



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final City and Borough Assembly

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

WORKSESSION - Road System Master Planning & Funding Strategy 5:00 - 5:50 PM

AA [14-148](#) Worksession Presentation

Public Works Director, Michael Harmon, presented a Road System Master Planning & Funding Strategy. Harmon noted funding was the real concern and expressed the need to identify funding for maintenance to help defray expensive construction costs 15-20 years from now.

Reif mentioned the idea of implementing a vehicle fee tax of \$100 per vehicle. This could be accomplished by ordinance.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, Swanson, and Miyasato

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

BB [14-149](#) Reminders and Calendars

CC [14-150](#) Misc. Correspondence

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

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

DD [14-144](#) Bear Task Force Update <10 minutes

There was no one present to address this item therefore it was not heard.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

VIII. REPORTS

Mayor - Attended the USCG Change of Command ceremony; met Rear Admiral Dan Abel who took over command of the 17th District and the new Sitka commander Mark Vislay.

She flew to Ketchikan for the day where she attended the signing of SB99 by Governor Parnell; was interviewed on KRBD Radio, with Sitka Chamber executive director Jennifer Robinson and SE Conference executive Director Shelly Wright, by Kyle Johansen; met briefly with the Governor; and toured the Ketchikan shipyard and dry dock and the old Ketchikan Pulp Company site at Ward Cove, now being developed by the Ward Cove Group.

The Mayor, Mark Gorman, and Phyllis Hackett had meetings with the SEARHC CEO and COO and also the Sitka Community Hospital acting CEO and Board Chair. The intent was to get a clearer picture of how our major health care service providers and key players in our economy are doing. They were both interesting and informative meetings. Health care nationwide is in flux. We look forward to future meetings.

Administrator - Attended the recent Blue Lake Partnering Meeting and announced it looked like the City would be using far less diesel during the upcoming switchover to Green Lake than previously anticipated. Her received the disappointing news that they Rasmuson Foundation staff had decided not to present the CBS Library project to the board for approval. Gorman noted Municipal Solutions would be in Sitka July 8th-11th. He toured the Solar Turbine project and stated it was a remarkable facility. Working on a tour of the Water Filtration Plant next.

Liaisons - Hackett reported on the Sitka Community Hospital Board Meeting. The Board was scheduled to conduct their first interview for their CEO and hold a community reception Thursday.

Clerk - Reminded the next month candidates would be able to file for the offices of Mayor, Assembly and School Board beginning on July 21 and ending on August 8. Three Assembly seats (one being that of the Mayor) and two School Board seats would be on the ballot.

Other - Miyasato and Gorman attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Indian River for the new bus turnaround. Hunter mentioned the recent tour of the Solar Turbine pointing out that if Sitka didn't have such a major project like Blue Lake going on the turbine would have gotten much more press with a \$15 million price tag. He recognized a couple of the electrical employees who have only had two days off since the beginning of installation and who have saved the city roughly \$4 M dollars by manufacturing switch boxes etc., on their own.

a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A** [14-146](#) Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 Assembly meeting

This item was **APPROVED** on the Consent Agenda.

- B** [14-147](#) Appointments: Reappoint 1) Grant Miller & Steven Eisenbeisz - Gary Paxton Industrial Park, 2) Ann Wilkinson - Sitka Community Hospital Board, 3) Jane Eidler - Library Commission, 4) Bert Stedman - Sitka Investment Committee, 5) Darrell Windsor - Planning Commission, and Appoint 6) Terrance Seslar - Planning Commission

This item was **APPROVED** on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion Carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, Swanson, and Miyasato

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- C** [ORD 14-19](#) Amending Title 15 of the SGC to increase Water Rates at Sections 15.05.240 A entitled "Service Connection Charge", 15.05.560 entitled "Rates and Fees" and 15.05.625A entitled "Water Service-Sawmill Cove Industrial Park AKA Gary Paxton Industrial Park."

A motion was made by Hackett to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. The motion PASSED on the following vote.

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, Swanson, and Miyasato

- D** [ORD 14-20](#) Amending Title 15 of SGC to increase wastewater rates at Sections 15.04.100 entitled "Service Connection Charge", 15.04.320 entitled "Rates and Fees" and 15.05.625 entitled "Wastewater Service - Sawmill Cove Industrial Park AKA Gary Paxton Industrial Park

A motion was made by Swanson to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, Swanson, and Miyasato

- E** [ORD 14-21](#) Amending SGC to reflect the recent name change of Sawmill Cove Industrial Park to Gary Paxton Industrial park as approved by Resolution No. 2014-08

Reif mentioned that he was pleased and proud of Paxton's service to his country and this community and noted this was a very deserving honor.

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

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, Swanson, and Miyasato

- F** [ORD 14-22](#) Modifying SGC Section 13.04 entitled "Definitions" to include Float Homes to definition of Float Houses and modifying Section 13.15 entitled "Reserved-Float House" to be entitled "Float Homes" and adding

regulations for Floating Homes within the jurisdictional limits of the Harbor System as set forth in SGC 13.02.040

A clarifying edit was offered on Line 88 to insert within the jurisdictional limits of the harbor system. No objections were heard.

Administrator Mark Gorman explained this was not for transient situations but instead for permanent moorage within our harbor system. Hackett added this was a pilot project and only for two homes. Hunter reminded folks it was another way to get an affordable home.

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

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, Swanson, and Miyasato

A motion was made by Reif to amend by further defining at Line 110 by inserting or 30' in height. The motion to amend PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, Swanson, and Miyasato

G [ORD 14-23](#)

Modifying SGC Title 19 entitled Building and Construction by adding language to exempt float homes within the jurisdictional limits of the harbor system under SGC 19.08.025 entitled "Docks and Buildings" and adding Chapter 19.15 entitled "Building Code for Float Homes," Chapter 19.16 entitled "Electrical Code for Float Homes," and Chapter 19.17 entitled "Plumbing Code for Float Homes"

Reif spoke to line 201 and asked for further clarification on fire separation. Public Works Director, Michael Harmon, speculated it had to do with having two float homes close together. He was confident it was not relating to two structures on one float. Harmon felt the ordinance covered all bases as written.

A motion was made by Hackett that this ordinance be approved on second reading as amended. The motion to amend PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, Swanson, and Miyasato

Hunter was not in agreement with the amendment; he didn't think it was necessary or critical.

A motion was made by Reif to amend at Line 208 by adding - C. A clear space of four feet shall be provided between adjacent floats. The motion on the AMENDMENT passed by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - McConnell, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, Swanson, and Miyasato

No: 1 - Hunter

A motion was made by Esquiro that this Ordinance be POSTPONED. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 3 - Esquiro, Reif, and Swanson

No: 4 - McConnell, Hunter, Hackett, and Miyasato

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

H [ORD 14-24](#) Repealing SGC Chapter 4.06 entitled "Allocation of Revenues from Sale of Water" and Reenacting it with a new Chapter 4.06 of the SGC entitled "Proceeds from Raw Water Sale Contracts"

Reif asked Garry White, Director of the Gary Paxton Industrial Park, to explain what were the serious points that the Board wanted to see in the ordinance.

White offered the proceeds had ben going into the Industrial Park Fund and they were "OK" with that to cover their time etc. but once the proceeds became \$1 M dollars they understood that amount of money would not just flow back into the Park. This resulted in a conversation between the Board and CBS staff.

Reid spoke to Line 54 Raw Water Sales Fund and felt this section provided for the creation of funds for marketing and infrastructure care.

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

Yes: 7 - McConnell, Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, Swanson, and Miyasato

XII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Miyasato to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objection the meeting ADJOURNED at 7:10 PM.

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk