



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, December 30, 2025

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Christianson, Mosher, Pike, Saline, and Riley

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

Remote: 1 - Carlson

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

[25-181](#)

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)**

[25-176](#)

1) Sitka Tribe of Alaska Tribal Council - Yeidikook'áa Dionne Brady-Howard

- 2) Sitka School Board - Phil Burdick
- 3) Department Quarterly Reports - Police

Sitka Tribal Council Vice Chair Alana Peterson reported on Sitka Tribe of Alaska activities and Sitka School Board President Phil Burdick provided an update. A department quarterly report was given by Interim Police Chief Chad Goeden.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

- A** [25-177](#) Approve the minutes of the December 16 and 18 Assembly meetings

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- B** [25-178](#) Reappoint: 1) Joe D'Arienzo to a three-year term on the Tree and Landscape Committee and 2) Vaughn Hazel to a three-year term on the Tourism Commission

A motion was made by Christianson that this item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- C** [ORD 25-29](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2026 (Airport Terminal Project)

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, Mosher, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

- D** [ORD 25-30](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2026 (Visit Sitka Supplemental Funding)

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, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

E [25-179](#) Discussion on bear trash management strategies

Sponsor Saline introduced a discussion on bear issues and the potential shift to more secure garbage cans. Topics covered included can locations, types, and costs. Leach explained that solid waste rates are set by code, and any change would require an ordinance, along with renegotiating the existing contract with Alaska Waste. Saline and Christianson expressed interest in holding a public stakeholder meeting to gather community input.

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Leah Mason, Alana Peterson, and Martha Moses commented on bear trash management and bear issues.

XIV. REPORTS

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

Administrator - Leach told of upcoming travel for the Alaska Municipal League legislative session, Southeast Conference session, and the Northwest Cruise Symposium.

Liaison Representatives - Riley reported on the Planning Commission.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

F [25-180](#) Personnel Matter: Municipal Administrator

A motion was made by Mosher to go into executive session under the statutory category of matters that, by law, municipal charter, or ordinance, are required to be confidential, and to invite Assistant Municipal Administrator Josh Branthoover to attend, followed by Municipal Administrator John Leach when ready. In addition, a motion was made to exclude the Municipal Attorney. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

The Assembly was in executive session from 7:15 p.m. to 9:05 p.m. Administrator Leach was invited in from 8:15 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Mosher to reconvene as the Assembly in regular session. The motion PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mosher to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 9:09 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk