ordinance No. 23-004-A:** Providing for the Submission to the Qualified Voters of the City of Palmer at the General Election on October 3, 2023, the Question of Confirming Action Taken by the Palmer City Council, by the Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-007, Which Amended PMC 3.12.032, by Increasing the Amount of the Residential Real Property Exemption for Seniors and Disabled Veterans to \$150,000, Resulting in a Total City of Palmer Exemption of \$300,000

Mayor Carrington provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Wes Artz: questioned what percentage of the population would receive the exemption.

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

**Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 23-004-A**

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

**Main Motion: To Amend Ordinance No. 23-004-A by substitution**

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

Mayor Carrington called for a recess at 6:52 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

- Resolution No. 23-023:** Authorize the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate a State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Division of Community and Regional Affairs Grant in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Palmer Public Library Reconstruction

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Mike Chmielewski: Commented in support of the Resolution.

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

Council Members commented on the potential for the upcoming library.

**Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 23-023**

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

**I. ACTION MEMORANDA**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Resolution No. 23-013-A:** 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 MPO

Council discussion ensued regarding the Resolution.

Council Member Best requested support from the Council to have the Attorney add an addendum the legislation stating that the City of Palmer will join the MPO if the following conditions are added: Clause that states at any time that the City of Palmer may exit at any time with all contributed monetary funds to be refunded; MPO will not pursue a project voted down by City Council that takes place within City of Palmer Boundaries; Three Borough representatives and two for each City on the policy board; requested a representative that is a subject expert to have communication through Attorney Heath. Council Members agreed with the request.



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

Moved by:	Anzilotti
Seconded by:	Alcantra
Vote:	Postponed to the August 7th meeting
Action:	

**Primary #1: To Postpone Resolution No. 23-013-A until August 7th Meeting**

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

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

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

IM and MPO legislation from the Matsu Borough; Library comment cards from Friends of the Library member, Rachel House; Recycling flyers from Travis Friesen

**M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Travis Friesen:

- Commented negatively on the MPO.

Wes Artz:

- Commented on responsibility of hierarchy regarding the MPO.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented regarding the discussion of the MPO.

Dwayne Shelton, as a citizen of the city:

- Noted valid concerns of the City Council concerning the MPO.
- Commented in support for the City of Palmer to participate in the MPO.

Jennifer Williams:

- Commented in support of the concerns of the City Council regarding the MPO Resolution.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**O. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Thanked the participants this evening.
- Congratulated the Palmer Bar.
- Commented regarding the MPO concerns.
- Encouraged Council Members to take a tour of the Police Department and noted the poor condition of the facility.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Congratulated the Palmer Bar and Mike Chmielewski for their recent awards.
- Thanked everyone for their participation in the MPO discussions.
- Attended Freedom Summit Last week.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Congratulations to Palmer Bar and Mike Chmielewski for their recent awards.
- Thanked the Mayor for his facilitation of Palmer Pride.
- Thanked everyone for the progress regarding the MPO.

Council Member Best:

- Thanked everyone for participating in the Council discussions.

Council Member Ojala IV:

- Congratulations to Palmer Bar and Mike Chmielewski for their recent awards.
- Encouraged the public to contact him regarding MPO opinions.

Council Member Tudor:

- Thanked the citizens for their participation in the discussions.
- Commented positively on the Palmer Pride event.
- Congratulations to Palmer Bar and Mike Chmielewski for their recent awards.

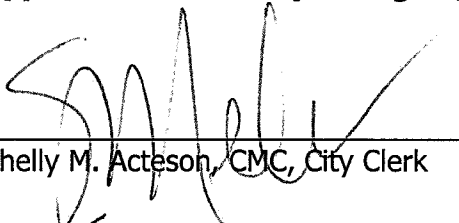
Mayor Carrington:

- Commented on library meetings that will begin to take place in August.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

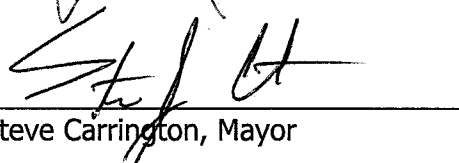
With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**Approved this 7th day of August, 2023.**



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Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk



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Steve Carrington, Mayor