



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

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Minutes - Final City Assembly

MAYOR Scott McAdams
Jack Ozment, Deputy Mayor - Reber Stein, Vice Deputy Mayor
Cheryl Westover - Mim McConnell
Phyllis Hackett - Larry Crews

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR: Jim Dinley
MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY: Theresa Hillhouse
MUNICIPAL CLERK: Colleen Ingman, MMC

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

MOTION by Stein to advance Item L to follow the consent agenda. The motion to change the orders of the day PASSED without objection.

USFS Update - Carol Goularte, District Ranger

US Forest Service District Ranger Carol Goularte gave an update to the Assembly. She spoke to economic diversity and how the USDA could support economic development in Sitka. Information can be found at www.fs.fed.us/r10/. The hope is for more jobs and stabilization of communities. She also spoke to the Peril Straits Stewardship Project and offered more information about the project is available on the Sitka Conservation Society website. Goularte noted they are in the final stages of conceptual design for their new office building. The fertilizing of Redoubt Lake is funded for this year, but they will fall short by \$40K for next year.

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor McAdams presented certificates to the Sitka High School Boys Baseball Team representatives in recognition of their athletic achievement for winning Third Place in the 2010 Alaska State Baseball Tournament in Palmer, AK.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

VII. REPORTS

a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other

MAYOR - The North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meetings were recently held in Sitka and he had an opportunity to attend. Had lunch with the US Ambassador for Finland.

ADMINISTRATOR - Observed the bears at Fortress of the Bear gaining entry to the bear resistant garbage container. He also reviewed some of the Public Works projects.

LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES - McConnell attended the LRPEDC Affordable Housing Subcommittee meetings and attended the USFS meeting on sustainable recreation and tourism. Hackett spoke to the recent resignations on the Historic Preservation Commission and noted the Commission would not be able to meet until they have a quorum. She encouraged people who are interested in historic preservation to apply. Stein attended the Sitka Tribe of Alaska meeting of June 16; talked about the ballot and budget and heard interest in filling some seats on the Historic Preservation Commission.

CLERK – Mentioned the Airport Master Plan town meeting to be held on July 8 at 6:30 PM at Harrigan Centennial Hall. July 19 is the first day to file for municipal office. There are two assembly seats, one mayoral seat and one school board seat to be filled. Non profit grant applications are being accepted - total funds available is \$170K.

OTHER – Ozment said Sitka received well over 6 million dollars from the stimulus funds and wanted to make people aware of this. Stein reminded that the non-profit grant applications are on the web.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A [10-112](#) Approve the minutes of the June 8, 2010 Assembly meeting.

This matter was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

B [10-113](#) Appoint Daniel Pratt to a term on the Sitka Community Hospital Board and reappoint Morgan Doubleday to a term on the Animal Hearing Board and Joseph D'Arienzo to a term on the Sitka Tree and Landscape Committee.

This matter was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

C [10-115](#) Approve Sitka Community Hospital using the balance of the Cat Scan Unit funds to purchase and fulfill equipment needs.

This matter was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

D [10-001](#) Authorize the Administrator to execute a temporary month-to-month lease with Channel Construction of storage of equipment at Granite Creek Industrial Pit Run site.

The CONSENT AGENDA consisting of Items A, B, C & D PASSED on a 7-0 roll call vote.

- L** [10-116](#) Authorize the Administrator to conduct a trial experiment using bear resistant garbage cans in the upper Cascade Creek Road area.
- Alaska Pacific Environmental Assistance Manager Matt Dole and Engineer Dan Jones narrated a film of bears entering a bear resistant garbage can. Dole testified that Juneau has taken the last 8-10 years to get where they are and they still have bear problems. They have spent a lot of time and effort trying to keep bears out of garbage but still live with bears in the community. Dole explained \$2,000 is shop time for converting 200 cans. Ozment did not feel time should be wasted on this trial using the cans that were used for the demonstration. The sturdier one retails for \$300 at a Juneau hardware store. In Juneau they rent the sturdier cans and allow for one bear attack. Hackett mentioned the public needs to take responsibility. Stein believes it is more of a compliance issue. Mayor McAdams wondered if the green containers used for the demonstration would work. Dole responded: "No." The black topped reinforced ones would work better. Crews would prefer to see the \$2,000 spent on enforcing the laws we have. Hackett and Administrator Dinley both felt the money would be better spent on an education program.*
- A motion was made by Stein that this Item be APPROVED. The motion FAILED by the following vote:**
- No:** 7 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- E** [10-118](#) Approve the purchase order to Virginia Transformer for the 2,000 KVA transformer in the amount of \$125,000.
- Motion by Stein that this Fund Transfer be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 7 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell
- F** [ORD 10-11](#) Authorizing the sale of Lot 1B of the Little Critter Subdivision to Burgess Bauder and Victoria Vosburg for the purpose of constructing and operating a Veterinary Clinic.
- Victoria Vosburg said this ordinance protects the city budget while honoring the lease agreement and allow Bauder to vacate the building that he is currently in. The new building is about 2 months away from completion.*
- A motion was made by McConnell to approve Ordinance 2010-11 on final reading.**
- Yes:** 7 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell
- G** [ORD 10-13S](#) Amending the SGC to adjust the rates for water service.
- Westover explained the reason for the adjustment in rates is because the current rates are not meeting the cost of doing business.*
- A motion was made by Ozment to approve Ordinance 2010-13S on second and final reading.**
- Yes:** 7 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell
- H** [ORD 10-16](#) Adjusting the FY2010 budget for changes identified during the third quarter FY 2010 formal budget execution review.
- A motion was made by McConnell to approve Ordinance 2010-16 on second**

and final reading.

Yes: 7 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

I **ORD 10-17**

Amending Sitka General Code Section 2.58.030 entitled Meetings, Organization and Officers to include paid agents depending on available funding.

Mayor believed there were a couple of problems with this model. An agent on a commission providing an operational function of the city blurs the line between governance and execution of city services. Another reason this is problematic is that it takes payment outside the union contracts. Westover said she wouldn't vote for anything on "available funding" before union obligations are met. The Assembly thanked the Historic Preservation Commission for the work they had done to date. Hackett pointed out the idea was crafted by the Municipal Attorney and thought a staff person to be the best vehicle. McConnell agreed and thought the Planning Department would need a full time position to address this. Stein pointed out that there were no members from the HPC present to support this. Hackett said the commission had struggled with the review process. The problem being timing from the application period through review. Mayor recognized the challenges and disconnect. Stein and Mayor both worried about the absence of "scope of services". Stein asked Planning Director, Wells Williams, for solutions with regard to the timing. Williams suggested the issue was very complex and deserved a fair amount of thought before moving forward. His suggestion would be when there is a strong HPC in place, one that knows what they want, then there would be a rigid process developed.

Anne Pollnow, former chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, was invited forward. She regreted her resignation, but felt forced to step away from the commission due to a lack of support from city staff. She felt her duties as a volunteer agent went "above and beyond a volunteer service" and included creating plat notes and working with state and federal agencies.

A motion was made by Stein to approve Ordinance 2010-17 on second and final reading.

Yes: 3 - Ozment, Hackett, and McConnell

No: 4 - McAdams, Stein, Westover, and Crews

A motion was made by Ozment to postpone until the HPC reaches a quorum and has held two meetings.

Yes: 3 - McAdams, Ozment, and Stein

No: 4 - Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

X. NEW BUSINESS:

J **10-2010**

Authorize the Administrator to execute the Agreement between the City and Borough of Sitka and the Alaska State Employees Association/American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (ASEA/AFSCME) Local 52, AFL-CIO ("ASEA").

A motion was made by McConnell to authorize the Administrator to execute the Agreement between the City and Borough of Sitka and the Alaska State Employees Association/American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (ASEA/AFSCME) Local 52, AFL-CIO ("ASEA").

Yes: 5 - McAdams, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

No: 1 - Ozment

Recused: 1 - Stein

K [10-114](#) Accept the Climate Action Plan dated June 11 submitted by the Climate Action Task Force.

Chairperson Michelle Putz pointed out some of the talking points in the plan: Climate Change, Ocean Acidification, Forest and Wildlife Impacts, Rising Sea and Tide Levels, Increased Storm Intensity and Frequency, Changes in Temperature and Precipitation. Task force member Kerry MacLane thanked the city staff for working with them on this project.

McConnell wanted to know if all these different tasks would happen and how. Administrator Dinley explained it is a model and much would depend on funding and direction from the Assembly. Hackett saw this as a plan to accept and utilize wherever we can. Westover liked the term "advisory;" in her opinion people would be more willing to look into the ramifications. Crews stressed this plan is advisory and we should be looking at it for future assemblies. Ozment would like the plans' recommendation with regard to vehicles to be considered prior to the city purchasing anymore vehicles. Mayor and Assembly thanked the task force and commented on the great job and the fact that it was locally crafted. The plan provides tools and considerations to help reduce our carbon imprint, which serves as a credit to us all.

A motion was made by McConnell to accept with our thanks the Climate Action Plan dated June 11, 2010 as submitted by the Climate Action Task Force.

Yes: 7 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

XI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Kerry MacLane pointed out another financial aspect to consider is to redirect our economy on-island versus off-island. He offered an example where we currently ship our waste off-island.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Stein to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk