



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final City Assembly

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT WORKSESSION - Viewing of the movie "Rain Power" 5:30 PM

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Stein was also in attendance.

Present: 6 - Ozment, Blake, Crews, Hackett, McConnell, and Christianson

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

Government-to-Government Update with Sitka Tribe of Alaska

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Utility Director Chris Brewton gave an electrical outage update. He encouraged everyone to conserve power.

VI. REPORTS

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

Liaison Representatives – Westover attended the Sawmill Cove Board Meeting and had the opportunity to view the clip on "Liquid Assets" aired on MSNBC News. McConnell would like a Municipal Summit with municipal boards/committees/commissions scheduled before end of year.

Other - Chris Brewton reported on the current electrical situation. At 2:30 PM there was a system wide outage where a tree fell across a line and took all three phases out. There will be rolling black outs for the next three days. McConnell and Ozment attended the Health Summit and the focus meeting for Sitka Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Plan.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A [10-172](#) Approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 Assembly meeting.

A motion was made by Westover that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED unanimously.

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

Non-voting: 2 - Christianson, and Blake

B [10-174](#) Naming of the multipurpose field at Kimsham after Lt. Sean Krueger.

Supporters urged the naming not be postponed. They contended they have followed the process and also noted there is some urgency as the Krueger family is moving next summer.

A motion was made by McConnell that this Item be POSTPONED. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Stein

No: 5 - Ozment, Crews, Hackett, McConnell, and Westover

Non-voting: 2 - Christianson, and Blake

Friends and associates of Lt. (Commander) Sean Krueger testified on his many fine attributes. He was an incredible volunteer and dad who set a high standard for excellence. He went above and beyond in everything that he was involved in. He was a "shining star."

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

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

Non-voting: 2 - Christianson, and Blake

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

C [10-169](#) Accept certification of Municipal Regular Election.

A motion was made by Hackett that the Certificate of Election minus the Mayoral Race be CERTIFIED. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Stein, Crews, Hackett, McConnell, and Westover

Recused: 1 - Ozment

Non-voting: 2 - Christianson, and Blake

McConnell moved to postpone certification of the Mayoral Race from the October 5, 2010 regular election to October 14 at 5:00 pm for cause, the cause being that potential voted ballots from that election are yet to be delivered by mail which could alter the outcome of the mayor race.

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

Recused: 1 - Westover

Non-voting: 2 - Christianson, and Blake

D [10-175](#) Recognize outgoing Assembly members.

Certificates were presented to the outgoing elected officials and cake was served during a short recess to extend the communities gratitude for their service.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

E [10-170](#) Swearing in of newly elected Mayor

Crews nominated Cheryl Westover to serve as Mayor Pro-tem. Later Hackett nominated Mim McConnell to serve as Deputy Mayor Pro-tem. Both nominations passed without objection.

Winning Assembly candidates Terry Blake and Thor Christianson were sworn in. The swearing in of the mayor was deferred until the final outcome of that race was known.

On October 14, 2010, a motion was made by Christianson to extend the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem appointments until a new Mayor was sworn in. No objections were heard.

New Business First Reading

F [ORD 10-26](#) Amending Sitka General Code Section 13.06.010, entitled "Moorage Charges and Fees," for clerical and consistency purposes regarding permanent and wait list moorage rates.

Mayor Pro-tem Westover read the title and purpose sections. Hillhouse explained the delay in bringing this forward was an oversight.

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

Yes: 6 - Crews, Hackett, McConnell, Christianson, Westover, and Blake

Non-voting: 2 - Ozment, and Stein

G [ORD 10-27](#) Amending Section 4.09.100 of the Sitka General Code to identify possible Sales Tax Holidays for certain sales in 2010.

Shirley Robards spoke in support of at least one sales tax holiday. Chamber of Commerce Director Shelia Finkenbinder encouraged a sales tax holiday.

Christianson believed two days to be reasonable. Hackett spoke to nine businesses and asked if the sales tax holiday significantly improved their business. 50% said it made no difference, the other 50% said it made a difference. 75% suggested splitting the days to two non-consecutive days. Finance Director David Wolff indicated the cost to be \$20,000 per day.

A discussion ensued amongst the Assembly as to changing the dates. It was agreed

to keep the current dates for this year. The Chamber of Commerce was asked to bring this issue before the Assembly earlier in the future.

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

Yes: 6 - Crews, Hackett, McConnell, Christianson, Westover, and Blake

Non-voting: 2 - Ozment, and Stein

Additional New Business Items

H **10-168**

Approve allocating \$25,000 to the Sitka Historical Society and Museum from revenues over expenditures for FY 2010.

Commission member Doris Bailey and Director Bob Medinger spoke in support of the allocation. They noted that without a curator they would not qualify for certain grants.

Sitka Chamber of Commerce Sheila Finkenbinder spoke in support of the allocation.

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

Yes: 6 - Crews, Hackett, McConnell, Christianson, Westover, and Blake

Non-voting: 2 - Ozment, and Stein

I **10-166**

Approve reauthorizing a Controller position, reinstating a .5 PT Assistant Clerk and authorizing a .5 PT Human Resource Clerk.

Controller Position - Christianson stated he wasn't convinced the position was needed. Administrator Dinley pointed out that there is a need and it is difficult to offer someone a job if you don't have it funded.

Finance Director David Wolff explained he gave up funding for the Controller position when budgets were tight. To Wolff's response that it would take a couple of years to train someone, McConnell said she would like to be prepared and advertise for the position. Westover also expressed the need to reauthorize.

This matter was APPROVED.

Yes: 6 - Blake, Crews, Hackett, McConnell, Christianson, and Westover

Non-voting: 1 - Ozment

Assistant Clerk - Municipal Clerk Ingman testified her office is operating on a triage basis, addressing the most urgent needs. She said mistakes are being made and unfortunately many areas of significance are not being addressed. Furthermore, Ingman stated, the offices of Administration and the Clerk have gone from 4-3-2 support staff and it is taking its toll. She fears the progress that has been made in the Records Management arena over the last several years will be lost. The request for 1/2 time support is modest.

Hackett stated the office needs the position and agreed things were not running smoothly. Speaking in full support of the reauthorized position she said the staff's professionalism suffers without it. McConnell enthusiastically spoke in support and inquired if this shouldn't be reinstated at full-time opposed to part-time. Christianson was also curious about this. Ingman responded that she honestly did not know if reinstating it as part-time would be sufficient, but was willing to give it a try.

Deputy Clerk Sara Peterson relayed she does not feel as though she's able to do the best job possible with the current staffing situation. She is picking up pieces as they come along. Peterson said although a full-time position was lost, she would be grateful to have the part-time position reinstated. Blake also was supportive of the request. Westover relayed that one of the many reasons she didn't approve the budget for 2011 was because she knew the position was taken away and noted perhaps in the next budget it could be made full time. She was not surprised to see this request come back.

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

Yes: 6 - Crews, Hackett, McConnell, Christianson, Westover, and Blake

Non-voting: 2 - Ozment, and Stein

HR Assistant - Christianson recalled when the City's first Human Resources Director was hired and added he would like to see this request included in the next budget cycle. Hackett disagreed and asked how much the HR Director had been impacted by the unions. Administrator Dinley responded "significantly" considering grievances and negotiations. Crews and McConnell spoke in support of the added position. Westover wanted to see the request wait until the next budget cycle. Christianson said he would vote against but added he would not say no-never.

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

Yes: 5 - Crews, Hackett, McConnell, Westover, and Blake

No: 1 - Christianson

Non-voting: 2 - Ozment, and Stein

J [10-173](#) Appointments: Deputy and Vice-Deputy Mayor and Liaisons

This item was deferred until all seven Assembly members are seated.

K [10-171](#) Appointment and swearing in of Assembly Member to serve until the next Regular Municipal Election.

This item was deferred until all seven Assembly members are seated.

X. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

October 13, 2010 - Hillhouse explained that the recount would only be for the ballots that have already been counted. Any additional ballots received would not be included in the recount. Note - no additional ballots were received.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Hackett that this meeting be ADJOURNED. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM on October 14, 2010. The meeting had been previously recessed on October 12 and 13. The motion to AJOURN PASSED unanimously.

Attest:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk