



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*

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

[24-007](#)

Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

VI. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

[24-006](#)

Executive Proclamation by Governor Mike Dunleavy - Alaska Law
Enforcement Appreciation Day

Deputy Mayor Mosher read the proclamation signed by Governor Dunleavy.

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

Mike Finn commented on the Sitka Police Department (SPD), specificto All-Purpose Vehicles permitting.

Sam Pointer spoke of employment issues at the SPD.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Christianson that the Consent Agenda consisting of items A, B, & C be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

A [24-002](#) Approve the minutes of the December 26 Assembly meeting

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

B [RES 24-02](#) Adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activity in FMA 18: CENTRAL SOUTHEAST AREA

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

C [RES 24-03](#) Authorizing an application to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

D [24-001](#) Appoint Steve Lee to an unexpired term on the Police and Fire Commission

Application withdrawn. No action taken.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

E [ORD 23-27](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2024 (Homeland Security Grant - Upgrade Security Doors and Police Radios)

A motion was made by Ystad that this Ordinance be APPROVED on SECOND AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

- F** [ORD 24-01A](#) Amending Title 11 "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Sitka General Code by updating Chapter 11.75 "All-Purpose Vehicles"

Sponsors Ystad and Pike provided an overview of the amendments.

Mike Finn, Charity Bacon, Nick McGraw, Gary Cranford, Richard Williams, Roberta Bernhardt, and Valorie Nelson spoke in support.

A motion was made by Ystad that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

- G** [ORD 24-02](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2024 (Fishermen's Work Float Fortification)

Harbormaster Stan Eliason stated the intent was to extend the life of the facility.

A motion was made by Ystad that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

Additional New Business Items

- H** [RES 24-01](#) Supporting House Bill 201: an act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges

Sponsor Ystad provided a summary.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Resolution be APPROVED on FIRST AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

- I** [24-005](#) Discussion / Direction / Decision on the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's Last Frontier Housing Initiative Funding Opportunity

Carlson disclosed employment details related to affordable housing and indicated her employment would end by the conclusion of January. Deputy Mayor Mosher ruled there was no conflict with Carlson's participation. Municipal Administrator Leach summarized the program details and requirements. The Assembly discussed, the majority of members expressed support, and decided Leach would send a non binding letter of intent.

Will Peterson, Lillian Feldpausch, Robin Sherman, Cliff Richter, Annette Evans, and Leah Mason spoke in support.

J [24-004](#)

Formally accept the retirement notice of Municipal Attorney Brian Hanson and begin the recruitment process

Members thanked Municipal Attorney Brian Hanson for his service. Deputy Mayor Mosher outlined next steps.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Eisenbeisz

K [24-003](#)

Discussion / Direction on conducting an organization, job classification, and compensation study

Municipal Administrator Leach told of plans for a reorganization and compensation study. Members expressed support.

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Sam Pointer spoke of employment issues at the Sitka Police Department. Austin Cranford thanked Municipal Attorney Brian Hanson and asked if candidates for the Municipal Attorney position would be informed about ongoing litigation.

XIV. REPORTS

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

Liaison Representatives - Carlson provided the latest information regarding the Tourism Task Force.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ystad to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 7:52pm.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk