



**City of Palmer, Alaska**  
**Joint City Council and**  
**Board of Economic Development Meeting**  
**February 11, 2020, at 6:00 PM**  
City Council Chambers  
231 W. Evergreen Avenue, Palmer  
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**AGENDA**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

City Council:

Edna DeVries, Mayor  
Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor  
Julie Berberich  
Richard W. Best  
Steve Carrington  
Sabrena Combs  
Jill Valerius

Board of Economic Development:

Dusty Silva, Chair  
Lorie Koppenberg, Vice Chair  
Chris Chappel  
Peter Christopher  
Barbara Hunt  
Janet Kincaid  
Ronalee Moses

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Committee of the Whole (note: action may be taken by following the committee of the whole)
  - a. 2019 Board Accomplishments Recap
  - b. 2020 Board Projects and Goals
  - c. Other Matters Related to the Board of Economic Development
  - d. City Council Direction to the Board

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

**H. COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

## 2019 BOARD Accomplishments

### Itinerant vendor discussion & feedback

Discussion focused on the strategic plan and work plan. New goals and objections we added for 2019 & 2020. Updates are included and we look forward to review and acceptance by the council. The statistics included in the plan will be updated by staff in 2020 after census data becomes available.

Stantec Presentation and discussions monopolized a significant amount of board time this year with 3 meetings dedicated to this topic which included presentations from Stantec.

Lee Hart Confluence Alaska- Gateway communities and importance of the outdoors on the economy. Myself and city staff attended this meeting. It was very valuable and eye opening!

Marijuana Discussion. This was a vibrant discussion of the board. It was discussed that a vote by the residents of the city might be order on this topic. We will await further direction from the Council prior to adding to another agenda.

Joint meeting with P&Z to discuss Central Business District.

For 2020 the BED has 8 regular meetings and 2 joint meetings on the schedule.

## 2020 BOARD PROJECTS & GOALS

Updated the BED meeting organization. Out with the Work Plan! Going forward rather than insert goals in a work plan we will now be adding these items to our agenda as new business and the discussion items will remain until the BED determines the discussion and business is complete. The motion at our January meeting updated the Strategic Plan adding the following goals:

Goal 4 F: Discuss the possibility of a permanent Friday fling farmers market area as well as a public use stage.

Goal 14 add D Study and make recommendations regarding new proposed zoning districts central business district and highway commercial.

New business agenda items for 2020 discussion

Annexation

Central Business District & Highway Commercial

Tourism & Local Events

Railroad Tracks and a more effective current use of land. (Stage, Parking, Permanent Farmers market area) As I understand the grade of the land where the tracks currently sit would remain. The discussion would be surrounded around

Please consider making a motion to accept the strategic plan for 2020.

Other Matters: Discuss Community Grant Program – Looking for direction from the council. We have 2 rewrite proposals before us for review. I