



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, January 9, 2025

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

Christianson arrived at 6:10 p.m.

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

None.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Jeremy Twaddle advocated for paving the remainder of Price Street. Nicholas McGraw mentioned street repairs, crosswalks, and power supply to Old Sitka Dock. Tyler Cropley, with Secon, encouraged the City to build a road maintenance program so bids could be submitted.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A [25-001](#)

Preliminary Discussion / Direction for the FY2026 General Fund Budget
(Assembly action may be taken)

Municipal Administrator John Leach stated staff was seeking guidance on building the draft budget. Finance Director Melissa Haley reviewed the FY26 budget process, new

initiative requests, and net impacts of those requests.

Assembly consensus was to move forward with preparation of the Administrator's draft General Fund budget based on information presented.

B [25-002](#)

Discussion / Direction of the FY2026 Municipal Budget, if needed, as it relates to the General Fund and other Funds (Assembly action may be taken)

The Assembly discussed various topics including the paving of Price Street and Local Improvement District possibilities; street signage; revenue projections; use of reserves; and safety training.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Austin Cranford supported a fiscally conservative budget approach. Klaudia Leccese spoke of the importance of cruise tourism, the importance of diverse economy, and clarified sales tax revenue is not directly linked to cruise visitation.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mosher to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

**Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk**