



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Draft

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, January 26, 2010

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

Present: 6 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Hackett, and McConnell

Absent: 1 - Crews

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. FLAG SALUTE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

Government-to-Government Update with Sitka Tribe of Alaska

Dale Williams distributed copies of the Sitka Tribe News to Assembly members. Invited Assembly members to attend the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Annual Meeting on January 29th. Noted Sitka Tribe of Alaska will be submitting an application for the Sitka Indian Village to become a historic district listed on the National Register of historic places.

Student Update

None.

- V. SPECIAL MUNICIPAL/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

10-019 Sitka School Board Report - Tim Fulton

Tim Fulton, Sitka School Board member, provided the Assembly with an overview of activities happening in the Sitka School District. Fulton spoke of the new anti-bullying program and the reading and technology audits that will soon be conducted. He noted each school has teachers who have volunteered to have the Assembly visit their classrooms. He encouraged the Assembly and members of the public to come to the community budget hearing meeting on February 17th.

10-016 Sitka Historical Society

Bob Medinger, Executive Director, introduced Sitka Historical Society board members and curator Ashley Kircher. Kircher spoke of the Museum's accomplishments, such as the cleaning and organization of the collections storage room, and also goals for 2010: i.e. continued organization of collections information on new scanning software for online accessibility. Medinger noted the Museum has received a special use permit from the U.S. Forest Service to use the White House on Seward Street for storage. He also noted the Museum will find out February 1st if they are a recipient of a Rasmuson Grant. Both Kircher and Medinger noted the collection storage space available is inadequate.

10-017 Long Range Planning and Economic Development Commission - Cleo Brylinsky

Cleo Brylinsky, Chair of the Commission, referred to the letter she submitted for the Assembly packet. The Long Range Planning and Economic Development Commission (LRPEDC) would like to receive clarification from the Assembly as to what the role is of LRPEDC. Brylinsky also reported the group is planning a two-part housing forum on March 4th and March 11th.

Recess from 7:05 pm to 7:14pm

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Chris Goad, an architect, introduced himself to the Assembly. He will be starting a practice in Sitka.

Tamara Scallion asked the Assembly to take into consideration bathroom/shower facilities at Eliason Harbor. Scallion feels the facilities are poorly designed and inadequate for the large harbor they serve.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A 10-014 Approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010 Assembly meeting.

Stein noted Mr. Stelzenmuller's comments under persons to be heard from the January 12, 2010 meeting were in need of clarification.

MOTION by Stein to amend minutes to reflect Mr. Stelzenmuller feels the videographer is in a unique position to notify the Assembly members when they are not being heard.

MOTION on the Amendment FAILED on a 3-3 roll call vote, with Mayor McAdams, Westover, and McConnell opposed.

A motion was made by Stein that the Minutes be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Stein

Absent: 1 - Crews

- B 10-015 Appoint Carin Adickes to an unexpired term on the Animal Hearing Board, appoint Melinda Liddle to a three-year term on the Investment Committee, reappoint Blake Hagerman to a three-year term on the Parks and Recreation Committee, and reappoint Joseph Reeves to a three-year term on the Police and Fire Commission.

This matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda

- C 10-021 Approve Liquor License Renewals: 1) Nugget Restaurant, 2) Loyal Order of Moose, 3) Little Tokyo, and, 4) Roma's.

This matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda

- D RES-10-03 Supporting funding for the Sitka Sound Science Center.

Stein recused himself as his father is director of the Sitka Sound Science Center.

Scott Harris, Chair of the Sitka Sound Science Center Board, stated the Center is applying for a grant. Harris asked for the Assembly to support this resolution.

A motion was made by Ozment that this Resolution be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Crews

Recused: 1 - Stein

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

E ORD.09-77 Amending the official zoning map to rezone Lot 10 of SJC Subdivision from R-2 Multi Family Residential District to P Public Lands District.

Responding to a question by Westover, Planning Director Wells Williams clarified the property around the subject property is zoned R-2 and this ordinance does not affect the property on either side.

A motion was made by Ozment that this Ordinance be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Hackett, and McConnell

Absent: 1 - Crews

F ORD. 09-78 Amending SGC Title 22 Zoning to add the use of "Recyling Facility" as a conditional use in the Public Lands District.

Sponsors: Administrator's Office and Planning and Zoning Committee

Responding to a question by Westover, Planning Director Wells Williams clarified the property around the subject property is zoned R-2 and this ordinance does not affect property on either side of it.

A motion was made by Stein that this Ordinance be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Hackett, and McConnell

Absent: 1 - Crews

G ORD. 09-79A Amending SGC 2.04.010A entitled "Agenda" concerning the appearance of "Municipal Reports - from mayor, administrator, attorney, liaisons, clerk and other" section towards the beginning of the meeting following the first appearance of Persons to be Heard. (1st reading as amended)

Sponsors: Hackett and McConnell

Westover restated objection to this ordinance. McConnell noted she is in support of this and allows for information to be communicated to the public. Hackett agreed. Ozment reminded members, the amondment states reports are not to exceed three minutes each.

A motion was made by McConnell that this Ordinance be PASSED ON FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Hackett, and McConnell

No: 1 - Westover

Absent: 1 - Crews

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

Additional New Business Items

- H 10-018 Approve Amendment No. 2 to the True Alaska Bottling Company Purchase Agreement For Raw Water In Bulk For Export, and have the Administrator sign the amendment.

McConnell offered she had been asked to do some website design business with TAB as a consultant through another business. She has no formal business agreement nor has done any business with TAB.

Terry Trapp, CEO of TAB, spoke of the bulk water plan to Assembly. The first shipment is anticipated to take place in August or September.

Grant Miller, Chair of Sawmill Cove Board, urged the Assembly to support the motion. It allows TAB to be another participant in bulk water. Sitka will benefit greatly.

Garry White, Director of Sawmill Cove Board Park, explained the amendment and urged the Assembly to support.

A discussion ensued among the Assembly.

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

Yes: 6 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Hackett, and McConnell

Absent: 1 - Crews

- I 10-020 Board of Adjustment: Conditional Use Permit request, submitted by the City and Borough of Sitka, for a Recycling Facility at the former incinerator site.
Reconvene

MOTION by Ozment to convene as the Board of Adjustment.

MOTION PASSED on a 6-0 roll call vote.

Ozment noted this conditional use permit request is a formality. Hackett stated she was a little disturbed that the City holds its residents to a standard that they need to get a permit first if they want to do something on their property. The City is coming in after the fact and asking for a permit, this does not set a good example to the residents of Sitka.

MOTION by Stein to reconvene as the Assembly in regular session.

Motion PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Yes: 6 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Hackett, and McConnell

Absent: 1 - Crews

X. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

XI. REPORTS**a. Mayor**

Read notice of USCG award presentation to Sitka Mountain Rescue Team. Met with Governor Parnell about the State of Alaska purchasing the Stratton Library. Traveling to AML next week.

b. Administrator

Provided updates on various City projects: Rebonco contract expires April 2010, remodeling process to restrooms at Harrigan Centennial Hall will begin in February, underground fuel storage tanks have been replaced at Library and Harrigan Hall, Wastewater crew completed reconstruction of the belt press.

c. Attorney

Noted year end stats for criminal cases are in packets. In Sitka criminal case filings were down 25% .

d. Liaison Representatives

Hackett reported on the last Historic Preservation Commission meeting, McConnell noted the Long Range Planning and Economic Development Commission is preparing for a housing forum, Stein and McConnell attended the most recent Tribal Meeting.

e. Clerk

None.

f. Other

Stein asked for an update on what became of request regarding helmet use at the skateboard park. Ozment and McConnell attended an airport planning workshop last week to look at proposed plans. McConnell complimented staff on the new City website. Westover extended condolences to Perkins and Nelson families. Also offered get well wishes to Assessor, Jim Corak. Westover reminded citizens that run their dogs at the ballfield to clean up after them.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson
Acting Municipal Clerk