



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*

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Carlson, and Saline

Absent: 2 - Christianson, and Pike

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

Eisenbeisz stated item J had been pulled. He added item I had been changed to a discussion/direction item to see if the Assembly was interested in moving forward and noted the Municipal Attorney hadn't reviewed the item.

VI. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Richard Wein discussed the use of fossil fuels, changes to the Covid-19 vaccine and related issues for recipients, and a fraud incident involving the City and Borough of Sitka.

Rachel Roy gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce Board's top three initiatives.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mosher that the Consent Agenda consisting of items A & B be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Absent: 2 - Christianson, and Pike

- A** [24-081](#) Approve the minutes of the April 23, May 14, 16, and May 28 Assembly meetings

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- B** [24-082](#) Approve the following liquor license documents: 1) a renewal application for Bayview Pub, LLC dba Bayview Restaurant at 407 Lincoln Street Suite 201 2) a renewal application for The Sitka Hotel, LLC dba The Sitka Hotel at 118 Lincoln Street

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- C** [24-083](#) Reappoint Roberta (Roby) Littlefield to a three-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission

Richard Wein commented.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Christianson, and Pike

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- D** [ORD 24-14](#) Amending Title 15 "Public Utilities" of the Sitka General Code by updating Chapter 15.10 "Water System", Section 410 "Joint Service Connections"

A motion was made by Ystad that this Ordinance be APPROVED on SECOND AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Absent: 2 - Christianson, and Pike

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

- E** [ORD 24-15](#) Authorizing the lease of Alaska Tideland Survey No. 580 to Evergreen Properties, LLC
- Planning and Community Development Director Amy Ainslie gave an overview and noted the Planning Commission recommended approval of the lease, provided the site remain designated as a mobile home park.
- A motion was made by Ystad that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 5 - Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Carlson, and Saline
- Absent:** 2 - Christianson, and Pike

Additional New Business Items

- F** [24-084](#) Consideration and award of the request for proposals submitted for the available funds in the Fisheries Enhancement Fund
- Linda Behnken spoke to the ALFA proposal. Arleigh Reynolds summarized the proposal submitted by the Sitka Sound Science Center. Jeff Feldpausch told of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska proposal.
- Richard Wein, Emily Scott, and Eric Jordan spoke in support.
- A motion was made by Mosher to award \$15,998.66 to the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, award \$15,998.66 to the Sitka Sound Science Center, and award \$15,998.66 to the Sitka Tribe of Alaska. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 5 - Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Carlson, and Saline
- Absent:** 2 - Christianson, and Pike
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- G** [24-086](#) Authorize the Municipal Administrator to request a subaward in the amount of \$149,979 from Sitka Tribe of Alaska for the Department of Energy Grid Resilience State/Tribal Formula Grants Program through the Grid Deployment Office as the electric grid operator to support currently budgeted projects with a 30% match commitment
- Public and Government Relations Director Melissa Wileman and Sustainability Coordinator Bri Gabel explained the funding opportunity and collaboration with Sitka Tribe of Alaska.
- Richard Wein commented.
- A motion was made by Mosher that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 5 - Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Carlson, and Saline
- Absent:** 2 - Christianson, and Pike

H [24-085](#) Discussion / Direction / Decision on supplemental funding for Visit Sitka

Assembly members discussed various options, including providing additional funding, issuing a request for proposals, and conducting a financial review of the allocation and use of city funds disbursed under the 2018 contract with the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce.

I [24-087](#) Review and analysis of options for responding to the halibut bycatch issue

Eisenbeisz reminded this was a discussion/direction item. Assembly members agreed it was the in the city's best interest to have the brief reviewed by legal counsel.

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Linda Behnken expressed appreciation for the amicus brief review. Richard Wein spoke to item H.

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

Mayor - Eisenbeisz met recently with Representative Himschoot and Sitka Tribe of Alaska Chairman Lawrence Widmark.

Administrator - Leach mentioned Open Finance was working again and announced a congressional earmark had been made for the Gary Paxton Industrial Park haul out.

Clerk - Peterson reviewed board/commission vacancies and upcoming election information.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**J [24-088](#) Personnel matter concerning the status of the Municipal Attorney
PULLED**

Item was PULLED. No action taken.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ystad to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:11 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk