

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on April 4, 2006, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Pippel called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Brad Hanson	Tony Pippel
Jim Wood	Larry Hill
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 Erbey.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council consented to remove F.1. from the agenda.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Introduction – Ordinance No. 06-009: Creating Business Improvement District 06-1, Setting the Special Property Tax Levy and Authorizing the District to Provide Services to Promote the Vitality Stability and Improvement of the Business Improvement District as a Whole (IM 06-018)

Clerk's note: Item F.1. was removed from the agenda.

Item 2 – Action Memorandum 06-037: Authorize City Manager to Enter Into a Final Settlement Agreement with John and Roseanne Leiner Regarding All Claims Arising Out Of and Related to the Palmer Southwest Utility Extension Project on Tract 2 Grandview Subdivision

MOVED BY:	Hanson	To authorize the city manager to enter into a final settlement agreement with John and Roseanne Leiner regarding all claims arising out of and related to the Palmer Southwest Utility Extension project on Tract 2 Grandview Subdivision
SECONDED BY:	Wood	

City Manager Healy expanded on the damage claims, the previously agreed settlement and the proposed agreement for compensation.

Council Member Hanson asked of other identified allocated gardening rights. City Manager Healy spoke of the map which indicated the allocations of land on the easterly edge of the property. He expanded on the section south of the easement and south of the Leiner's allocation which has spruce trees on the property. He stated the trees are outside of the easement. Discussion ensued regarding the location of the City's easement and the current horticultural uses of the property.

Council Member Wood asked how the settlement number was derived. City Manager Healy stated that the number was derived from the Leiners and explained his inspection of the property.

Council Member Hill asked of the potential for additional owner conflicts within the easement. Discussion ensued regarding the potential for damages and the length of time to file damage claims. Attorney Snodgrass stated that there are no other owners who have claimed damages.

City Manager Healy explained the correspondence with the property owners of Tract 2, the public meeting held and stated that the only concern raised was from the Leiners.

Attorney Snodgrass explained the unrecorded written documents and the alleged authenticity of the documents. Attorney Snodgrass explained the process of buying certainty with regards to the amount paid for damages.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.		
Yes:	No:	
Erbey Hanson	Wood Pippel	Hill

Item 3 - Action Memorandum 06-036: Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into Agreements with Matanuska Electric Association for \$13,926.47 and with Matanuska Telephone Association for \$4,208.77 for Relocation of Utilities Related to Trail Improvements and Direct the City Manager to Prepare an Amendment to the 2006 Fiscal Year Budget to Appropriate the Funds

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SECONDED BY:	Hill	

Clerk's note: Council Member Hanson was recused from the discussion and vote due to a significant financial interest.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Pippel highlighted the agreements stating their necessity for completion of the Urban Revitalization Project.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.			
	Yes:		No:
Erbey	Wood	Hill	
Pippel			

Item 4 - Review and Discussion of the 2006 Draft Comprehensive Plan (Action may be taken by the Council following the Committee of the Whole)

MOVED BY:	Hanson	To enter into the committee of the whole to review and discuss the 2006 Draft Comprehensive Plan
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

Ms. Sara Jansen, Community Development Coordinator and Chris Beck, Agnew:Beck Consulting highlighted each chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.			
	Yes:		No:
Erbey	Wood	Hill	
Hanson	Pippel		

G. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 11th day of April, 2006.

/s/

Anthony J. Pippel, Mayor Pro-Tempore

/s/

Janette M. Bower, City Clerk