

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on December 4, 2007, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Tony Pippel	Ken Erbey	Michael Chmielewski
Brad Hanson	Kathrine Vanover	John Combs
Richard Best – via teleconference		

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**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1** – Resolution No. 07-021: Establishing the City of Palmer’s “Programs for Progress” Capital Improvement Project Priorities (IM 07-057)

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To adopt resolution no. 07-021
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

City Manager Allen:

- highlighted the projects listed in the resolution;
- described the Capital Improvement Project binder as a menu for future funding;
- commented on the process to obtain project funding;
- spoke of the Lucas Area street improvement project;
- described the need to discover the desired direction of council;
- assured the council that priorities would be addressed;
- commented on the City Manager’s role and safety of City employees; and
- highlighted the strategy to develop a capital improvement list to garner favor from legislators.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- referred to the Capital Improvement Project binder;
- commented on the initial priorities listed by the administration; and
- described the missing piece of council provided, broad direction regarding capital projects.

Council Member Pippel:

- inquired of the status of street paving priorities;
- expanded on the need to balance opportunities;
- spoke of overall benefit of the capital priorities to citizens as opposed to City employees; and
- commented on the mix of items listed in the resolution.

Council Member Vanover:

- thanked the staff for their work and the input garnered by individual council members; and
- questioned the need to delay action on the resolution.

Council Member Hanson:

- asked how the projects could be reprioritized in the future; and
- commented on the identified projects and funding sources for 2008.

Mayor Combs:

- suggested a schedule for review and prioritization be established; and
- spoke of the skateboard park and the intention to break ground in May 2008.

Primary Amendment #1 to Main Motion		
Moved by:	Chmielewski	To amend the Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved clause to read:  Original language: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Palmer City Council that the following projects are hereby established as top priorities from the Five-Year Programs for Progress Capital Improvement Plan.  Amended language: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Palmer City Council that the following projects are hereby established as top priorities for fiscal year 2008 from the Five-Year Programs for Progress Capital Improvement Plan.
Seconded by:	Pippel	

Council Member Vanover:

- inquired of any legal limitations concerning the listed projects.

Attorney Gatti:

- described the document as a dynamic document which could be amended as needed.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.			
	Yes:		No:
Pippel	Erbey	Vanover	
Chmielewski	Best	Hanson	
Combs			

VOTE ON MOTION: Carried by unanimous roll call vote.			
	Yes:		No:
Pippel	Erbey	Vanover	
Chmielewski	Best	Hanson	
Combs			

**Item 2** – 2008 Fiscal Year Budget (Action may be taken by the Council following the Committee of the Whole)

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To enter into a committee of the whole to discuss the 2008 Fiscal Year Budget
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

VOTE ON MOTION: Carried by unanimous roll call vote.			
	Yes:		No:
Pippel	Erbey	Vanover	
Chmielewski	Best	Hanson	
Combs			

The Council entered into the committee of the whole at 6:40 p.m. and exited at 8:33 p.m.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**Approved this eleventh day of December, 2007.**

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John C. Combs, Mayor

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Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk