

- E     [ORD 18-37](#)     Making Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019 (*reappropriation of Fiscal Year 2018 unexpended appropriations*)

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

**Yes:** 7 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

- F     [ORD 18-39](#)     Amending Title 15 "Public Utilities" of the Sitka General Code by repealing Chapter 15.01 "Electric Utility Policies" Section 15.01.020 "Electrical Rates" (*Plug-In Electric Vehicle Incentive Credit*)

Doug Osborne suggested the Assembly look for a way to encourage and incentivize rather than repeal the code section.

Cosponsors Hunter and Potrzuski spoke to the ordinance. Eisenbeisz stated the incentive was at low cost to the municipality.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Miyasato, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

**No:** 1 - Eisenbeisz

- G     [ORD 18-40](#)     Authorizing a property tax exemption through December 31, 2020 for the Sitka Historical Society, Inc. in the lease premises at Harrigan Centennial Hall

Municipal Attorney Hanson explained the Assembly had approved a lease agreement with two provisions: a waiver of utilities and property taxes for a period of 24 months.

Hunter explained the museum had used all of their reserves for design and construction of the their new space. To allow the museum to regain their financial footing the Assembly had approved the above mentioned exemptions.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

- H     [ORD 18-41](#)     Amending Title 4 "Revenue and Finance" of the Sitka General Code by modifying Chapter 4.09 "Sales Tax" at Section 4.09.020 "Collection of Tax" (*products not authorized for sales tax exemptions on sales tax free days*)

Hunter stated the proposed ordinance added alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and marijuana to the list of products not authorized for sales tax exemptions on sales tax free days typically held in November.

Bean recused himself due to his ownership of a marijuana business. He reminded of the economic advantage to businesses during the sales tax free days.

Eisenbeisz inquired whether the proposed ordinance would violate any law because it was a sales tax adjustment that might require voter approval. The Assembly asked Municipal Attorney Hanson to research the question.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Miyasato, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Wein

**No:** 1 - Eisenbeisz

**Recused:** 1 - Bean

**Additional New Business Items**

- I**      [18-149](#)      Award a professional services contract to Arcticom LLC for the E911 system replacement with a not to exceed amount of \$285,000

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

**Yes:** 7 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, Bean, and Wein

- J**      [18-152](#)      Discussion / Direction on the administrative policy for the Stortz Gallery at City Hall

Municipal Administrator Brady noted the updated policy set criteria for the type of artwork placed in the gallery, addressed liability of the artwork and put the responsibility on the artist, and continued the position of the volunteer curator recommended by the Sitka Fine Arts.

Assembly members offered their opinions and concerns with the policy and discussed content to be displayed. Municipal Attorney Hanson stated it was the public forum doctrine, limited public forum in this circumstance, that allowed the City to impose content based limitations.

Norm Campbell, curator, expressed disappointment at the need for the policy to be addressed. Heather Bauscher stated it was important to have art in public spaces. Lance Ewers reminded of the recent display that was taken down at City Hall after objections from the public. He suggested that City Hall may not be the most well suited place for an art exhibit. Scott Saline stated he was offended by a recent display with what he felt were political messages.

**A motion was made by Wein to EXTEND to 11pm. The motion FAILED by the following vote. Six votes in the affirmative are needed to extend past 10:30pm.**

**Yes:** 5 - Hunter, Bean, Wein, Knox, Potrzuski

**No:** 2 - Eisenbeisz, Miyasato

Noting the mandatory adjournment time of 10:30pm, the Assembly suggested the item come back for further discussion on August 30.

- K**      [18-153](#)      Discussion / Direction of a request from SEDA for an economic impact analysis of Sitka Community Hospital on the local economy and the effect if current operations were to cease or be sold

The meeting automatically adjourned at 10:30pm before this item was addressed. The Mayor noted this item would be considered by the Assembly on August 28.