

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special joint meeting of the Palmer City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission was held on May 16, 2006, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

John Combs	Ken Erbey
Kathrine Vanover	Tony Pippel

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

Michael Kircher	Mike Madar
Darrin Hamming	Guy AlLee
Commission Best – <i>joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.</i>	

Also in attendance were the following:

Tom Healy, City Manager
Sara Jansen, Community Development Coordinator
Dawn Webster, Interim Recording Secretary

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hamming.

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – *Approved as presented*

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

F. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Review and Discussion of the City of Palmer Parking Code (Action may be taken by the Council following the Committee of the Whole)

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To enter into the committee of the whole to review and discuss the City of Palmer parking code
SECONDED BY:	Erby	

The council entered into the committee of the whole at 6:06 p.m. and exited at 7:15 p.m.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yes:			No:
Combs	Erbey	Vanover	
Pippel	Kircher	Madar	
Hamming	ALee	Best	

City Manager Tom Healy explained that the meeting was being held at the request of the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission for the purpose of revisiting the current parking ordinance and possibly correcting some unintended consequences of the ordinance. He stated that the city is looking for direction from the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission on how to proceed.

Council Member Vanover recommended that the Planning and Zoning Commission review the following five items from Ms. Jansen’s list and bring recommendations back to the City Council as soon as possible:

1. Reduce the number of space required for specific uses, e.g. restaurants, professional buildings, etc.
2. Designate the depot parking lot as a public parking lot.
3. Change the distance a business must be from public “fee-in-lieu of” parking lot from 400’ to 600’.
4. Allow on-street parking to count towards parking requirements (e.g. each 25’ in front of a property is counted as one space).
5. Reduce or remove five foot landscaping borders on parking lot sides which do not front on a Street or Avenue.

Mayor Combs concurred with Council Member Vanover’s recommendation and inquired how soon that could occur. Ms. Jansen advised the Planning and Zoning Commission can set a second meeting for June to discuss the parking issues.

Following the Committee of the Whole, Mayor Combs directed the Planning and Zoning Commission to take the information they had received and come back to the City Council as soon as possible with recommendations for fixing the existing immediate problems.

G. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 23rd day of May, 2006.

/s/

John C. Combs, Mayor

/s/

Dawn U. Webster, Interim Recording Clerk