

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on December 12, 2006, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

John Combs	
Tony Pippel	Kathrine Vanover
Ken Erbey	Brad Hanson

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 Vanover.

**D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1 – City Attorney Interviews**

Attorney Snodgrass explained the interview process and provided the council with the interview questions.

The council interviewed:

- Michael Gatti of Wohlforth, Johnson, Brecht, Cartledge & Brooking;
- Gordon Tans of Perkins Coie;
- Joe Levesque of Walker & Levesque

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item 1 – Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – Selection of City Attorney**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Vanover	To enter into an executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person – selection of city attorney
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Erbey	

The council entered into executive session at 8:19 and exited at 9:35 p.m.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.			
Yes:			No:
Pippel	Erbey	Vanover	
Hanson	Combs		

MOVED BY:	Hanson	To extend the offer of City attorney to the firm of Wohlforth, Johnson, Brecht, Cartledge and Brooking
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

Council Member Hanson:

- commented on the qualifications of the firm of Wohlforth, Johnson, Brecht, Cartledge and Brooking; and
- recommended the contract be extended to Wohlforth, Johnson, Brecht, Cartledge and Brooking.

Council Member Vanover:

- commented on the exhibition of the depth of knowledge of Wohlforth, Johnson, Brecht, Cartledge and Brooking.

Mayor Combs:

- commented on the interview process.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion failed by 3-2 voice vote.					
Yes:			No:		
Vanover	Hanson	Combs	Pippel	Erbey	

MOVED BY:	Pippel	To move for reconsideration of the previous motion
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.			
Yes:			No:
Pippel	Erbey	Vanover	
Hanson	Combs		

Council Member Pippel

- spoke of his willingness to bend to the will of the majority; and
- commented on Wohlforth, Johnson, Brecht, Cartledge and Brooking’s abilities.

Council Member Hanson

- spoke of the interview process and the “close race” of the firms; and
- thanked Attorney Snodgrass for his years of service.

VOTE ON MOTION, Following Reconsideration: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.			
Yes:			No:
Pippel	Erbey	Vanover	
Hanson	Combs		

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**APPROVED THIS twenty-eighth day of December, 2006.**

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John C. Combs, Mayor

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Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk