



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

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Hackett, and McConnell

Excused: 1 - Crews

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

- G. **2009-69** Amending SGC by repealing the Sales Tax Exemption provision currently at SGC Subsection 4.09.100Y for "Exemption for Retired Persons who have reached the age of sixty-five" and adding a new section 4.09.105 entitled "Tax Rebate for Sitka Senior Citizen Residents"

Eleven spoke in favor of the motion to postpone this item indefinitely.

Finance Director, Dave Wolff reported on the reduced sales and sales tax revenue including the sales to seniors.

MOTION by Ozment to change the orders of the day and move this item up on the agenda so those who wished to testify would not have to wait around.

No objections were heard.

MOTION by Ozment to postpone Ordinance 2009-69 indefinitely. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Hackett, and McConnell

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Matthew Turner read a letter regarding the allocation of general fund money. He feels the assembly's method of allocating non-profit funds is messy. He urged the development of a process prior to next year's allocation.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 09-043** Approve the minutes of the November 30, 2009 assembly meeting.

This matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda

- B. 09-61** Re-appoint John Dunlap to a term on the Sitka Convention and Visitor's Bureau

This matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda

- C. 09-041** Approve renewal of Pilot House liquor license

This matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda

- D. 99-60** Award bid to Schmolck Mechancial for Harrigan Centennial Hall restrooms remodel

This matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda

MOTION by Stein to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Items A, B, C & D.

Motion PASSED on a 6-0 roll call vote.

- E. 09-63** Approve a transfer of \$140,920.50 from the SE Economic Development Fund to the General Fund and transfer \$9,079.50 from the SCAPS/Hames Wellness Citizen's Fund to the General Fund to fund the Hames Wellness Center

Westover strongly objected to using economic development funds and believed it should be funded by the private sector. Other members saw it as an appropriate use and important to community support.

MOTION by Stein to approve transferring \$140,920.50 from SE Economic Development Fund and \$9,079.50 from SCAPS/Citizen's Hames Wellness Account to the General Fund for Hames Wellness Center. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Westover

Recused: 1 - McAdams

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- F. 09-55 Approve Amendment No. 1 to the SJC Commercial Lease Agreement between SJC and CBS
- A point of order/clarification was offered. Being the motion to reconsider and the motion itself were substantially identical the motion was reconsidered and renewed in one.*
- Four people spoke in favor of reconsideration and approval of the lease amendment. One person spoke in opposition.*
- Responding to one citizen's testimony Scott McAdams clarified that none of the \$108,000 special appropriation goes to him serving in the capacity of Director of Community Schools.*

MOTION by Stein to reconsider and renew the motion on approving Amendment No.1 to the Sheldon Jackson College Commercial Lease Agreement between Sheldon Jackson College and CBS. He mentioned that he had called for reconsideration at the last meeting of the assembly on 11/30.

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

No: 1 - Westover

Recused: 1 - McAdams

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- H. ORD. 09-78 Amending SGC Title 22 Zoning to add the use of "Recycling Facility" as a conditional use in the Public Lands District.
- I. 09-64 Approve purchase of Hematology Analyzer at an estimated cost of \$44K for Sitka Community Hospital
- Mr. Hallgren spoke to the importance of a fully functioning machine.*
- A motion was made by Stein that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 6 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Hackett, and McConnell
- J. 09-62 Appoint one to Ports and Harbors Commission 1) Lee Hanson or 2) William Babcock
- Stein talked to Babcock and shared that Babcock may be accepting a job which would take him out of country. He is still interested, but if he gets the job he won't be able to serve.*
- MOTION by Westover to nominate Lee Hanson to the Ports and Harbors Commission. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 6 - McAdams, Ozment, Stein, Westover, Hackett, and McConnell

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

X. REPORTS

a. Mayor

The Mayor attended the Tongass Futures Round Group who met in Sitka. Attended DOT meeting with Harmon, Campbell, Dinley, and Eliason addressing items of concern in the community – breakwater wave etc.

b. Administrator

Reviewed Public Works projects. Mentioned how much the public appreciated the ADA doors at the library. He is taking vacation mid-December through Jan. 4.

c. Liaison Representatives

Hackett announced that the Historic Preservation Committee Plan coordinator was in town and a plan should be back to commission in early January. Westover reported on Sitka Community Hospital getting a report from the Quorum group soon.

d. Clerk

She will be on vacation late December through January. During her absence Sara Peterson will be serving as Municipal Clerk.

f. Other

Ozment mentioned the possibility of a new Fish Waste business. Dinley pointed out that the three fish processors met following their visit.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman by Sara Peterson
Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk