

CONSENT AGENDA

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA
CONSISTING OF ITEMS A & B.

I wish to remove Item(s) _____

REMINDER – When making the motion to approve the consent agenda, please read the title of each item being voted on that is included in the consent vote.

If this item is pulled from the consent agenda the following motion would be in order:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve the minutes of the July 28 Assembly meeting.



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Sitka, AK
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Minutes - Draft

City and Borough Assembly

*Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz,
Deputy Mayor JJ Carlson,
Vice Deputy Mayor Chris Ystad,
Kevin Mosher, Scott Saline,
Thor Christianson, Katie Riley*

*Municipal Administrator: John Leach
Municipal Attorney: Rachel Jones
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson*

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

[26-131](#)

Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

VI. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

[26-124](#)

Citation - Honoring U.S. Coast Guard Day

Mayor Eisenbeisz presented U.S. Coast Guard representatives with a citation honoring U.S. Coast Guard Day.

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

[26-125](#)

- 1) Sitka Tribe of Alaska Tribal Council
- 2) Department Quarterly Reports - Electric, Fire, Library

Quarterly reports were given by Utility Director Ron Vinson and Interim Fire Chief Brian McLaughlin.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Christian Fabian commented on the proposed taxi cab ordinance.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

A [26-126](#) Approve the minutes of the July 14 Assembly meeting

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

B [ORD 26-17](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2027 (Additional Sitka Recreation Foundation Support - Parks and Recreation Master Plan)

Aaron Prussian, Bridget Hitchcock, KK Prussian, Candace Rutledge, Candace Rutledge on behalf of Ben Hughey, and Amy McLaughlin spoke in support.

Assembly members spoke in favor of the master plan, but voiced concerns about the process and desired to amend the agreement with Sitka Recreation Foundation to reflect the increased appropriation.

A motion was made by Riley to AMEND the MOA to reflect the increased appropriation and assert that the City and Borough of Sitka will not assume liability of any contractual obligations made by the Sitka Recreation Foundation. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

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

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

Municipal Clerk Note: Upon further review, it was determined that Ordinance 2026-17 would not require a third reading because the amendment did not change the supplemental appropriation (funding amount). Rather, the amendment placed a contingency on the appropriation, pending approval of a revised MOA that was scheduled for consideration by the Assembly on August 11, 2026.

- C [ORD 26-18](#) Authorizing the lease of Block 4, Lot 1 of the Gary Paxton Industrial Park to Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc.

Ystad disclosed a bias and was recused.

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

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

Recused: 1 - Ystad

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

- D **ORD 26-19** Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2027 (Harrigan Centennial Hall Fee Waiver)

Christianson provided an introduction. Assembly members discussed the fee waiver process and benefits to the community.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Additional New Business Items

- E [26-127](#) Approve a Request for Proposal for a long-term lease of Lot 16B at the Gary Paxton Industrial Park for private sector development

Gary Paxton Industrial Park Director Garry White provided an introduction.

Jay Stilwell commented.

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

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

- F [26-128](#) Approve a Request for Proposal for a long-term lease of a portion of Lot 6 at the Gary Paxton Industrial Park for private sector development for marine vessel and marine services

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

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

- G [26-129](#) Discussion / Direction / Decision on project selection for a FY2027 Designated Legislative Grant

Administrator Leach provided an introduction. Tourism Manager Judson Rusk

presented project ideas which included Lincoln Street, the Sea Wall, and a passenger ferry to shuttle people from the cruise ship dock to the downtown area. Assembly members discussed the projects and selected the Lincoln Street project.

H [26-130](#)

Discussion / Direction on next steps for the Municipal Administrator recruitment

Eisenbeisz provided an update on the recruitment process for Municipal Administrator.

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

XIV. REPORTS

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

Mayor - Eisenbeisz reported he would be absent for the August 25 Assembly meeting.

Administrator - Leach told of an upcoming visit from Congressman Begich.

Clerk - Peterson noted candidate filing dates for the October 6 regular municipal election and reported current board/commission/committee vacancies.

Other - Carlson gave an update on the Sitka Walkability Advocacy Collab.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ystad to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 9:54 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

**Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk**