

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on September 25, 2007, 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:

Jim Wood	John Combs	Tony Pippel
Kathrine Vanover	Brad Hanson	

The following members were excused by the council:

Ken Erbey	Richard Best
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Also in attendance were the following:

Tom Healy, City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Janette Bower, City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Pippel.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Action Memorandum 07-089: Accept a Fiscal Year 2008 Highway Safety Grant in the Amount of \$21,178.07 to Support the Highway Safety Enforcement Program for Reimbursement of Equipment Purchases; Authorize the Purchase of Equipment Used in Conjunction with the Program; and Direct the City Manager to Prepare an Amendment to the 2007 Fiscal Year Budget
 - b. Action Memorandum 07-090: Accept a Fiscal Year 2008 Alaska Strategic Traffic Program Grant in the Amount of \$82,160 to Support the Highway Safety Enforcement Program for Reimbursement of Overtime and Fuel Usage; and Direct the City Manager to Prepare an Amendment to the 2007 Fiscal Year Budget
 - c. Resolution No. 07-017: Designating Authorized Signatures for Check Signing Affecting Any and All Disbursements of City Monies
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. September 11, 2007, Special Meeting
 - b. September 11, 2007, Regular Meeting
 - c. September 18, 2007, Special Meeting

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. United Way of Mat-Su

Mr. David Parks reported on the following items:

- Services provided by the organization;
- Five core values: Safety, Kids, Independence, Families, Leadership matters;
- Anti-Drug Initiative;
- Senior Farmers' Market Program;
- Social needs met by the organization;
- Recipient selection process for partner agencies; and
- invited members to a breakfast on September 26, at Vagabond Blues to learn more about the United Way programs.

2. Roscoe Barrett – City of Palmer Public Works Department

Mr. Barrett reported on the following items:

- Rehabilitation of Runway 9/27;
- Alaska Street Lighting Project;
- Arctic Avenue Water Main Project;
- Soccer Field Development layout;
- Visitor Center Refurbishment;
- Sidewalk and ramp replacement in front of the Pioneer Home;
- Police Department backup generator project;
- Habitation of Public Works office;
- Personnel issues; and
- New Motor Grader.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Don Moore:

- acknowledged City Manager Healy's last meeting;
- commented on his role in hiring City Manager Healy;
- highlighted his management of eight cities throughout the State;
- stated the City had been a well managed City throughout the past eight years;
- commented on Mr. Allen's mentorship; and
- complimented the council, mayor and employees on their work with the City.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

H. BIDS

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Healy reported on the following items:

- 2008 Fiscal Year Budget;
- Community Development Coordinator position;
- Thanked the council for the privilege of serving in the capacity of City Manager; and
- Commented on the sound decisions made through the decades regarding Palmer.

M. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Bower reported on the following:

- October 8, special meeting;
- Thanked Mr. Healy for his service.

N. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Combs reported on the following items:

- Surgical procedure; and
- Resolution No. 07-015 regarding the Palmer Urban Traffic Plan.

O. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

- City Manager Report;
- Resolution No. 07-017;
- Letter from Glenn and Donna Massay; and
- Memo to the council from the City Clerk on the City Manager's contract.

P. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Q. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Vanover:

- thanked Council Member Pippel for the manner in which he conducted the September 18, special meeting;
- thanked City Manager Healy for his service; and
- thanked Mr. Moore for his attendance.

Council Member Pippel:

- thanked City Manager Healy for his service;
- commented on the "breaking of ground" for the Senior Housing project;
- spoke of the progress on the old cooperative building;
- acknowledged the beauty of the Palmer Depot;
- spoke of the interest in the venue for future events;
- commented on the recent win by the Palmer Moose; and
- spoke of the upcoming Potato Bowl.

Council Member Hanson:

- noted Mr. Moore's understatement of his involvement in hiring City Manager Healy; and
- commented on the issues involving the City prior to City Manager Healy's service and stated the past eight years had been good for the City.

Council Member Wood:

- voiced his pleasure in working with City Manager Healy; and
- encouraged everyone to vote on October 2.

Attorney Gatti:

- thanked Mr. Healy for his service to Palmer;
- stated the City was a well run machine;
- welcomed Mr. Allen and stated he looked forward to continuing in the tradition of excellence; and
- commented on the previous request from Council Member Wood regarding the sanctity of the vote.

Bill Allen:

- commented on the professional manner of City Manager Healy;
- spoke of the committed nature of City Manager Healy;
- thanked him for the past ten days; and
- wished him the best.

R. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved this ninth day of October, 2007.

/s/

John C. Combs, Mayor

/s/

Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk