



# CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS  
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## Minutes - Final City Assembly

**MAYOR Scott McAdams**  
**Jack Ozment, Deputy Mayor - Reber Stein, Vice Deputy Mayor**  
**Cheryl Westover - Mim McConnell**  
**Phyllis Hackett - Larry Crews**

**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR: Jim Dinley**  
**MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY: Theresa Hillhouse**  
**MUNICIPAL CLERK: Colleen Ingman, MMC**

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Friday, August 20, 2010

3:00 PM

Sitka Fire Hall - 209 Lake Street

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### SPECIAL MEETING

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. FLAG SALUTE

#### III. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Ozment, Stein, Westover, and Crews

**Absent:** 1 - McAdams

**Telephonic:** 2 - Hackett, and McConnell

#### IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

*None.*

#### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### A ORD 10-18

ORD 2010-18: Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,410,000 to finance refurbishment and upgrades to the mechanical and electrical systems of Blatchley Middle School; and providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska at the Regular Election to be held on October 5, 2010, of a proposition approving this ordinance and ratifying the authorization of the bonds.

**A motion was made by Westover that this Ordinance be PASSED ON THIRD AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

**Absent:** 1 - McAdams

##### B ORD 10-19

ORD 2010-19: Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,286,000 to finance major capital maintenance improvements to

Blatchley Middle School; and providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City and Borough at the Regular Election to be held on October 5, 2010, of a proposition approving this ordinance and ratifying the authorization of the bonds.

**A motion was made by Stein that this Ordinance be PASSED ON THIRD AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

**Absent:** 1 - McAdams

**C**      [ORD 10-20](#)

ORD 2010-20: Authorizing the use of the 1% Seasonal Sales Tax Revenue for the 35% Matching Funds for the approximately \$2.67 Million Pacific High School Major Maintenance Project, and putting the question to the voters at the next Regular Election on October 5, 2010.

*For the record, Westover asked for it to be noted that at second reading there was no mention of the building being demolished if this Ordinance did not pass.*

**A motion was made by Westover that this Ordinance be PASSED ON THIRD AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Ozment, Stein, Hackett, and McConnell

**No:** 2 - Westover, and Crews

**Absent:** 1 - McAdams

**D**      [ORD 10-06S](#)

BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR OCTOBER 5, 2010 ELECTION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000) TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HAMES CENTER, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION APPROVING THIS ORDINANCE AND RATIFYING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE BONDS TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AT THE REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2010.

*Westover stated it is irresponsible to let taxpayers believe \$6M will cover the repair expenses; the amount will grow from the \$6M to over the original estimate of \$15M. McConnell added she suggested the number be changed to \$6M because she had heard there were grants available to apply for that could help make up the difference. Stein also supported the amendment given the great reduction in purchase price. He spoke in favor of putting this forth to the voters and letting them decide. Hackett said the building is functional at this point and time, if \$6M is not enough to bring it to it's 30 year life, she believes the \$6M will bring it to a point where it can be used for a very long time. Ozment believed the \$6M would take care of the necessary repairs to keep the building viable into the middle future.*

**A motion was made by Stein that this Ordinance be PASSED ON SECOND READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Ozment, Stein, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

**No:** 1 - Westover

**Absent:** 1 - McAdams

**E**      [ORD 10-07S](#)

BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR OCTOBER 5, 2010 REGULAR ELECTION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA PLACING A BALLOT

QUESTION ON THE REGULAR ELECTION ON OCTOBER 5, 2010 TO AMEND THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AT ARTICLE 13.03 ENTITLED "PROPERTY TAX LIMIT" TO INCREASE THE MILLAGE RATE LIMIT BY ONE-HALF TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (.5), WHICH WOULD BE SIX AND ONE-HALF TENTHS (.0065), OR SIX AND ONE HALF (6.5) MILLS.

*Acting Administrator, David Wolff stated this ordinance allows the cap to be raised from 6 to 6.5 mills. Crews spoke against, stating he was under the impression there was a sunset period. McConnell reminded what the Assembly is voting on here is giving the citizens of Sitka the right to vote on this at the polls.*

**A motion was made by Stein that this Ordinance be PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Ozment, Stein, Hackett, and McConnell

**No:** 2 - Westover, and Crews

**Absent:** 1 - McAdams

**F**      [ORD 10-08S](#)

BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR OCTOBER 5, 2010 REGULAR ELECTION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA PLACING A BALLOT QUESTION ON THE OCTOBER 5, 2010 REGULAR ELECTION BALLOT TO ALLOW. BUT NOT REQUIRE, THE SITKA ASSEMBLY TO PASS A RESOLUTION ANNUALLY FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SITKA GENERAL CODE 4.12.110A TO SET THE MILLAGE RATE AT SIX AND ONE HALF (6.5) MILLS TO PAY FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 TO BE ISSUED FOR PURCHASE OF AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HAMES CENTER, AND TO PAY FOR THE HAMES CENTER UNFUNDED OPERATING COSTS.

*Acting Administrator, David Wolff, clarified this ordinance puts the question out to voters as to whether or not they want to increase the cap. Westover commented it is a huge disservice to citizens thinking \$6M will keep the Hames building in operation. Hackett disagreed and emphasized providing an indoor community recreation center is a huge service to Sitkans. Ozment said in the past other venues have been researched to assume the role of Hames but there is nothing equal.*

**A motion was made by Stein that this Ordinance be PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Ozment, Stein, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

**No:** 1 - Westover

**Absent:** 1 - McAdams

**VI.      NEW BUSINESS - FIRST READING**

**G**      [ORD 10-24](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING THE FY2011 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE ELECTRICAL FUND BALANCE TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION 2010-20 REGARDING THE ELECTRIC REVENUE BONDS BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE OCTOBER 5, 2010 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

*Acting Administrator, David Wolff, explained this ordinance allows CBS to spend up to \$10,000 on promotional materials to encourage citizens to vote yes on the electric revenue bonds.*

**A motion was made by Stein that this Ordinance be PASSED ON FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Ozment, Stein, Westover, Crews, Hackett, and McConnell

**Absent:** 1 - McAdams

**VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

*None.*

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Stein that this meeting be ADJOURNED. The motion PASSED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:31pm.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sara Peterson**  
Deputy Clerk