

## A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on October 10, 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, Carolina Anzilotti (on Zoom), John Alcantra, Deputy Mayor Pam Melin, and Richard W. Best.

Council Member Thomas Ojala IV was absent and excused. There were no objections from Council.

Staff in attendance:

John Moosey, City Manager  
Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk  
Benji Johnson, Deputy City Clerk  
Sarah Heath, City Attorney  
Chad Cameron, Fire Chief  
John Diument, Airport Superintendent

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

## D. ELECTION CERTIFICATION

1. **Resolution No. 23-030:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Accepting the Certificate of Canvass Board Results and Certifying the October 3, 2023, Regular City Election

### Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 23-030

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

## E. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Clerk Acteson administered oath of office to Council Members Best and Cooper.

## F. ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

1. Election of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Carrington opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Melin nominated Council Member Anzilotti as Deputy Mayor. The voice vote was unanimous.

2. Election of Alternate Deputy Mayor

Mayor Carrington opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Alcantra nominated Council Member Tudor as Alternate Deputy Mayor. The voice vote was unanimous.

## **G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Carrington moved Council Comments to take place before executive session, agenda item Q, Executive Session.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection by unanimous consent.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

1. Lieutenant Promotion Badging- Palmer Fire and Rescue – Christopher Walsh
2. Fire Chief Cameron presented Engineer Walsh with Lieutenant Badge and Helmet

## **I. REPORTS**

1. City Manager's Report

- Introduced new Airport Superintendent, John Diument.
- Budget Meetings will begin on October 17, 2023, Special Meeting.
- 2024 Legislative priorities are coming for the City Council to prioritize and vote on.
- Current airport runway lights have been phased out and finding replacements is becoming an issue.

2. Mayor's Report

- Written report in packet.
- Would like to have Public Works Director Jude Bilafer take over the MPO position representing the City of Palmer.
- Borough is changing their code to add a representative for the City of Palmer seat on the Planning Commission, will need to provide a list for which to choose.
- Budget meetings coming, suggested have question ready and/or provided to the Manager early.

3. City Clerk's Report

- 2023 Election was concluded.

4. City Attorney's Report

- Will be providing an update in executive session.

## **J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Travis Friesen

- Suggested the City find a way to invest in bitcoin mining computers.

Jackie Goforth

- Commented on books in the library and the book challenge process.

Karen Lewis

- Commented on books in the library.

## K. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 24-001:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Adopting the City of Palmer Employee Pay Plan (First Public Hearing)

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

### Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 24-001

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	N/A
Action:	N/A

2. **Resolution No. 24-002:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Adopting the 2024 Fee Schedule for the City of Palmer for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024, and Ending December 31, 2024 (First Public Hearing)

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

### Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 24-002

Moved by:	Melin
Seconded by:	Tudor
Vote:	N/A
Action:	N/A

3. **Resolution No. 24-003:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Adopting the 2024 Fine Schedule for the City of Palmer for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024, and Ending December 31, 2024 (First Public Hearing)

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

### Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 24-003

Moved by:	Alcantra
Seconded by:	Tudor
Vote:	N/A
Action:	N/A

4. **Resolution No. 24-004:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Adopting the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024, and Ending December 31, 2024 (First Public Hearing)

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

### Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 24-004

Moved by:	Tudor
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	N/A
Action:	N/A



5. **Resolution No. 24-005:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Adopting a Budget for the City of Palmer, Alaska for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024, and Ending December 31, 2024, and Appropriating Monies (First Public Hearing)

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 24-005**

Moved by:	Alcantra
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	N/A
Action:	N/A

**L. ACTION MEMORANDA**

1. **Action Memorandum No. 23-061:** Authorize the City Manager to Renew the Banking Services Contract for Additional Year with First National Bank Alaska

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memoranda 23-061**

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

**M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**N. NEW BUSINESS**

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

None

**P. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Travis Friesen

- Encouraged the Council to make Palmer a bitcoin and technology sector for the public.

Jackie Goforth

- Spoke to her concern regarding the library books.

*\*\*\*Clerk's note: Agenda Item R, Council Member Comments, took place before agenda item Q due to Council going into executive session*

**Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of Which Would Clearly Have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the Public Entity – Litigation Update from City Attorney Heath**

A motion was made by Melin and second by Cooper to enter executive session at 6:47 p.m.

The Roll Call Vote was unanimous.

The regular meeting was reconvened with no objections at 7:55 p.m.

**R. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS – Moved to before Executive Session item Q**

Mayor Carrington

- Read the Certificate of Appreciation for outgoing Council Member Ojala IV.

Council Member Melin

- Enjoyed her term as Deputy Mayor, ready to hand over to Council Member Anzilotti.
- Welcomed Council Member Cooper.
- Requested support to direct the City Attorney to draft a summary of analysis on Library policies and status on challenges. Council Member best offered support.

Council Member Alcantra

- Congratulated Council Members Cooper and Best.
- Congratulated the new Deputy Mayor Anzilotti and "Back up" Deputy Mayor Tudor.
- Will not be at the October 17, 2023, Special Meeting.
- Applauded the City of Palmer in their support of Seniors and Vets and the Palmer Library.
- Thanked Council Member Ojala for his time on the Council.
- Thanked Council Member Melin for her time as Deputy Mayor.
- Thanked Mayor Carrington for his written Reports.

Council Member Best

- Congratulated Council Member Cooper.
- Expressed his appreciation of Council Member Ojala's service on the Council.

Council Member Cooper

- Thanked everyone for allowing this opportunity to come back to City Council.
- Hoping to put aside any differences and work for what is best for the community.

Council Member Tudor

- Congratulations to Council Member Cooper, really looking forward to working with him.
- Thanked Council Member Ojala for his time on the Council and Council Member Melin for her time as Deputy Mayor.
- Congratulated Lieutenant Walsh and the new airport superintendent.

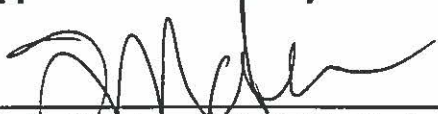
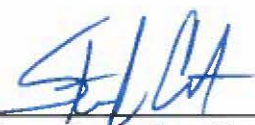
Deputy Mayor Anzilotti

- Congratulated Council Member Cooper.
- Thanked Council Member Ojala for his time on the Council.
- Thanked Council Member Melin for her time as Deputy Mayor.
- Congratulated Lieutenant Walsh promotion.
- Commented on attending the Heart Reach Center Banquet.

## **S. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**Approved this 24th day of October 2023.**

  
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Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk  
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Steve Carrington, Mayor