



# 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*

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Thursday, January 8, 2026

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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#### SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

Christianson left at 7:26 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Pike, Carlson, Saline, and Riley

**Absent:** 1 - Eisenbeisz

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Nalani James requested a designated sign and location for taxis to operate at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A [26-001](#)

Preliminary Discussion / Direction for the FY2027 Municipal Budget  
(Assembly action may be taken)

Municipal Administrator John Leach provided an introduction on the FY27 budget process. Finance Director Brooke Volschenk noted current fiscal pressures and reviewed each staff resource proposal request. Assembly consensus was to include all

Administrator recommended resource proposals and FY26 contribution amounts in the draft FY27 budget. The Assembly requested that the *Zoning Code Update & Amendments* proposal be reduced from \$100,000 to \$75,000, and that a supplemental appropriation of \$25,000 be brought forward in the current budget cycle to address high priority zoning code amendments. The Assembly also requested that the *Increase Head Lifeguard to 1.0 FTE* proposal be revisited later in the budget process, as it was not currently included in the FY27 draft budget.

- B [26-002](#) Discussion / Direction of the FY2027 Municipal Budget, if needed, as it relates to the General Fund and other Funds (Assembly action may be taken)

Carlson requested to review CPV fund data.

**VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Mosher to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:21 p.m.**

**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Sara Peterson, MMC**  
**Municipal Clerk**