



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*

Thursday, April 4, 2024

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A [24-046](#) Discussion/ Direction/ Decision of the FY2025 Draft Administrator's Budget with focus on the General Fund (Assembly action may be taken)

Administrator Leach relayed direction had been given on February 8 to prepare the draft general fund budget to include certain resource proposal requests. Finance Director Melissa Haley explained the budget process, commented on revenue/expense trends, told of potential budget changes, and next steps.

A motion was made by Christianson to allocate \$125K to support the Sitka School District in the administration of the Performing Arts Center. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Eisenbeisz, Christianson, Ystad, Mosher, Saline, Carlson, and Pike

A motion was made by Mosher to add operations of the Blatchley swimming pool into the general fund budget. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Ystad, Eisenbeisz, Carlson, Mosher, Pike, Christianson, and Pike

A motion was made by Carlson to reduce the resource proposal request from 4 FTE's to 2 FTE's for the Fire Department. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 3 - Carlson, Ystad, and Eisenbeisz

No: 4 - Christianson, Saline, Pike, and Mosher

A motion was made by Pike to reduce the resource proposal request from 4 FTE's to 3 FTE's for the Fire Department. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

No: 2 - Eisenbeisz and Christianson

A motion was made by Carlson to remove the resource proposal request for 1 FTE at the Library for circulation services. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Carlson, Christianson, and Ystad

No: 2 - Pike and Saline

A motion was made by Ystad to remove the resource proposal request for a dump truck, unit 413. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Mosher, Pike, Ystad, Christianson, Saline, Eisenbeisz, and Carlson

Other budget items discussed were security gates at the Granite Creek rock pit, public works complex on Jarvis Street and police department body cams. Due to time constraints it was decided discussion of the draft general fund budget would continue at the April 18 budget meeting following discussion of the draft enterprise fund budget.

B [24-047](#) Discussion/ Direction/ Decision, if desired, of the FY2025 Draft Administrator's Budget as it relates to the General Fund, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, and other Funds (Assembly action may be taken)

No action.

C [24-048](#) Discussion/ Direction/ Decision to 1) schedule Municipal Attorney candidates for interviews, or 2) extend the advertisement period

The Assembly decided to conduct zoom interviews with candidates Annmarie Billingsley and Thomas Cary on April 25.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Christianson to ADJOURN at 9:26pm.

ATTEST: _____

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk