



# CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS  
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## Minutes - Final

### City and Borough Assembly

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

*Municipal Administrator: John Leach  
Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson  
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson*

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Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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#### REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

[24-032](#) 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)**

None.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Jeff Feldpausch made a request to the City and Borough of Sitka to draft a letter addressed to the Forest Service Supervisor and ADF&G commissioner urging them to allocate the necessary \$26k required for the operation of Redoubt Bay Weir.

Richard Wein spoke about St. Patrick’s Day, expressed concerns regarding Katlian Road, stating concerns about inadequate planning and insufficient funds for the project and inquired about Joel Collins and Roberto Hernandez.  
Austin Cranford spoke on whistle-blowing laws.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made Mosher to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items A & B to APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**

**Yes:** 7 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

**A**     [24-033](#)            Approve the minutes of the February 27 and February 29 Assembly meetings

**This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**B**     [24-034](#)            Approve a liquor license renewal application for House of Liquors, Inc. dba House of Liquor at 705 Halibut Point Road, Suite D

**This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**C**     [ORD 24-06](#)            Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2024 (Thomsen Harbor Lift Station Replacement)

Public Works Director Ron Vinson relayed expected funding for the CBS project, previously approved as a DEC loan, and would not be available until June. He mentioned the setback could potentially disrupt the project’s timeline and heighten the risk of delay-related expenses. Vinson assured the chances of securing the loan were above average, but if it didn’t come through, they would need to adjust their capital requests for the year.

Richard Wein commented.

**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, Ystad, Pike, Carlson, and Saline

**XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

Richard Wein commented on CPIs, inflation in Sitka, and the necessity for transparency, especially concerning re-licensing. He also expressed curiosity about

Joel Collins and Roberto Hernandez. Austin Cranford commented on public records requests and transparency.

#### XIV. REPORTS

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

Mayor - Eisenbeisz informed he'll be away next week and Deputy Mosher would be charge in his absence.

Administrator - Leach mentioned he would be out of town from March 26th to March 29th to attend the Northwest Manager's Conference in Seaside, Oregon.

Attorney - Hanson stated he continues to work remotely, and his next trip to Sitka would be April 8th.

Liaison Representatives - Saline reported on the Library Commission. Carlson announced the naming of Xóots Elementary.

Clerk - Earnshaw reviewed board/commission vacancies.

Other - Christianson commented on the Katlian Road project.

#### XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### D [24-035](#) Financial Matter: Employee Benefits

**A motion was made by Mosher to go into executive session to discuss employee benefits, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of the municipality. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**

**Yes:** 7 - Christianson, Carlson, Saline, Pike, Ystad, Mosher, and Eisenbeisz

Austin Cranford commented.

**A motion was made by Mosher to reconvene as the Assembly in regular session. The motion PASSED by unanimous consent.**

The Assembly was in executive session from 6:35 p.m. to 6:58 p.m.

**The motion was made by Pike to reconvene as the Assembly in regular session. The motion PASSED by a unanimous consent.**

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Pike to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED AT 7:00p.m.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Earnshaw, CMC  
Acting Municipal Clerk