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 Vote:

Yes:	No:
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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 09-018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PALMER CITY COUNCIL AMENDING PALMER MUNICIPAL CODE 2.04.075 PUBLIC MEETING NOTIFICATION, TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC MEETING NOTIFICATION TIMEFRAME FROM 24 HOURS TO THREE DAYS AND PALMER MUNICIPAL CODE 2.04.080 MEETINGS, TO CHANGE THE DAY OF THE WEEK CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD FROM TUESDAY TO MONDAY

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Palmer Municipal Code.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. PMC Section 2.04.075 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken):

2.04.075 Public meeting notification.

- A. All public notices must include the date, time and place of a meeting and, if the meeting is by teleconference, the location of teleconferencing facilities that will be used.
- B. Regular Meeting. Public meeting notification shall be by means of posting and/or publishing the agenda for a regular meeting five days prior to the meeting.
- C. Special Meeting. Public meeting notification shall be by means of posting and/or publishing the agenda for a special meeting three days ~~24 hours~~ prior to the meeting.
- D. Emergency Meeting. Public meeting notification shall be by means of posting and/or publishing the agenda with reasonableness related to the emergency.
- E. Work Session. Public meeting notification shall be by means of posting and/or publishing the work session notice containing the topic of the work session three days prior to the session.

Section 4. PMC Section 2.04.080 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken):

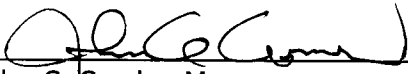
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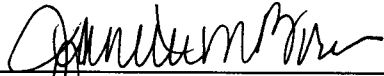
2.04.080 Meetings.

- A. Regular meetings of the council shall be held only on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers, unless otherwise designated by the council. At least two regular meetings shall be held in each month. A regular meeting may be canceled by the council; however, if no quorum exists or there is an emergency, it may be canceled by the mayor.
- B. Special meetings of the council shall be held at the regular meeting place of the council. Special meetings shall be called by the city clerk on the written request of the mayor, of the city manager, or of any two members of the council.
- ~~C. If a majority of the council members are given at least 24 hours' written or oral notice and reasonable efforts are made to notify all council members, a special meeting of the council may be held at the call of the mayor, city manager or two council members. Waiver of notice can be made before or after the special meeting is held. A waiver of notice shall be made a part of the journal for the meeting.~~
- ~~C.~~ D. Emergency meetings may be held and business may be legally transacted if all council members are present or if absent members have waived, in writing, the required notice; or, if there is a quorum of the council. Waiver of notice can be made before or after the meeting is held. A waiver of notice shall be made a part of the journal for the meeting. The clerk shall make reasonable attempts to notify all council members of the emergency meeting.
- ~~D.~~ E. Attendance and participation at meetings by members of the public or by members of a governmental body may be by teleconferencing. Materials that are to be considered at the meeting shall be made available at teleconference locations if practicable. The vote at a meeting held by teleconference shall be taken by roll call.
- ~~F. No special notice to council members as required in subsection (C) of this section shall be necessary in the case of a special meeting called by agreement of the majority of the council, reached at any regular or special meeting of the council.~~
- ~~E.~~ G. No business shall be transacted at any special or emergency meeting except that which is specifically stated in the notice of the meeting.
- ~~E.~~ H. The council shall adjourn not later than 11:00 p.m. and may not reconvene any earlier than 9:00 a.m. the next day. However, by two-thirds consent of the council members in attendance the meeting may be extended for up to one hour, at which time adjournment is mandatory.
- ~~G.~~ I. If, after having been lawfully assembled in a properly designated location, the council determines that a condition exists which renders the location unsuitable, the council may recess the meeting and reconvene at a different location suitable to the needs of the council. The location to which the meeting shall be reconvened shall be made known publicly prior to recess and notices shall be posted at the place originally designated by the clerk.

Section 5. Effective Date. Ordinance No. 09-018 shall take effect upon adoption of the Palmer City Council.

Passed and approved this twenty-fifth day of August, 2009.


John C. Combs, Mayor


Janette Bower, CMC, City Clerk

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