

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on September 28, 2010 at 6 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

Also in attendance were the following:

Sara Jansen, Deputy City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Janette Bower, City Clerk
Deputy City Clerk Shelly Acteson

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy City Manager Sara Jansen.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

E. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 - City Manager Contract

City Attorney Gatti:

- provided an overview of the proposed Interim City Manager and Employment Agreement contracts; and
- responded to Council questions.

Discussion ensued concerning the contracts.

City Clerk Janette Bower:

- responded to Council inquiries.

Council Member Brown:

- suggested amending the Employment Agreement, Section 2 D. by changing the verbiage from "all for an additional two year period", to "for up to two years".

Mayor Combs:

- recommended the Employment Agreement conclude May 1 instead of November 1; and
- commented on the conclusion date as it relates to the Legislative Session.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- recommended the Employment Agreement commence December 15; and
- invited comments from the Council.

Council Member Best:

- spoke in favor of a May or June commencement date.

City Attorney Gatti:

- responded to Council questions; and
- reminded Council the start date was contingent upon Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) verification.

Council Member Brown:

- spoke against the December 15 commencement; and
- spoke in favor of May or June as a commencement date.

MOVED BY:	Hanson	To adopt the Employment Agreement with the recommended verbiage change to Section 2. D.
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

Mr. Griffin:

- explained the negotiation process;
- commented on proposed amendments;
- indicated a preference for retaining the salary as presented in the document; and
- remarked on legislative rhythms and due dates.

Mayor Combs:

- expressed preference for individual one-year renewals.

Primary Amendment #1 to Main Motion		
Moved by:	Chmielewski	To amend by changing Section 2. C. from "November 1, 2013 to "May 1, 2014", pending PERS "opt out" request
Seconded by:	Vanover	

Vote on primary amendment #1: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote		
Yes:		No:
Erbey	Brown	
Chmielewski	Combs	
Vanover	Best	
	Hanson	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote

Chmielewski Erbey Combs	Yes: Vanover Best	Brown Hanson	No:
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MOVED BY:	Hanson	To enter into the Agreement for Interim City Manager with Mr. Griffin pending PERS approval of the "opt-out" request, and add October 4 as the commencement date of the agreement
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

Primary Amendment #1 to Main Motion		
Moved by:	Hanson	To amend by changing Section 1 of the Agreement for Interim Manager from November 1 to November 15
Seconded by:	Combs	

Council Member Brown:

- questioned provision 4 of the Interim Agreement.

Vote on primary amendment #1: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote			
Erbey Chmielewski Vanover	Yes: Brown Combs	Best Hanson	No:

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

Item 2 - Resolution No. 10-064: Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Sign an Amendment to the Agreement with the State of Alaska Concerning Participation of City Employees in the Public Employees Retirement System of Alaska

MOVED BY:	Brown	To Adopt Resolution No. 10-064
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

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

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 1 – Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager Candidate Douglas Griffin (Note: Council action on the city manager process or selection may be taken following the executive session)

An executive session was not held.

G. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Approved this twelfth day of October, 2010.

John C. Combs, Mayor

Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk