

EXECUTIVE SESSION

I MOVE to go into executive session* to discuss financial and legal matters affecting the municipality with respect to the municipalities contractual relationship with the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce, Inc., the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of the municipality, and/or communications with the Municipal Attorney concerning legal matters affecting the municipality or legal consequences of past, present or future municipal actions.

I MOVE to reconvene as the Assembly in regular session.

*Sitka General Code 2.04.020 Meetings

D. All meetings shall be open to the public except that the following may be discussed in closed executive session:

1. Matters, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of the municipality;
2. Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion;
3. Matters which by law, municipal Charter or ordinances are required to be confidential;
4. Communications with the municipal attorney or other legal advisors concerning legal matters affecting the municipality or legal consequences of past, present or future municipal actions.

Yes: 6 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

Absent: 1 - Potrzuski

- A** [18-131](#) Approve the minutes of the June 26 Assembly meeting

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- B** [18-132](#) Approve a standard marijuana cultivation facility license renewal for Michael Daly dba Northern Lights Indoor Gardens, LLC at 1321 Sawmill Creek Road Suite O and P

Eisenbeisz recused himself from the item, noting he was in business with the entity.
Mayor Hunter noted the thorough amount of paperwork from the state.

A motion was made by Knox that this item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Miyasato, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

Absent: 1 - Potrzuski

Recused: 1 - Eisenbeisz

- C** [18-133](#) Approve a retail marijuana store license renewal for Michael Daly dba Northern Lights Indoor Gardens, LLC at 1321 Sawmill Creek Road Suite O and P

Eisenbeisz recused himself from the item, noting he was in business with the entity.

A motion was made by Knox that this item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Miyasato, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

Absent: 1 - Potrzuski

Recused: 1 - Eisenbeisz

- D** [18-134](#) Approve a retail marijuana store license renewal for Anna M Cleaver dba Weed Dudes at 1321 Sawmill Creek Road Suite J

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- E** [18-126](#) Discussion / Direction / Decision on the contract with the Greater Sitka

Chamber of Commerce, Inc., provider of Convention and Visitor Bureau Services (executive session)

Municipal Attorney Hanson recommended going into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and terms.

John Stein and Ann Bills, wondered why the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce and Visit Sitka staff were not invited in.

A motion was made by Miyasato to go into executive session to discuss legal matters affecting the municipality with respect to the municipalities contractual relationship with the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce, Inc., the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of the municipality, and/or communications with the Municipal Attorney concerning legal matters affecting the municipality or legal consequences of past, present or future municipal actions, and invite in if desired and when ready, Don Kluting and Maegan Bosak.

Yes: 6 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

Absent: 1 - Potrzuski

The Assembly was in executive session from 6:33 p.m. to 7:33 p.m.

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

Ann Bills, John Stein, Regional Director of Sales and Marketing for Aspen Hotels of Alaska Carol Fraser, Andrew Thoms, Jim Michener, Executive Director of Alaska Raptor Center Jennifer Cross, Sheila Finkenbinder, Brit Galanin, Kevin Mosher, Lana Petersen were not in support of the month to month contract. Executive Director of the Chamber and Visit Sitka Rachel Roy told of goals, metrics to execute contract, marketing plan, reports provided, the request for proposals, and encouraged current or increased funding. John Dunlap was in support of Visit Sitka and cautioned the assembly to make sure city funds were being used wisely and for the benefit of all. Chris Spivey was in support of the Chamber and Visit Sitka and reminded that the Comprehensive Plan stated the need for strong marketing.

Wein was not in favor of the month to month contract, but that it allowed the opportunity to negotiate a new contract. He noted the budget for tourism needed to be increased and should be a focus. Eisenbeisz expressed that the month to month contract was less than ideal, however with the situation, there was still work to do with regards to the contract. Knox did not disagree that a month to month contract was less than ideal, however the contract needed more work to be long term. Bean indicated that the month to month did not mean that less money should be spent on marketing Sitka, but that there was more negotiating that was needed to make the contract better for the people of Sitka. Miyasato agreed and asked for patience for a better contract to be negotiated. Mayor Hunter thanked the parties involved, noted the remarkable changes in marketing and thanked staff. He stated the contract needed to be done right before signing long term.

A motion was made by Bean to direct the Administrator to negotiate a month to month contract with staff reporting back at the September 11, 2018 regular assembly meeting. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

Absent: 1 - Potrzuski

A motion was made by Eisenbeisz to appoint an Assembly Liaison for contract negotiations with the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce regarding visitor services. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

Absent: 1 - Potrzuski

F [18-114](#)

Approve a lease agreement between Trident Seafoods Corporation and the City and Borough of Sitka for Block 4, Lot 6 of the Gary Paxton Industrial Park - request to rescind action taken June 26, 2018

Wein was in support to rescind and stated this was a lease that was negotiated and approved by the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board of Directors. He told of circumstances at the last meeting of time constraints and he had concerns that there was decision fatigue. Bean agreed with the time constraints at the last meeting, however, was still not in support of the lease. He stated storage was not creating jobs which was not the vision and purpose of the park, and commented that Trident would not sell their fish in Sitka. Eisenbeisz and Knox were not in favor of the idea to rescind a motion. Mayor Hunter realized that this storage would be for boats that do not process fish in Sitka, therefore, the raw fish tax money would not stay in Sitka and noted lack of job creation for the purpose of storage. He stated it would take five affirmative votes to rescind. Wein agreed with the short term lease of three years, and said just because they weren't going to process here, didn't mean that they shouldn't have a lease.

A motion was made by Wein to rescind the motion that failed at the June 26 Assembly meeting to approve a lease agreement between Trident Seafoods Corporation and the City and Borough of Sitka for Block 4, Lot 6 of the Gary Paxton Industrial Park. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 1 - Wein

No: 5 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

Absent: 1 - Potrzuski

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

G [18-137](#)

Approve the proposed adjustments to the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Port Tariff No. 1

Eisenbeisz was in support of the proposed adjustments. Garry White, Gary Paxton Industrial Park Director stated that these adjustments were a work in progress, the goal to make the facility user friendly for the community, and to have rules and regulations that benefit users.

A motion was made by Miyasato to approve, as recommended by the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board, the proposed adjustments to the GPIIP Port Tariff Fee Schedule No. 1. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

Absent: 1 - Potrzuski