

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on May 4, 2010, at 6 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:07 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

The following member was absent and excused by the council:

Ken Erbey

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 Council Member Vanover.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ray Ritari, Alaska State Fair:

- revealed his shock regarding council's decision to discontinue Manager Allen's tenure;
- commented on the City's working relationship with the Fair;
- voiced his appreciation of Mr. Allen's communication skills;
- stated the City was on the verge of the co-generation plant; and
- expanded on the need to retain Mr. Allen.

John Riggs, Great Northern Engineering:

- supported Manager Allen;
- expanded on his involvement with the City of Palmer;
- spoke of his property ownership;
- stated that previous to Mr. Allen, projects languished;
- encouraged the council to extend Mr. Allen's contract;

- expanded on his encouraged input to the City;
- referred to Mr. Allen’s approach to issues; and
- commented on the confidence placed in Mr. Allen by local contractors.

John Lee:

- expanded on the best interests of the City;
- spoke of the enthusiasm exhibited by City staff;
- stated Palmer was in competition with other municipalities for resources;
- referred to Palmer as well run; and
- encouraged the council to repair the relationship with Mr. Allen.

Cheryl Riggs:

- spoke of behalf of Janet Kincaid;
- commented on Manager Allen;
- expanded on the positive results of Mr. Allen’s management;
- referred to Depot parking;
- spoke of the professionalism of City staff; and
- encouraged the council to retain Mr. Allen for an additional year.

Mike Madar:

- commented on the City efficiencies gained under Manager Allen;
- stated the City was on a good path;
- spoke of the enhancement of Palmer;
- encouraged council to stay the course;
- referred to the October election; and
- requested council reconsider its action.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – City Manager Recruitment Process

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To enter into the committee of the whole to discuss the city manager recruitment process
SECONDED BY:	Best	

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

The council entered into the committee of the whole at 6:19 pm and exited at 7:15 pm.

MOVED BY:	Combs	To accept the recruitment process as outlined by the City Clerk, noting the dates may change based on the convenience of the City Clerk and best possible attendance of the council, in addition to the identified members, Tom Healy will be contacted first, if not available Don Moore will be contacted second, followed by Rick Mystrom, and Mr. Allen
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

Primary Amendment #1 to Main Motion		
Moved by:	Hanson	To remove bullet number three from the memo
Seconded by:	Brown	

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

Primary Amendment #2 to Main Motion		
Moved by:	Best	To change the review date from June 17 to June 18 and the meeting date for council review from July 13 to July 6
Seconded by:	Vanover	

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

Council Member Brown:

- reiterated the need to host a public event allowing the public to meet the candidates; and
- expanded on his conversation with a member of the public and the importance of speaking with a candidate informally.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- stated the date for the public event could be identified on July 6.

Council Member Vanover:

- spoke in favor of the public event.

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

F. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Approved this twenty-fifth day of May, 2010.

John C. Combs, Mayor

Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk