



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final

City and Borough Assembly

*Mayor Gary Paxton
Deputy Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz,
Vice Deputy Mayor Kevin Mosher,
Kevin Knox, Dr. Richard Wein, Valorie Nelson, Thor
Christianson*

*Interim Municipal Administrator: Hugh Bevan
Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson*

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

WORK SESSION - 5:00 PM FY 21 Budget Process

[19-249](#) FY21 Budget Process

Interim Municipal Administrator Hugh Bevan shared ideas for the FY21 budget process and schedule.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Christianson, Eisenbeisz, Knox, Wein, Paxton, and Mosher

Absent: 1 - Nelson

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

[19-250](#) Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

[19-251](#) Proclamation - Small Business Saturday

Deputy Mayor Eisenbeisz read a proclamation in recognition of Small Business Saturday, November 30.

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

[19-252](#)

Sitka Health Summit Coalition - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2019 RWJF Culture of Health Prize

Sitka Health Summit Coalition members Doug Osborne, Loyd Platson, Tina Bachmeier, and Denise Ewing reported to the Assembly on the \$25,000 cash award Sitka received from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - 2019 RWJF Culture of Health Prize. Sitka was one of five communities in the nation to win the award.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Maegan Bosak, Director of Marketing and Communications for SEARHC, provided an update on Sitka's Integrated Health Care team: November marked the first meeting of the Sitka Community Health Council Committee, Joint Commission Certification for Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center, Behavioral Health, outpatient clinics, and Home Health was completed, recognition was given to SEARHC Registered Nurse Teresa Remington who recently earned the national infusion nurse certification, and it was announced the Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period for obtaining or changing insurance plans through the Affordable Care Act ends December 15.

VIII. REPORTS

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

Mayor - Paxton reported on his attendance at the Alaska Municipal Conference.

Interim Administrator - Bevan told of the construction phase soon to begin at Crescent Harbor. He reported the project was to be completed before the herring fishery.

Attorney - Hanson provided a summary of the sessions he attended at Alaska Municipal League.

Liaison Representatives - Mosher reported on the Planning Commission meeting, Christianson on the Library Commission retreat, Wein on SEDA, Port and Harbors Commission, and the Sitka Community Health Council meeting. Knox and Christianson spoke to the sessions they attended at Alaska Municipal League.

Clerk - Peterson told of the December meeting schedule.

Other - Wein stated a Tree and Landscape Committee meeting was scheduled for December 3. The subject of the meeting was the Lincoln Street Improvement Project.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A [19-253](#)

Approve a liquor license renewal application for Bayview Pub LLC at 407 Lincoln Street, Suite 201

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

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Eisenbeisz, Knox, Wein, Paxton, and Mosher

Absent: 1 - Nelson

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

B [19-254](#) Appoint Denise Ewing to a three-year term on the Health Needs and Human Services Commission

Wein thanked Ewing for her willingness to serve.

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

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Eisenbeisz, Knox, Wein, Paxton, and Mosher

Absent: 1 - Nelson

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

C [ORD 19-39](#) Amending Title 2 "Administration" of the Sitka General Code by modifying Chapter 2.38 "Gary Paxton Industrial Park" at Section 2.38.110 "Gary Paxton Industrial Park Director Designated Appointment"

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

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Eisenbeisz, Knox, Wein, Paxton, and Mosher

Absent: 1 - Nelson

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

D [ORD 19-40](#) Making supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020 (GPIP Outside Counsel)

Municipal Attorney Brian Hanson explained this was an additional appropriation beyond the \$20,000 appropriation approved previously. Eisenbeisz noted in the future he hoped for better efficiencies to save money. Hanson reminded of the length of time the utility dock sale had taken and the changes that had been made to the project over time. Hanson stated approximately 145 hours had been spent on the project which he believed to be reasonable and necessary to complete the project. He stated the additional appropriation being requested was for work already done. Further, he stated outside counsel would finish the remainder of the work would be pro bono - completion of the subdivision and closing of the transaction. Interim Municipal Administrator Hugh Bevan also reminded of the number of iterations made by the GPIP Board and Administration over the last 12 months and was no fault of the Legal Department. Christianson spoke in support and noted the project had been a moving target likening it to that of building a house- when changes were made the costs were higher. Wein spoke in opposition and didn't believe the City was well served nor was the idea of the project that was conveyed.

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

Yes: 5 - Christianson, Eisenbeisz, Knox, Paxton, and Mosher

No: 1 - Wein

Absent: 1 - Nelson

Additional New Business Items

E [RES 19-26](#) Supporting the No Action Alternative in the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking Process

Interim Municipal Administrator Hugh Bevan noted Sitka had to be able to do work associated with its hydroelectric systems including a future powerline corridor across Baranof Island to Takatz Lake without excessive permitting expense due to Roadless Rule regulations and stated the final resolution of the Roadless Rule must make accommodations for such activities.

Speaking in support of the resolution were Linda Behnken, Joel Hanson, Jay Stelzenmuller, Lance Preston, Andrew Thoms, Elizabeth Borneman, Larry Edwards, Michael Thompson, John Skeelee, Lynn Wilbur, and Marsh Skeelee. Behnken recommended clarifying amendments be made.

Theresa Helem spoke in opposition to the resolution.

A motion was made by Knox to AMEND the resolution: on line 66 remove the word "wholesale", on line 70 add the words "alternative 1" after the words "2001 Roadless Rule", and on line 73 remove the word "full" and replace with "any". The amendment PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Christianson, Wein, Eisenbeisz, Knox, and Mosher

No: 1 - Paxton

Absent: 1 - Nelson

Knox read a list of communities wishing to keep the Roadless Rule in tact. Paxton stated the Alaska Congressional Delegation was in favor of removing the Roadless Rule and believed communities would still have control. He mentioned Andrew Thoms of the Sitka Conservation Society was working on some collaborative efforts to reach solutions.

A motion was made by Knox that this Resolution be APPROVED AS AMENDED on FIRST AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Christianson, Eisenbeisz, Knox, Wein, and Mosher

No: 1 - Paxton

Absent: 1 - Nelson

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Rachel Roy, reminded of Small Business

Saturday November 30 and commented on the Visit Sitka quarterly report included in correspondence.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mosher to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 7:57 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk