



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

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Minutes - Final City Assembly

MAYOR Scott McAdams
Jack Ozment, Deputy Mayor - Reber Stein, Vice Deputy Mayor
Cheryl Westover - Mim McConnell
Phyllis Hackett - Larry Crews

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR: Jim Dinley
MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY: Theresa Hillhouse
MUNICIPAL CLERK: Colleen Ingman, MMC

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

A [10-122](#) Assembly Correspondence

This item was heard.

Government-to-Government Update with Sitka Tribe of Alaska

Tribal Council Member Michael Baines spoke to two issues. The first had to do with the rezoning of Lot 11 of the Sheldon Jackson Subdivision. STA is concerned with two probable gravesites. Secondly, Baines said STA will make a recommendation soon to the Assembly on filling the STA seat on the Historic Preservation Commission. Archie Nielsen is no longer able to fulfill that seat.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Assemblymember Westover recognized the Sitka High School Ladies Softball Team for capturing First Place at State. Coach Potruzski commented these ladies are not just great ballplayers they are excellent students and all-around remarkable individuals.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Shirley Robards expressed her disappointment in the Planning and Zoning Commission turning down Scott Bowen's request for his proposed movie theater location. She reminded the Assembly that this applicant was born and raised here and citizens should be supporting him.

VI. REPORTS

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

Mayor - Recognized the Police, Fire, Harbor and Search and Rescue departments for their help in the USCG memorial service. The three Coast Guardsmen who recently lost their lives were entrenched in this community.

Administrator - Thanked staff for their support of the USCG as a whole, and their willingness to assist in any way possible. Sitka Airport Master Plan will be presented to the Assembly once completed.

Attorney - Has been busy working on ballot propositions.

Liaisons - Stein and McConnell attended a LRPEDC subcommittee meeting with Erika Malone, who is with the Northwest Community Land Trust Coalition. Westover reported Sitka Community Hospital has been doing well the last couple of months and is looking into building a modular building for their clinic. Stein reported there had not been a tribal council meeting recently.

Clerk - Informed July 19 is the first day to file for elected office. There are three Assembly seats (one being that of mayor) and one School Board seat up for this election. Filing will close at 5PM on August 6.

Other - Ozment pointed out citizens have not attended the airport planning meetings.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

B [10-121](#) Approve the minutes of the June 22, 2010 Assembly meeting.

This matter was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

C [10-120](#) Reappoint Lisa Busch to the Tree and Landscape Committee, Appoint Jeff Feldpausch to the Parks and Recreation Committee and Roby Littlefield to the (Native Community Seat) on the Sitka Historic Preservation Commission.

This matter was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

D [RES 10-17](#) RES 2010-17: Supporting the Sitka Cross Trail from Cascade Creek to Kramer Avenue.

Sponsors: Ozment and Stein

This item was pulled prior to the meeting and referred back to the sponsors.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- E** [ORD 10-03](#) ORD 2010-03: Amending SGC at Section 10.44.070 entitled "Offers of Sale and Presence on Licensed Premises (Standard Closing Hours)" to amend the Title and the Sunday hours

Sponsors: Hackett and McAdams

Craig Giammona spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. He does not own a television and therefore views most sport games in local bars. Administrator Dinley pointed out it also provides an option for Sunday brunch to include champagne. Stein hoped it would pass on first reading allowing objections to be aired during second reading. Westover pointed out that she doesn't think we are promoting drinking, the bars happen to have large screens and they are already open at this hour the other six days of the week. Ozment did not approve.

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

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

No: 1 - Ozment

- F** [ORD 10-06](#) ORD 2010-06: An ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount not to exceed fifteen million dollars to finance the purchase of and capital improvements to the Hames Center, and providing for the submission of the proposition approving this ordinance and ratifying the authorization of the bonds to the qualified voters of the CBS at the regular election to be held on October 5, 2010.

Mayor McAdams recused himself under a perceived conflict of interest.

Ozment stated there still is not a set price for the building. Dinley remarked one of the most recent yet very informal offers he had received was for \$500,000. He added he would try to get a formal offer before second reading.

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

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

Recused: 1 - McAdams

McConnell made a motion that the ordinance be postponed. Crews spoke against the postponement.

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

Yes: 3 - Stein, Hackett, and McConnell

No: 3 - Ozment, Westover, and Crews

Recused: 1 - McAdams

- G** [ORD 10-07](#) ORD 2010-07: An ordinance placing a ballot question on the regular election on October 5, 2010 to amend the Home Rule Charter of the CBS at Article 13.03 entitled "Property Tax Limit" to increase the millage rate limit by one and one-half tenths of one percent (.0015) which would be seven and one-half tenths (.0075), or seven and one half (7.5) mills.

Westover wondered if CBS was able to purchase the building for a lesser amount if the millage rate percentage could also be reduced. Finance Director David Wolff answered it would depend on the repairs needed.

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

Yes: 4 - Ozment, Stein, Westover, and Crews

No: 2 - Hackett, and McConnell

Recused: 1 - McAdams

H **ORD 10-08**

ORD 2010-08: An ordinance of the CBS placing a ballot question on the October 5, 2010 regular election to allow, but not require, the Sitka Assembly to pass a resolution annually for the next 20 years in accordance with SGC 4.12.110A to set the millage rate at seven and one half (7.5) mills to pay for general obligation bonds not to exceed \$15,000,000 to be issued for purchase of and capital improvements to the Hames Center, and to pay for the Hames Center unfunded operating costs.

Deputy Mayor read the title.

Attorney Hillhouse explained Ordinances 2010-06, 07, 08 are intertwined and would need to be passed by the voters.

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

Yes: 4 - Ozment, Stein, Westover, and Crews

No: 2 - Hackett, and McConnell

Recused: 1 - McAdams

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor returned to the table.

A recess was taken from 7:02 until 7:10 PM.

New Business First Reading

I **ORD 10-18**

ORD 2010-18: Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,410,000 to finance refurbishment and upgrades to the mechanical and electrical systems of Blatchley Middle School; and providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska at the Regular Election to be held on October 5, 2010, of a proposition approving this ordinance and ratifying the authorization of the bonds.

Mayor read the title.

Wolff explained there is debt service to pay back both Ordinances 2010-18 and 19. Stein clarified this is a supplemental bond to cover the work.

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

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

No: 1 - Ozment

- J** [ORD 10-19](#) ORD 2010-19: Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,286,000 to finance major capital maintenance improvements to Blatchley Middle School; and providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City and Borough at the Regular Election to be held on October 5, 2010, of a proposition approving this ordinance and ratifying the authorization of the bonds.

Mayor read the title.

Dinley explained this is supplemental work that was bonded earlier and has been found to be necessary.

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

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

No: 1 - Ozment

- K** [ORD 10-20](#) ORD 2010-20: Authorizing the use of the 1% Seasonal Sales Tax Revenue for the 35% Matching Funds for the approximately \$2.67 Million Pacific High School Major Maintenance Project, and putting the question to the voters at the next Regular Election on October 5, 2010.

Mayor read the title.

Kenyatta Bradley spoke in support of the Ordinance.

A discussion ensued. Assembly members asked for staff from Pacific High to address them at the July 27th meeting.

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

Yes: 4 - McAdams, Stein, Hackett, and McConnell

No: 3 - Ozment, Westover, and Crews

Additional New Business Items

- L** [RES 10-18](#) RES 2010-18: Supporting the "transition vision framework" as outlined by the Regional Forester about how various entities within the Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Forest Service Regional, Tongass Supervisor's Office and Local District Partners--will work with the City and Borough of Sitka, Sitka businesses, and Sitka community stakeholders to implement projects and initiatives that fit this vision.

Sponsors: Hackett and McConnell

Sitka Conservation Society Intern Zia Bruchaya spoke in support of this resolution. There has been a loss of stakeholders and staffing capacity recently. She hoped support for this resolution might return funding for more staffing.

USFS District Ranger Carol Goularte explained that the key will be collaboration and is pleased the City wants to play a part.

McConnell reflected, that this is just a part of the framework, it is really broad.

Westover sees a lot of economic opportunity. Crews cannot support until he has had an opportunity to review the entire plan. He would like to see Regional Forester Beth Pendleton's statement included as an additional whereas.

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

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

No: 1 - Crews

Carol Goularte testified the USFS is moving forward to managing young growth. They recently hired a young growth coordinator to keep some of the mills operating. They have a couple active timber sales in Hoonah, Tenakee, and on the south end of the island.

Zia would like to do what is most beneficial or pertinent for Sitka. McConnell thought the amendment to be very specific and not fit with the generality of the resolution.

Motion by Westover to amend by adding an additional whereas..."Whereas building from the existing Tongass Land Management Plan, the Forest Service will continue to offer a limited number of old-growth sales in the near-term in roaded forest areas, in order to ensure that a bridge exists for the remaining forest industry infrastructure to make the transition. Ensuring that these sales and the proposed stewardship contracts move forward expeditiously is critically important to maintaining a robust forest industry while we transition to young growth management."

Yes: 2 - Westover, and Crews

No: 5 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Hackett, and McConnell

M [10-109](#)

Approve award of the Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School electrical upgrades contract in the amount of \$668,400 to Sitka Electric Company.

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

Yes: 7 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

X. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

William Davis urged Sitkans to take part in the upcoming "Paths Across the Pacific" from July 28 - August 1, 2010. Many topics of interest will be covered such as: human migration, bugs, Japanese shipwrecks, dogs, ceramics, and beachcombing.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McConnell to adjourn the meeting. This meeting ADJOURNED at 8:02 PM.

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk