

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 3, 2009, at 6 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

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

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Kevin Brown  
Richard Best  
John Combs  
Brad Hanson

Ken Erbey  
Mike Chmielewski  
Kathrine Vanover – via teleconference

Also in attendance were the following:

Janette Bower, City Clerk  
Bill Allen, City Manager

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hanson.

**D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Eric Wade:

- voiced appreciation regarding the council's willingness to discuss annexation;
- raised concern regarding the affected farm lands;
- spoke of City services;
- commented on farming history and preservation of farm lands; and
- expanded the agricultural districts in Palmer.

Arthur Keys:

- expressed concern regarding annexation;
- expanded on what farms mean to a community; and
- requested plans regarding annexation recognize the concerns of the farming community.

Marie Dalmer:

- voiced concern regarding annexation;
- encouraged the council to include members of the Rural Community Services (RCS) in the annexation discussions;
- stated farmland could not be replaced;

- spoke of zoning and grandfathering of farms; and
- asked for the consideration of agricultural operations.

Jenny Vanderwheel:

- echoed the earlier concerns;
- spoke of her involvement in the Board of Economic Development; and
- expanded on the need for the City to identify their current land values and use prior to the implementation of an annexation strategy.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1 – Annexation Strategy Project Kickoff**

- a. Committee of the Whole (Council action may be taken following the Committee of the Whole)

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To enter into a committee of the whole to discuss the Annexation Strategy Project kickoff
SECONDED BY:	Hanson	

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

The council entered into the committee of the whole at 6:20 p.m. and exited at 7:35 p.m.

While in the committee of the whole, Sandra Garley, Director, Department of Community Development introduced the subject and the consultants working on the project.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

**Approved this twenty-fourth day of March, 2009.**

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John C. Combs, Mayor

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Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk