

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA**

**REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022
6:00 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Chair Peterson at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Constituting a quorum, present were Commissioners:

Casey Peterson, Chair
Lisbeth Jackson
Penny McClain
John Murphy
Penny Mosher (via Zoom video conference)

Absence(s) excused without objection:

Linda Combs
Kristy Thom Bernier

Also present were:

Brad Hanson, Community Development Director
Tyler Patterson, Community Development Specialist
Pam Whitehead, Recording Secretary (via Zoom teleconference)

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was performed.

D. Election of Vice Chairman:

Following nomination and acceptance:

Commissioner Lisbeth Jackson was duly elected Commission Vice Chair by roll call vote.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented by roll call vote of all members present.

[Jackson, McClain, Mosher, Murphy, Peterson; *Absent:* Thom Bernier, Combs]

F. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. The minutes of the **July 28, 2022 Special Meeting** were unanimously approved as presented by roll call vote of all members present.

[Jackson, McClain, Mosher, Murphy, Peterson; *Absent:* Thom Bernier, Combs]

G. REPORT:

Director Hanson introduced Tyler Patterson, as the new Community Development Specialist and support for the P&Z Commission. In addition, he spoke to the Alaska State Fair starting this weekend and status

of other matters related to upcoming projects related to the Alaska Railroad.

H. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

K. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution No. 22-005:** A resolution to recommend City Council review the need for an update to the 2006 City of Palmer Comprehensive Plan.

Director Hanson provided a staff report explaining the process for updating the City's 2006 Comprehensive Plan and responded to Commissioner questions.

Following open discussion and review, there was consensus to request a joint meeting with the City Council on the topic. There was also discussion about time to consider any amendments to the Resolution.

Main Motion: To move Consideration of Resolution No. 22-005, A Resolution to Review the Need for an Update to the 2006 City of Palmer Comprehensive Plan to the Commission's September 15, 2022 meeting under Public Hearings.

Moved by:	Jackson
Seconded by:	Mosher
Vote:	Unanimous [Jackson, McClain, Mosher, Murphy, Peterson; Absent: Combs, Thom Bernier]
Action:	Motion Carried by roll call vote.

L. PLAT REVIEWS: None.

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

N. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Chair Peterson:

- Welcomed Tyler the Community Development team and expressed appreciation for the work he has done so far;
- And welcomed Commissioner Jackson to the position of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Jackson:

- Also welcomed Tyler (from Texas) to the "Great State of Alaska."

Commissioner Mosher:

- Welcomed Tyler as well and commented that conferencing in from Little Rock, AR, everyone looks great on screen;
- Also expressed appreciation to Pam for everything she does (preparing Minutes), noting she is learning that attending remotely can be a little interesting.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned without objection at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED by the Planning and Zoning Commission this 15th day of September, 2022.



Casey Peterson, Chair



Brad Hanson, Community Development Director