



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final

City and Borough Assembly

Mayor Mim McConnell
Deputy Mayor Matt Hunter
Vice-Deputy Mayor Benjamin Miyasato
Aaron Swanson, Steven Eisenbeisz
Tristan Guevin, and Bob Potrzuski

Municipal Administrator: Mark Gorman
Acting Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Hunter, Swanson, Miyasato, Guevin, and Potrzuski

Absent: 2 - McConnell, and Eisenbeisz

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A** [ORD 16-26](#) Amending the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka for purposes of increasing the property tax limit to eight-tenths (0.008) of one percent; and submitting the question of such an amendment to the qualified voters at a regular election on October 4, 2016 (ballot proposition)

Potrzuski believed this was the best way to proceed noting the Assembly had taken a long long at the Citizens' Taskforce (CTF) recommendations. Administrator Gorman reminded the public that the Assembly was not taking action to raise property tax. The Assembly instead was taking action to allow the citizens to take action and vote on property tax. Guevin remarked he was excited to see this going forward to the voting public. He noted when the Assembly established the CTF they were asked to bring forward recommendations on taxes, fees and revenues that were more sustainable and more equitable. Coupling a potential millage increase with either removing sales tax on groceries or subsidizing electric rates was a step in the right direction to more sustainable revenue and fees.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

School Board member, Tom Conley, spoke to the finances of the Sitka School District including potential budget shortfalls for FY18.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Miyasato to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 6:08pm.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk