



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final

City and Borough Assembly

*Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz,
Deputy Mayor Kevin Mosher,
Vice Deputy Mayor Timothy Pike,
Thor Christianson, Chris Ystad,
JJ Carlson, Scott Saline*

*Municipal Administrator: John Leach
Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson*

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

Absent: 2 - Christianson, and Mosher

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

[24-074](#)

Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

VI. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

VII. **SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)**

[24-067](#)

Sitka Housing Summit Report - Amy Ainslie (CBS) and Robin Sherman (STA)

Ainslie and Sherman presented a summary of the findings from the recent housing

summit organized by Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Baranof Island Housing Authority, and the City and Borough of Sitka.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Loren Wild gave an update on the work of the group Childcare Now. Richard Wein spoke to the Childcare Now efforts, suggested department head quarterly reports be given verbally, and mentioned the Producers Price Index. Austin Cranford talked about the housing summit report, interest rates, and a fraud incident affecting the City.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ystad that the Consent Agenda consisting of item A be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

Absent: 2 - Christianson, and Mosher

- A** [RES 24-11](#) Authorizing a 50/50 matching grant application to the Office of Justice Programs - Bulletproof Vest Partnership

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- B** [24-070](#) Reappoint 1) Trish White to a three-year term on the Local Emergency Planning Committee under Category 5 - Owners/Operators of Facilities and 2) Shauna Thornton to a three-year term on the Port and Harbors Commission

Richard Wein commented.

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

Yes: 5 - Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

Absent: 2 - Christianson, and Mosher

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- C** [ORD 24-09A](#) Authorizing a property tax exemption for the Youth Advocates of Sitka, Inc. ("YAS") for the property located at 3411 Halibut Point Road

Richard Wein commented.

A motion was made by Pike that this Ordinance be APPROVED on THIRD AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

Absent: 2 - Christianson, and Mosher

XII. NEW BUSINESS:**New Business First Reading**

- D** [ORD 24-10](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2024 (Replace Harbor 300HP Outboard)
- A motion was made by Carlson that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 5 - Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline
- Absent:** 2 - Christianson, and Mosher
- E** [ORD 24-11](#) Adopting budgets and capital improvement plan for the General Fund, Internal Service Funds, and Special Revenue Funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
- Richard Wein, Rachel Roy, and Austin Cranford commented.
- Assembly Members thanked staff for their work on the FY25 budget.
- A motion was made by Ystad that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 5 - Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline
- Absent:** 2 - Christianson, and Mosher
- F** [ORD 24-12](#) Adopting the budget and capital improvement plan for Enterprise Funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, amending rates in Title 15 "Public Utilities" of the Sitka General Code and adopting moorage rates and other harbor fees
- Richard Wein commented.
- A motion was made by Ystad that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 5 - Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline
- Absent:** 2 - Christianson, and Mosher
- G** [ORD 24-13](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2024 (Clean Energy to Communities Project)
- Richard Wein commented.
- A motion was made by Ystad that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 4 - Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, and Carlson
- No:** 1 - Saline

Absent: 2 - Christianson, and Mosher

Additional New Business Items

H [24-071](#) Approve a 20 year historic preservation covenant between the State of Alaska Historic Preservation Office and the City and Borough of Sitka for the Japonski Island Boathouse

Planning and Community Development Director Amy Ainslie provided background and an overview of the request.

Keith Nyitray, Bruce Gazaway, and Richard Wein spoke in support.

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

Yes: 5 - Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

Absent: 2 - Christianson, and Mosher

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Wein offered budget comments.

XIV. REPORTS

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

Mayor - Eisenbeisz reported on a quarterly meeting with City and Tribal leaders.

Liaison reports - Carlson reported on the Tourism Task Force, Ystad on Port and Harbors and Parks and Recreation, and Pike on the Police and Fire Commission meeting.

Clerk - Peterson told of the upcoming meeting schedule and reviewed board/commission vacancies.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ystad to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 7:34 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk