



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Draft

City and Borough Assembly

*Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz,
Deputy Mayor Kevin Mosher,
Vice Deputy Mayor Crystal Duncan,
Thor Christianson, Rebecca Himschoot, Chris Ystad,
Timothy Pike*

*Municipal Administrator: John Leach
Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson*

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, Duncan, Ystad, and Pike

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

[22-157](#)

Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

VI. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

[22-155](#)

Proclamation - Recognizing Native American Heritage Month

Mayor Eisenbeisz read and presented a proclamation to Sitka Tribe of Alaska General Manager Lisa Gassman in recognition of Native American Heritage Month.

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)

School Board President Blossom Teal-Olsen announced the District would hold two listening sessions to gain input from the public on the use of the Student Activities Fund.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Kenny Skaflestad Alaska House District 2 candidate introduced himself. Richard Wein reminded Sitka was economically sensitive and spoke to limiting the number of cruise visitors.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mosher that the Consent Agenda consisting of Item A be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, Duncan, and Ystad

Non-voting: 1 - Pike

- A** [22-152](#) Approve the October 11 Assembly meeting minutes

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- B** [22-153](#) Reappoint: 1) Chad Goeden to a two-year term on the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board, 2) Lisa Moore to a three-year term on the Tree and Landscape Committee, and 3) Gregg Olson to a three-year term on the Police and Fire Commission

From the public, Richard Wein thanked applicants.

Himschoot asked Police and Fire Commission applicant Gregg Olson questions about the advisory role of the Commission.

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

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, Duncan, and Ystad

Non-voting: 1 - Pike

- C** [22-154](#) Appoint: 1) Casey Campbell to an unexpired term on the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board and 2) Jorgen Eliason to a three-year term on the Port and Harbors Commission

From the public, Richard Wein thanked applicants for applying. Kim Elliott called attention to the fact that the applicant for the Port and Harbors Commission, Jorgen Eliason, was a relative of the Harbormaster.

The Assembly discussed Eliason's application and possible conflicts.

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

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, Duncan, and Ystad

Non-voting: 1 - Pike

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:**New Business First Reading****D [ORD 22-26](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2023 (Reconstruction of the Sheet Pile Wall and Crane at the Marine Service Center)**

Administrator Leach reminded the City and Borough of Sitka and was awarded a grant under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants program for the reconstruction of the sheet pile wall and crane at the Marine Service Center. In April of this year, the Assembly authorized the application for this grant and acknowledged that if approved, matching funding would need to be appropriated which was before the Assembly for approval.

Kim Elliott spoke in support. Richard Wein spoke about the issue.

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

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, Duncan, and Ystad

Non-voting: 1 - Pike

E [ORD 22-27](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2023 (DataCenter Disaster Recovery System)

IT Director Grant Turner provided an overview and emphasized the need for a full backup of critical systems on a geographically diverse storage device.

Kim Elliott and Richard Wein testified in support.

Assembly members discussed and asked clarifying questions.

A motion was made by Eisenbeisz to add \$5,000 to the supplemental appropriation to cover freight. The motion PASSED by the following vote. The Municipal Attorney opined the amount was not a substantive change to the Ordinance.

Yes: 6 - Mosher, Ystad, Christianson, Duncan, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

Non-voting: 1 - Pike

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

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, Duncan, and Ystad

Non-voting: 1 - Pike

Additional New Business Items

- F** [RES 22-28](#) Affirming the month of October as Filipino American History Month
- Duncan introduced the item.
- Richard Wein spoke in support. Kim Elliott offered opinions. Pastor Bennie Grace Nabua of the United Method Church expressed appreciation.
- A motion was made by Mosher that this Resolution be APPROVED on FIRST AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 6 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, Duncan, and Ystad
- Non-voting:** 1 - Pike
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- G** [22-156](#) Appoint an Assembly Member to serve the remainder of Dave Miller's term until the results of the next regular election are certified on October 10, 2023 (individual will be sworn in if present)
- A motion was made by Himschoot to NOMINATE the four applicants who submitted letters of interest: Benjamin Miyasato, Timothy Pike, Carol Voisin, and Richard Wein.**
- From the public, Karen Lucas spoke in support of appointing the next highest vote getter in the Municipal Election which was Richard Wein. Howard Wayne spoke in support of Timothy Pike.
- The Assembly expressed appreciation to those who applied. Municipal Clerk Sara Peterson provided a summary of how vacant seats had been filled in 2007, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016.
- A voice vote was taken. On the first round of voting, Pike received 3 votes, Miyasato 1 vote, Voisin 1 vote, and Wein 1 vote. The Assembly proceeded with the second round of voting in which Pike received 5 votes and Miyasato 1 vote.
- Timothy Pike took his oath of office and was seated.

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Wein stated while not appointed he would still be an active participant at assembly meetings and spoke to the economic sensitivity of Sitka. Dave Miller congratulated Mr. Pike and told of his medical conditions which had led to his resignation. Ben Miyasato also congratulated Mr. Pike and thanked the Assembly for their work.

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

Mayor - Eisenbeisz reported on meeting with Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska.

Administrator - Leach provided an update on the path forward for a haulout at the Gary

Paxton Industrial Park and told of his attendance at the childcare stakeholder meeting.

Attorney - Hanson provided an overview of legislation coming forward.

Clerk - Peterson announced absentee voting for the general election had commenced.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Himschoot to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:18pm.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk