

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on August 1, 2005, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Tony Pippel	Kathrine Vanover
Jim Wood	Steve Carrington
John Combs	Brad Hanson
Ken Erbey	

Also in attendance were the following:

Tom Healy, City Manager
Jack Snodgrass, City Attorney
Janette Bower, City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Carrington.

Clerk's note: The gavel was passed to Mayor Pro-Tempore Pippel for the remainder of the meeting.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

John Combs (Mayor) highlighted the information placed before the council regarding the current duties of the Mayor and compensation for those duties. He expanded on the current mayoral duties and stated that completion of the duties would be coordinated with the city manager and department heads. He assured the council of the adherence of proper protocol. Mr. Combs highlighted the suggested mayor compensation document and voiced the importance of the identification of required work hours. He spoke of the responsibilities and demands of the mayor due to the growth and activities of the area. Mr. Combs expanded on the identification of the need of a full-time mayor and the ability of the mayor to assist with organization and inter-governmental activities.

E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Item 1 – Discussion and Review of Mayoral Duties and Compensation of Those Duties

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To enter into the Committee of the Whole
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
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F. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Possible Action Regarding Committee of the Whole Subject Matter

Council Member Wood requested additional data regarding the salaries for mayors within a council-manager form of government.

Council Member Hanson voiced his salary range recommendation as \$45 – 60,000 per year for the mayor’s salary.

MOVED BY:	Hanson	To prepare an ordinance amending sections 2.05.040 and 2.05.050 and to include a section regarding performance remedies
SECONDED BY:	Wood	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
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G. COUNCIL COMMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 9th day of August, 2005.

/s/
John C. Combs, Mayor

/s/
Janette M. Bower, City Clerk