

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on April 6, 2010, at 6 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following were present:

Kevin Brown	Ken Erbey – via teleconference
Richard Best	Mike Chmielewski
Kathrine Vanover	Brad Hanson
John Combs	

Also in attendance were the following:

Bill Allen, City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Janette Bower, City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Planning and Zoning Commission Member Mike Madar.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Madar:

- spoke of the City's efficiencies gained under City Manager Allen's leadership; and
- encouraged the council to renew the Manager's contract.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 1 - Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager Evaluation (Note: Personnel action regarding the City Manager may taken following the executive session)

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To discuss Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager Evaluation
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous roll call vote					
Yes:			No:		
Chmielewski	Vanover	Brown			
Erbey	Best	Hanson			
Combs					

The council entered into executive session at 6:09 pm and exited at 9:42 pm.

MOVED BY:	Best	To not extend the contract with City Manager Allen and to advertise for a new city manager
SECONDED BY:	Hanson	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: FAILED by 3-4 roll call vote					
Yes:			No:		
Best	Hanson	Vanover	Combs	Brown	Chmielewski
			Erbey		

MOVED BY:	Brown	To extend the City Manager's contract for an additional two years
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

MOVED BY:	Brown	To postpone action on the City Manager's contract to the April 20, 2010, regular meeting agenda and to move into executive session following the regular meeting to further discuss the issue
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE: FAILED by 3-4 roll call vote					
Yes:			No:		
Brown	Chmielewski	Erbey	Combs	Best	Hanson
			Vanover		

Council Member Brown:

- questioned why the change of vote by the Mayor; and
- expanded on the pending motion.

Mayor Combs:

- declined to comment on his vote.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO YEARS: FAILED by 3-4 roll call vote					
Yes:			No:		
Brown	Erbey	Chmielewski	Combs	Best	Hanson
			Vanover		

MOVED BY:	Brown	To allow the City Manager to serve out the remainder of his contract and at a time convenient for the council, begin the process of advertising for a new city manager
SECONDED BY:	Best	

Council Member Brown described the motion as an affirmative and stated his belief that the previous main motion to not extend was voted down erroneously.

Subsidiary Motion		
Moved by:	Brown	To lay the main motion to take up an additional motion to allow the City Manager to serve out the remainder of his contract and at a time convenient for the council, begin advertising for a new city manager on the table
Seconded by:	Chmielewski	

Vote on Motion to Lay on the Table: Carried by 4-3 roll call vote					
Yes:			No:		
Combs	Brown	Chmielewski	Best	Hanson	Vanover
Erbey					

**Clerk's note: following the motion to Lay on the Table, the motion regarding a one year contract was addressed.*

MOVED BY:	Combs	To extend the City Manager's contract for one additional year
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

City Manager Allen declined the extension of his contract for one additional year.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT: FAILED by unanimous roll call vote					
Yes:			No:		
			Combs	Best	Brown
			Chmielewski	Erbey	Hanson
			Vanover		

**Clerk's note: following the main motion to extend the City Manager's contract for one additional year, the motion laid on the table was addressed by the council.*

Subsidiary Motion		
Moved by:	Brown	To take from the table the main motion to allow the City Manager to serve out the remainder of his contract and at a time convenient for the council, begin advertising for a new city manager
Seconded by:	Best	

Vote on Motion to Take from the Table: Carried by unanimous roll call vote					
Yes:			No:		
Combs	Best	Brown			
Chmielewski	Erbey	Hanson			
Vanover					

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION SERVE OUT THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTRACT:
Carried by unanimous roll call vote

Yes:			No:
Combs	Best	Brown	
Chmielewski	Erbey	Hanson	
Vanover			

F. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 pm.

Approved this twentieth day of April, 2010.

John C. Combs, Mayor

Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk