

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on August 7, 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, Deputy Mayor Pam Melin, and Richard W. Best

Council Member Carolina Anzilotti requested an excused absence. There were no objections from Council.

Staff in attendance:

Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk
Sarah Heath, City Attorney (via zoom)
Brad Hanson, Acting 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:	Ojala IV
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Presentation – Tim Zalinger, Mat-Su Valley Rebuild
Tim Zalinger with Mat-Su Valley Rebuild gave an overview of their business and current fundraising efforts underway to purchase a new building.

Council Members agreed without any objections to suspend the rules and allow for a questions and answers session with Mr. Zalinger.

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report:
 - The first police bike has arrived and the second one is anticipated to arrive before the State Fair.

- Wolf Architecture will begin to gather community input at Friday Fling regarding the reconstruction or rebuilding of the Palmer Library.
- Demolition Action Memoranda for the library will be coming forward to Council at the next meeting.

2. Mayor's Report:

- Written report in the packet.

3. City Clerk's Report:

- Reminder of the October 3rd election.

4. City Attorney's Report:

- Written report in the packet.
- Discussed revised MPO Resolution.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented positively on a prior presentation by Tim Zalinger.
- Noted the Bike with the Cops taking place on August 12th.

Dwayne Shelton city resident:

- 1st annual bike with the cop Saturday, August 12.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution 23-024:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Appointing Election Officials for the City of Palmer Regular Election on Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

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

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 23-024

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

1. **Resolution No. 23-025:** Authorizing the City Manager to Appropriate \$77,529 for Repairs to Lift Station #6 Which was Damaged during a December 2022 Winter Storm

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

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

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 23-025

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

- Resolution No. 23-026:** Accepting and Appropriating \$5,000 from the MEA Charitable Foundation to Support the Palmer Police Department Bicycle Patrol Unit

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

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

Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 23-026

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

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

- Action Memorandum No. 23-042:** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Togiak Police Department to Provide Field Training to Their New Police Officers

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-042

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

- Action Memorandum No. 23-043:** Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Donations to the Palmer Police Bike Patrol Program by Denise Statz and Kelly Dolfi in the Amount of \$1000

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-043

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

Council members commented on the generosity of the Palmer business owners for their donation.

- Action Memorandum No. 23-044:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection of the license renewal of La Fiesta Mexicana #3696

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-044

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

- Action Memorandum No. 23-046:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 23-046

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. **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

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

Moved by:	Anzilotti
Seconded by:	Alcantra
Vote:	3 Yes / No (Melin, Best, Ojala IV)
Action:	Failed

Council discussion ensued regarding the MPO.

Mayor Carrington called for a recess at 7:02 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Primary #1: To reconsider Resolution No. 23-013-A

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	4 Yes / 2 No (Melin, Tudor)
Action:	Motion Carried

Primary #1: To postpone until the 8/22/23 meeting and directing the City Manager to have a subject matter expert from the State come and provide additional information and options regarding the MPO

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

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented on the MPO legislation.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Ojala IV:

- Commented on the MPO legislation.

Council Member Tudor:

- Commented on the MPO legislation and the best interest for the people in Palmer.

Council Member Best:

- Thanked Council for postponing the MPO legislation due to lack of information.
- Congratulated his daughter for her new job at Career Tech as the Culinary Arts teacher.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Thanked the Council members for their participation this evening regarding the MPO legislation.
- Excited for the upcoming Ride with the cops event.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Thanked Denise Statz and Kelli Dolfi for their charitable contribution for Police bikes.

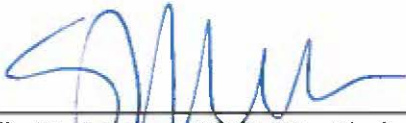
Mayor Carrington:

- Commented positively on the Police bike program.

P. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of August, 2023.



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk



Steve Carrington, Mayor