

CONSENT AGENDA

POSSIBLE MOTION

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA
CONSISTING OF ITEMS, A, B, C, D, E & F**

I wish to remove Item(s) _____

**REMINDER – Read aloud a portion of each item being
voted on that is included in the consent vote.**

Should this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda the following motion is suggested:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve the minutes of the June 9 and June 23 Assembly meetings.



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
330 Harbor Drive
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Minutes - Draft City and Borough Assembly

*Mayor Mim McConnell
Deputy Mayor Matt Hunter
Vice-Deputy Mayor Benjamin Miyasato
Aaron Swanson, Steven Eisenbeisz
Tristan Guevin, and Michelle Putz*

*Municipal Administrator: Mark Gorman
Municipal Attorney: Robin L. Koutchak
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson, CMC*

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

Absent: 1 - Miyasato

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

15-102 Reminders, Calendars and General Correspondence

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Sitka Community Hospital, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (time limits apply)

Perry Edwards, Sitka District Ranger gave an update on Harbor Mt. Road, fire awareness, and collection of special force products with regards to permits. He thanked the city with regards to the Boomer property for the Blue Lake FERC mitigation.

15-098 Special Report: Marijuana legalization - timeframe and recommendations (Scott Brylinsky)

Scott Brylinsky, Temporary Planner gave a report on marijuana legalization and

timeline associated with the legalization.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Michelle Putz announced that she will not be running in the October election and encouraged women to run.

VIII. REPORTS

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

Mayor - Expressed condolences to Archie Nielsen's family.

Administrator - Reported on airport congestion, met with finance staff and non-profit leaders, had conversations with Senator Stedman's Chief of Staff, Randy Raul, met with a representative from the Boat Company with concerns of Baranof Warm Springs, gave appreciation to Search and Rescue regarding recent events, reported that ambulance calls are up 60 from this time last year.

Liaison - Putz attended the Tree and Landscape Committee meeting.

Clerk - Reported Assembly meetings will be held at UAS beginning July 28th.

Other - Putz informed that the not for profit ordinance would come back in August.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A** 15-094 Approve the Health Needs and Human Services Commission goals for 2015

This item was APPROVED on the Consent Agenda. The motion PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- B** 15-093 Consideration and award of the request for proposals submitted for the available funds (\$39,765) in the Fisheries Enhancement Fund

Ann Wilkinson, Treasurer of Sitka Seafood Festival spoke to the application submitted by the Sitka Seafood Festival. Lisa Busch, Executive Director, Sitka Sound Science Center summarized the organization.

Putz spoke in support of funding the Sitka Seafood Festival. Guevin spoke in support of disbursement to Chinook Futures Coalition. Hunter spoke to the history and intent of the fund.

A motion was made by Putz to APPROVE awarding \$39,765 to the Sitka Sound Science Center. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Hunter, Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

Absent: 1 - Miyasato

Recused: 1 - McConnell

C 15-095 Discussion/Direction/Decision on the future direction of the Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau

Hunter spoke to the services that SCVB provided and suggested funding through the first quarter, spoke in favor of a change, and to exploring options of modifying the RFP. Eisenbeisz spoke to explore options, keeping services going quarterly, questioned of the costs of options, requested transparency, asked to see financials of both bringing it in house and from the SCVB, and the possibility of tasking the taskforce. Putz spoke to a one year extension. Guevin thought to fund them in the short term and agreed with absorbing functions and spoke in favor of a commission. Swanson spoke in favor of issuing a new RFP. Mayor spoke to a timeline through the end of the year, told of feedback and modifying the RFP, and looking closer at the in house option.

Gorman commented that until something replaced this entity, it remained status quo. He spoke with regards to budget reductions for FY2016 and a timeline of suggested options. Gorman encouraged the Assembly for direction and thought to casting a wider net of services by modifying the RFP. The in house option created stability and assurance. He strongly recommended against status quo and thought the visitor's services could fit in with Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Tonia Rioux, Director of SCVB stated the Board was directing the Assembly to list more concise guidelines for the RFP and asked the Assembly to extend the current situation until December 31. She had concerns with communication, outsourcing, and momentum. The Board was open to options. Suzan Hess, Representative of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce spoke to a resolution that was drafted in support of the SCVB and stated since it was not considered an essential service and should remain outside of city functions. Suzan Hess spoke as a Sitka business owner in favor of the SCVB function to remain outside of the city. Sherry Aitken, Tour Operator of a local business spoke as a member of SCVB and supported continued service as status quo. Ann Bills, owner of a Bed and Breakfast and member of SCVB spoke in support of retaining the SCVB. Joseph List, General Manager of the Westmark spoke in support of the SCVB and retaining them. Duane Lambeth, Dove Island Lodge owner spoke in support of the SCVB and retaining them. Linda Williams, Sitka Tours spoke in favor of the SCVB.

Guevin questioned the level of budget detail to be reported and the appropriateness of looking at line by line budget items. Mayor felt the ordinance was outdated. Eisenbeisz questioned the limiting of funding and requested to see financials. Mayor spoke as Liaison for the commission and told of detailed budget availability.

Gorman summarized the direction, staff would bring forward a proposal at the Assembly meeting of July 14th with a possible executive session. Funding would continue through September 30 and possibly further.

XI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

D 15-099 Board of Adjustment: Approve a temporary use permit for an asphalt plant filed by S&S General Contractors & Equipment Rentals, Inc. for Granite Creek Lease Lot #5. The request is to house an asphalt plant throughout the duration of the paving of Edgumbe Drive.

A motion was made by Putz to CONVENE as the Board of Adjustment. The motion PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.

Maegan Bosak, Planning and Community Development Director gave a report of the requested Temporary Use Permit request. Eisenbeisz and Putz had concerns with

fire protection.

Joe Metler representative for S&S stated there was not a fire protection plan in place, but stated he could write a plan to submit and there were ponds to pump from. Bosak informed that conditions could be made.

A motion was made by Putz that this Item be APPROVED with the condition. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

Absent: 1 - Miyasato

A motion was made by Hunter to include a condition that S&S work with the Fire Chief for a satisfactory plan on fire prevention and suppression. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

Absent: 1 - Miyasato

A motion was made by Putz to RECONVENE as the Assembly in regular session. The motion PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.

E 15-100

Grant preliminary approval of a proposed tidelands sale request filed by Forrest Dodson and Mary Holzman for property adjacent to 263 Katlian Street

Planning and Community Development Director, Maegan Bosak stated that the City Grid would not be impacted, clarified the house would be moved toward the water which would create a front parking area, and told of the process. Eisenbeisz asked that staff calculate a current appraisal price. Hunter spoke of the process for sale of tidelands.

A motion was made by Putz that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

Absent: 1 - Miyasato

F ORD 15-35S

Repealing Sitka General Code Chapter 4.09 "Sales Tax" Section 4.09.100Y. "Exemption for Persons Who Have Reached the Age of Sixty-Five" and establishing section 4.09.130 "Rebate of a portion of Sales Tax for Certain Persons Who Have Reached the Age of Sixty-Five and are Experiencing Financial Hardship" (*first reading*)

Lois Rhodes spoke in opposition of the ordinance and suggested charging \$20 yearly for an exemption card. Shirley Robards collected approximately 700 signatures in objection of removing the exemption. John Duncan Sr., Ann Bills, and Alene Henning spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Brian McNitt spoke in favor of the ordinance and the process. Ann Wilkinson spoke to alternatives with regards to employment status and questioned if the application could be modified.

Hunter spoke with regards to the increase of the aging population, financial hardship aspect, crediting to utility account option, age requirement, refunding ability, and sustainability. Eisenbeisz spoke to the refund aspect. Hunter clarified the changes in amount of refund for households and total rebate amount was increased. Putz was

opposed to the ordinance and suggested changing the exemption to food and fuel. Swanson does not support. Guevin spoke in support of the ordinance with more time to allow a review of the effective dates.

Jay Sweeney, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer reviewed the timeline, process, and prorating to utility accounts stating that the effective date was the date that the exemption went away.

A motion was made by Eisenbeisz that this Item be POSTPONED. The motion PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.

G ORD 15-38

Amending Sitka General Code Section 4.28.110 "Suitable and Authorized Investments for the Permanent Fund" by adding Exchange Traded Funds as an authorized investment for the Sitka Permanent Fund

Putz spoke in support of the ordinance as the Assembly Liaison to the Investment Committee. Sweeney, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer told of the disadvantages of exchange traded funds.

A motion was made by Putz that this Ordinance be APPROVED on first reading. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

Absent: 1 - Miyasato

H 15-101

Approve the transfers of 1) \$50,000 from Project #90716 "Blue Lake Substation Maintenance" to Project #90648 "Transmission & 1220 Upgrade" Project; 2) \$57,423.83 from Project #63003 "Blue Lake Power House Improvements" to Project #90672 "Medvejie Hatchery Transformer Replacement" Project; and 3) \$85,817.63 from Project #63005 "Building Electric Heat Conversions" to a FY2016 Project "Electric Heating Systems/Dual Fuel Interruptible Power" and authorize the expenditure of the funds

Putz and Eisenbeisz questioned the high cost of the study. Hunter spoke in support of the amount. Dale Goerner, Interim Utility Director spoke to the RFQ.

A motion was made by Hunter that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

Absent: 1 - Miyasato

I 15-097

Discussion/Direction/Decision on the formation of a Citizens' Taskforce on City Services, Revenues and Fees

Putz spoke in support of a taskforce to assist with wants, needs, tax, and revenue. She asked that two public meeting open houses be held. Guevin spoke in support of a taskforce, thought that the taskforce should look at the comprehensive plan, and encouraged having diverse representation specifically with Sitka School District, Sitka Community Hospital and Sitka Tribe of Alaska. Swanson was in support of a taskforce and questioned the interest of seven members. Gorman talked to a time specific taskforce of six months to encourage public participation. Putz and Eisenbeisz spoke in favor of diverse representation. Staff was directed to send out a public notice. Guevin offered to be the Assembly Liaison to the taskforce.

XII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Putz to ADJOURN the meeting. Hearing no objection the meeting ADJOURNED at 9:37 PM.

ATTEST: _____

Melissa Henshaw
Acting Municipal Clerk



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Tuesday, June 9, 2015

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

15-096 Reminders, Calendars and General Correspondence

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Sitka Community Hospital, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (time limits apply)

None.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Max Rule encouraged a public collaborative process and strategic approach with regards to the budget revenue increases.

VIII. REPORTS

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

Mayor - Attended the sesquicentennial meeting, attended two hours of the North Pacific Marine Fisheries Council to read the Assembly resolution adopted in February for Halibut bycatch reduction, attended the dedication to Odess Theater, congratulated the Sitka High Lady Wolves Softball Team for winning the state championship for small schools and their supporters.

Administrator - Told of mooring anchors being placed at the Gary Paxton Industrial Park dock, will be in Washington D.C. for a few days to encourage California delegation to purchase water, commended Sitka Fine Arts Camp on the Odess Theater open house and dedication, recognized Penny Brown on her volunteerism of planting at many places including the roundabout. Michael Harmon, Public Works Director gave an update on the library project.

Liaison Representatives - Miyasato attended the Library Commission meeting and the graduation for the Public Safety Academy; Guevin attended the Health Needs and Human Services Commission, a slight change was made in the language for their 2015 goals that will come back before the Assembly on June 23; Putz reported that the Tree and Landscape Committee would have a volunteer day at Baranof Elementary School on June 20,

Other - Putz informed that there were two ordinances coming forward at the next meeting one involving non-profit entities and a ballot prop to raise property tax to 8 mills.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A** 15-088 Approve the minutes of the May 27 and May 28 Assembly meetings
- This item was APPROVED on the Consent Agenda. The motion PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.**
- B** 15-094 Approve the Health Needs and Human Services Commission goals for 2015
- This item was PULLED from the agenda. No action was taken.**
- C** 15-089 Approve the Tree and Brush Clearing service contract to Marshall Albertson dba Absolute Tree Care not to exceed \$175,000 for FY2016
- This item was APPROVED on the Consent Agenda. The motion PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.**
- D** 15-090 Approve the transfer of \$8,500 from the Electric Department Operating Fund to the Jarvis Control Building Re-Roof project and authorize the expenditure of these funds
- This item was APPROVED on the Consent Agenda. The motion PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.**
- E** 15-092 Approve the award of the base bid construction contract for the Harrigan

Centennial Hall (HCH) Renewal Project to MCG Constructors, Inc./Dawson Construction, Inc. - Joint Venture in the amount of \$12,717,000

Jay Sweeney, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer told that the Historical Society would fund the extension. Michael Harmon, Public Works Director told of the top priorities as funds become available, that the basics for this project were there, and confirmed the funding came from head tax dollars. Don Kluting, Harrigan Centennial Hall Manager stated that he was in negotiations for the furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

A motion was made by Hunter to APPROVE this item. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

F 15-091

Discussion/Direction/Decision of the Municipal Administrator's recommended reductions to achieve a FY2016 balanced budget

Gorman answered Putz's questions regarding snow removal stating that staff would prioritize, animal shelter roof could hold off for a year, that travel/training budget reductions would be distributed equally, and talked to inflation proofing the Permanent Fund. Gorman was confident that the advertising budget could be reduced and encouraged the public to sign up on the City's GovDelivery system. Hunter talked to adding cuts of The RIDE, the Senior Planner position, and roads reduction.

A motion was made by Hunter to APPROVE the Municipal Administrator's recommended reductions to achieve a FY2016 balanced budget with the exception of the Non-Profit Grants which will be considered seperately. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

Michael Harmon, Public Works Director told staff would cut back on minor snow events. Gorman stated with his commitment to have a balanced budget, if this was removed, he would find the amount elsewhere. Hunter was in favor of a balanced budget. Eisenbeisz was not in support of a policy that affected public safety. Gorman stated this would be accomplished without compromising public safety. Sheldon Schmitt, Police Cheif stated he was comfortable with the decision.

A motion was made by Eisenbeisz to AMEND the item to remove Snow Removal Services from the list. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 1 - Eisenbeisz

No: 6 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Guevin, and Putz

Lon Garrison advised the Assembly to not consider this. Steven Morse spoke against the amendment. Ben Miyasato came forward as a member of the public and urged the Assembly to not take up this matter as STA representatives were not present. Miyasato spoke in favor of funding The RIDE. Putz told of the previous commitment to fund this and the Assembly should uphold that. Eisenbeisz stated that he did not support funding as after July 1 there was no funding. Swanson suggested looking at this under the non-profit grants portion.

A motion was made by Swanson to AMEND this item by adding \$25,000 to the budgeted reduction list for The RIDE. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 3 - Hunter, Swanson, and Eisenbeisz

No: 3 - McConnell, Guevin, and Putz

Recused: 1 - Miyasato

Randy Hughey and Lon Garrison spoke in support of Sitka Community Development Corporation and the needs for city support. Garrison advised the Assembly to determine the long term effects of this. Cindy Litman spoke in support of non-profit entities.

Miyasato spoke in opposition as grant funding for many of these entities required city support. Hunter stated non-profit grants were money well spent and used for leveraging.

A motion was made by Hunter to APPROVE the Municipal Administrator's recommendation to eliminate Non-Profit Grants from the FY2016 budget in order to achieve a balanced budget. The main motion as AMENDED PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, and Eisenbeisz

Recused: 3 - McConnell, Guevin, and Putz

Lon Garrison stated that he thought this was a reasonable compromise. Doug Osborne thought it was too drastic of a cut. Richard Wein spoke in support of non-profits.

Miyasato agreed with Osborne. Gorman listed the awarded funds from the previous year. Eisenbeisz suggested modifying the award process. Gorman clarified that if a non-profit was awarded an outside grant they could receive funding. Once the city funding was spent, awards could not be given.

A motion was made by Hunter to AMEND the item that the FY2016 budget be funded at \$50,000 to support non-profit grant applications that demonstrate a requirement in order to receive City and Borough of Sitka funding and are approved by the Assembly. Further move that funds will only be disbursed to approved non-profit grant applicants upon award of the grant for which the City and Borough of Sitka has committed financial support. The motion to AMEND PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, and Eisenbeisz

Recused: 3 - McConnell, Guevin, and Putz

A motion was made by Miyasato to AMEND the amount of \$50,000 to \$75,000. The motion to AMEND PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, and Eisenbeisz

Recused: 3 - McConnell, Guevin, and Putz

A motion was made by Eisenbeisz to AMEND the motion to direct staff to develop specific policies to be approved by the Assembly. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, and Eisenbeisz

Recused: 3 - McConnell, Guevin, and Putz

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- G** ORD 15-25 Amending Title 4 Revenue and Finance, at Chapter 4.26 Excise Tax on Cigarettes and Tobacco Products, under Sections 4.26.010 Applicability of Chapter; 4.26.020 Tax on Cigarettes; and 4.26.030 Tax on other Tobacco Products

Ann Wilkinson, Doug Osborne and Rob Allen spoke in support.

Hunter spoke in support. Allen, CEO of Sitka Community Hospital clarified that excess for this tax could be used to pay down the line of credit to the City. Guevin had concerns regarding where the funds would go and expressed a desire for it to go back before the Health Needs and Human Services Commission. Eisenbeisz questioned the purpose. Allen answered the yearly cost of the cessation program was approximately \$31,000. He reminded the Assembly that the voters approved a tobacco tax years ago.

A motion was made by Putz that this Ordinance be APPROVED on second and final reading. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, and Putz

No: 2 - Eisenbeisz, and Guevin

- H** ORD 15-36 Placing a Ballot Question on the Regular Election on October 6, 2015 to amend the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka at Article 13.03 entitled "Property Tax Limit" to increase the millage rate limit by one tenth of one percent (.001), which would be seven tenths of one percent (.007), or seven (7.0) mills to be used to support the Sitka School District

Lon Garrison, Sitka School Board President pledged support to advocate to raising revenue that would displace the million dollars that the Assembly had allocated to the School District.

Putz felt that this is not enough of an increase. Eisenbeisz liked the idea of this option. Hunter and Guevin were in support of this to be placed on the ballot.

Richard Wein spoke against postponing and encouraged the Assembly to reduce rather than raise costs. Lon Garrison spoke against postponing.

Putz and McConnell wished to see more public comment. McConnell was in favor of postponing to look at a homestead exemption and to see other ideas come forward. Guevin supported postponement in order for a more comprehensive process to take place. Hunter did not support postponing. Eisenbeisz asked the Assembly to consider voting this down. Miyasato supported postponement.

A motion was made by Putz that this Ordinance be POSTPONED to July 28, 2015. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

- I** ORD 15-24A Amending SGC Section 4.09.100 N entitled Over One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars on Sales and Rents of Tangible Personal Property and on Sales and Services to increase the taxable transaction limit from \$1,500 to \$3,000 (*third and final reading - effective date October 1, 2015*)

Ann Wilkinson supported the October 1, 2015 effective date.

Hunter stated the date was a fair compromise.

A motion was made by Miyasato that this Ordinance be APPROVED on third and final reading. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

J ORD 15-33 Adopting budgets for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Eisenbeisz confirmed with Gorman the two processes for approving the budget. McConnell was in favor of an amendment at a later date rather than amending and having a special meeting.

A motion was made by Hunter that this Ordinance be APPROVED on second and final reading. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

K ORD 15-32 Adjusting the FY15 Budget

Eisenbeisz spoke against stating he thought there was a better way than moving money from the snow plow budget for the Historical Society.

A motion was made by Miyasato that this Ordinance be APPROVED on second and final reading. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Guevin, and Putz

No: 1 - Eisenbeisz

L ORD 15-10 Amending Title 15 of the Sitka General Code to increase water rates at Section 15.04.100 entitled "Service Connection Charge", 15.04.320 entitled "Rates and Fees" Sections 15.05.240A entitled "Service Connection Charge", 15.05.620 entitled "Rates and Fees" and to increase wastewater rates

Eisenbeisz spoke against and requested a more comprehensive process. Eisenbeisz noted the increased capacity and the public benefited from it. Hunter did not support a retroaction of the LID cost and is in support of the ordinance as written. Putz spoke in support but would like to look at sharing costs.

A motion was made by Hunter that this Ordinance be APPROVED on second and final reading. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Guevin, and Putz

No: 1 - Eisenbeisz

M ORD 15-34 Amending Sitka General Code Title 23 "Parks and Recreation" by adding a new Chapter 23.40 entitled "Municipal Trees and Landscaping"

Eisenbeisz spoke against the ordinance as enforcement had not been addressed and he questioned increasing cost. Putz and Hunter expressed appreciation to the Tree and Landscape Committee and staff.

A motion was made by Putz that this Ordinance be APPROVED on second and

final reading. The motion **PASSED** by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Guevin, and Putz

No: 1 - Eisenbeisz

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

- N** **ORD 15-37** Amending Section 2.12.010 City and Borough of Sitka Hospital Board and Section 2.12.070 Organization, formally dissolving the existing Sitka Community Hospital Board (SCH) and its framework and re-establishing and reorganizing membership under new criteria by decreasing voting membership from seven to five with the goal of providing financial welfare and economic financial stability to Sitka Community Hospital. The new membership will include one CBS standing seat (and alternate) appointed by the Municipal Administrator.

Richard Wein had concerns with the requirement and possible conflicting seats. Hans von Rekowski, a current Hospital Board member, spoke in opposition.

Eisenbeisz recommended adding "voting" member on line 81. Hunter offered that this included City staff to prevent the City covering costs of the Hospital and thanked the current Hospital Board. Guevin questioned the requirements and number of seats. Putz wanted the "professional medical experience" seat open regardless of employment. Hunter thought five members made more sense. Miyasato was concerned with attendance of a five member board. Eisenbeisz did not agree with the number of members and wondered if the strict stipulations of membership would create vacancies.

Rob Allen spoke to the difficulties of finding additional members.

Eisenbeisz clarified the two additional seats were to be "at large" seats.

Robin Koutchak, Municipal Attorney suggested postponing the ordinance for legal review.

A motion was made by Miyasato that this Ordinance be POSTPONED to July 14, 2015 pending Legal review. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, and Putz

A motion was made by Putz to extend the meeting to 11:00 PM. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Hunter, Guevin, Miyasato, Putz, McConnell

No: 2 - Eisenbeisz, Swanson

Additional New Business Items

- O 15-093 Consideration and award of the request for proposals submitted for the available funds (\$39,765) in the Fisheries Enhancement Fund
This item was POSTPONED to the June 23 Assembly meeting as the Assembly ran out of time to take action.

- P 15-095 Discussion/Direction/Decision on the future direction of the Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau
This item was POSTPONED to the June 23 Assembly meeting as the Assembly ran out of time to take action.

XII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting automatically ADJOURNED at 10:30 PM.

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Henshaw
Acting Municipal Clerk