

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Tri-Cities Joint Special of the Cities of Houston, Palmer, and Wasilla was held on Thursday, January 16, 2006 at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex, Wasilla, Alaska.

Mayor Dianne M. Keller, City of Wasilla called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present and establishing a quorum were:

City of Houston:

Dale Adams, Mayor
Ruth Blanchard, Council Member
Link Fannon, Council Member
Angela Rosas, Council Member

City of Houston Deputy Mayor Rosemary Burnett and Council Members Steve Frost, and Johnnie Winder were absent.

City of Palmer:

John Combs, Mayor
Ken Erbey, Council Member
Larry Hill, Council Member
Jim Wood, Council Member (participated telephonically)

City of Palmer Mayor Pro-Tempore, Tony Pippel and Council Members Katherine Vanover and Brad Hanson were absent.

City of Wasilla:

Dianne M. Keller, Mayor
Ron Cox, Council Member
Mark Ewing, Council Member
Steve Menard, Council Member
Diana L. Straub, Council Member

City of Wasilla Deputy Mayor Howard O'Neil and Council Member Marty Metiva were absent.

Staff in attendance were:

Janette Bower, City Clerk, City of Palmer
Kristie Smithers, City Clerk, City of Wasilla
Tom Healy, City Manager, City of Palmer
Dean Baugh, Finance Director, City of Palmer
Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager, City of Wasilla

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

There was no objection to the agenda as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Joint Resolution Serial No. 06-01:** A Joint Resolution Of The City Of Houston, City Of Palmer And City Of Wasilla Supporting And Endorsing The State Of Alaska In Its Effort To Complete The Bogard/Seldon Road Extension East To The Glenn Highway And West To The Parks Highway Via King Arthur Drive.

MOTION: Council Member Mark Ewing, City of Wasilla, moved to adopt Joint Resolution Serial No. 06-01.

Discussion ensued regarding the merits of the resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Cox, City of Wasilla, moved a primary amendment to add the following language to the resolution: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities of Houston, Palmer and Wasilla recommend to upgrade distribution of delivery to a Class "A" felony with a presumptive sentence of five years for Methamphetamine related crimes.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed amendment.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Discussion continued.

GENERAL CONSENT: The main motion, as amended, passed without objection.

- B. Update of Sales Tax Discussions with City Staff

Mr. Baugh reported on discussions held with the three cities regarding the contractor and home builder certificates that are being rewritten to make them less confusing and

more convenient to obtain for the contractor and home builders. Staff will propose \$150 for a contractor and \$30 for a home builder to obtain a tax exempt certificate which would expire on December 31 of each calendar year.

Discussion followed and Mr. Baugh answered questions and concerns.

Council Member Fannon expressed that he will have to exit the meeting due to another commitment.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to enter into a work session format for the remaining items on the agenda. (Clerk's Note: This is due to the fact that a quorum of the meeting will not remain once Council Member Fannon exits the meeting.)

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Fannon exited the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and the Joint Tri-Cities Special Meeting with the Cities of Houston, Palmer, and Wasilla adjourned.

The following items were discussed in a work session format.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Borough Library Funding Formula for Funding City Libraries (Wasilla)
- B. Home Rule Discussion-Benefits for Palmer (Wasilla)
- C. Selection of Future Tri-Cities Meeting Dates (Wasilla)

DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the on _____, 2006