



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final

City and Borough Assembly

Mayor Matthew Hunter
Deputy Mayor Bob Potrzuski
Vice-Deputy Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz
Tristan Guevin, Kevin Knox
Aaron Bean, and Aaron Swanson

Municipal Administrator: Mark Gorman
Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson

Thursday, June 1, 2017

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Guevin, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A [17-104](#) Discussion/Direction/Decision of hiring an Interim Administrator

Interim Administrator Applicant List: Camielle Call, Lisa Herwald, Phillip Messina, Mary Miller, Gary Paxton, Sheldon Schmitt, and Kim Zimmerman.

Mayor Hunter stated he was interested in learning more about Phillip Messina. Potrzuski and Guevin concurred. Guevin also expressed interest in Sheldon Schmitt.

Assembly members interviewed applicant Phillip Messina by Skype.

Assembly members Potrzuski, Guevin, Knox, Hunter, and Eisenbeisz expressed support for hiring Messina. Interim Candidate, Gary Paxton, received support from Assembly members Eisenbeisz, Swanson, and Hunter. Eisenbeisz noted Messina had an unfair advantage over Paxton in that Paxton did not have an opportunity for an interview. Potrzuski agreed, however, commented he was not interested in interviewing all seven applicants.

A motion was made by Potrzuski to nominate Phillip Messina as Interim

Administrator and direct the Human Resources Director, through the Municipal Administrator, to develop contract terms. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Eisenbeisz, Guevin, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

No: 1 - Swanson

B [17-105](#)

Discussion of a possible Special Assembly meeting sometime during the week of June 5

Mayor Hunter stated he had requested this agenda item after reading the deadlines in SEARHC's management proposal, however, SEARHC had since stated there was some flexibility with those deadlines and therefore a special meeting was not needed.

Administrator Gorman noted a date was being confirmed for the presentation of Sitka Community Hospital's (SCH) proposal in July. Once confirmed, a date for the Town Hall Meeting would be set. Assembly members agreed to holding a Town Hall Meeting after the two proposals (SEARHC and SCH) had been received.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Alene Henning thanked the Sitka Police Department for announcing the education period for cellular phone use while driving had ended and that citations would be issued rather than warnings.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Swanson to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 6:37pm.

ATTEST: _____

**Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk**