



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,
Chris Ystad, Thor Christianson*

*Municipal Administrator: John Leach
Municipal Attorney: Rachel Jones
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson*

Thursday, February 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. FLAG SALUTE
- III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- IV. ROLL CALL

Saline arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Present: 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Ystad, Carlson, and Saline

Absent: 1 - Pike

- V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

- VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A [25-037](#) Discussion / Direction / Decision of the FY2026 Draft Administrator's Budget with focus on the General Fund (Assembly action may be taken)

Municipal Administrator John Leach briefly reviewed the budget and the deficit presented. Finance Director Melissa Haley reviewed the budget process, deficit, revenue projections, FY26 expenditures, FY26 capital appropriations, Sitka School District capital projects, and potential budget changes.

A motion was made by Eisenbeisz to remove the replacement of vehicle #458 from the budget. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Eisenbeisz, Christianson, Mosher, and Carlson

No: 1 - Ystad

Absent: 2 - Pike, and Saline

A motion was made by Ystad to remove lifepak 35 from the Fire Department budget. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Ystad, Eisenbeisz, Carlson, Mosher, and Christianson

Absent: 2 - Pike, and Saline

The Assembly gave direction to the Administrator to look for ways to reduce the Parks and Recreation operational and/or capital projects by \$100,000.

A motion was made by Ystad to reduce contract support for the commercial recreational land use plan from \$50,000 to \$15,000. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Carlson, Ystad, Saline, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, and Christianson.

Absent: 1 - Pike

A motion was made by Ystad to add Kanopy and Mango language programs back into the Library budget. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Saline, Carlson, Christianson, and Ystad

Absent: 1 - Pike

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Discussion / Direction / Decision, if desired, of the FY2026 Draft Administrator's Budget as it relates to the General Fund, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, and other Funds (Assembly action may be taken)

Assembly Members commented on several topics, including Saline on the resource proposal request for a refrigeration FTE, Ystad on haul out operations, and Carlson on the capital improvement plan.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mosher to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:57 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk