



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final

City and Borough Assembly

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

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

Mosher left at 6:30 p.m.

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

[26-107](#)

Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

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)

[26-102](#)

Department Quarterly Reports - Human Resources, IT, Clerk

Quarterly reports were given by Assistant Administrator Josh Branthoover, IT Director

Grant Turner, and Municipal Clerk Sara Peterson.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

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: 7 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

- A** [26-103](#) Approve the minutes of the May 26 Assembly meeting

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- B** [26-104](#) Approve a liquor license and endorsement renewal application for JL Sitka, Inc. dba Cold Water Bar & Grill at 330 Seward Street

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

- C** [ORD 26-14](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2026 (Secure Rural Schools)

Municipal Administrator Leach provided an introduction. It was noted that this funding was a one-time, nonrecurring opportunity to support schools and should not be relied on in future years.

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, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

- D** [ORD 26-15](#) Amending Title 22, "Zoning" of the Sitka General Code for the Gary Paxton special zone

Planning and Community Development Director Amy Ainslie provided an introduction and summarized key changes.

A motion was made by Riley that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST

READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Mosher

Additional New Business Items

- E** [26-105](#) Consideration and award of the request for proposals submitted for the available funds in the Fisheries Enhancement Fund
- Linda Behnken and Emily Scott spoke to the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association proposal. Kyle Rosendale summarized the proposal submitted by the Sitka Tribe of Alaska. Bill Coltharp told of the Sitka Sound Science Center proposal.
- Alexandra Fujioka spoke in support.
- A motion was made by Carlson to award \$15,631 to the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, award \$15,631 to the Sitka Sound Science Center, and award \$15,631 to the Sitka Tribe of Alaska. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 6 - Christianson, Eisenbeisz, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley
- Absent:** 1 - Mosher
- F** [26-106](#) Approve the 2026-2029 Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA) Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Assistant Administrator Josh Branthoover provided an introduction and summarized the changes in the agreement.
- A motion was made by Christianson that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 6 - Christianson, Eisenbeisz, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley
- Absent:** 1 - Mosher

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

XIV. REPORTS

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

Mayor - Eisenbeisz reported on attending the Southeast Alaska Guides Organization conference.

Administrator - Leach noted upcoming preparations for fiscal year 2027, reported on a MOU between the Sitka School District and Parks and Recreation, and told of a meeting with Mary Peltola.

Attorney - Reported on current projects.

Liaisons - Christianson reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Carlson noted the Port and Harbors Commission was on break and the Health Needs and Human Services Commission would meet next week. Riley reported on the Planning Commission.

Clerk - Peterson provided an update on board/committee/commission vacancies and reminded the municipal election candidate filing period was July 20 through August 7.

Other - Carlson announced that the Sitka Walkability Advocacy Collab invited community input on crosswalk improvements to enhance pedestrian safety.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Christianson to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk