



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final

City and Borough Assembly

Mayor Matthew Hunter
Deputy Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz,
Vice Deputy Mayor Bob Potrzuski,
Aaron Bean, Kevin Knox, Dr. Richard Wein,
Benjamin Miyasato

Municipal Administrator: Keith Brady
Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

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

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Christy Anderson spoke to the recent recycling ban. She told of a company she had discovered that recycled #5 plastic and announced the "Gimme 5" drive she was hosting on December 16th at Blatchley Middle School. She encouraged the public to bring their #5 plastics for recycling. In turn, she would ship them out for recycling.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

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Informational Update and Discussion/Direction on the draft Sitka Community Hospital Request for Proposal (*possible executive session*)

Members discussed going into executive session. Some felt executive session wasn't needed while others wished to hear from the Municipal Attorney first before making a decision to discuss the Request for Proposal in public.

A motion was made by Knox to go into Executive Session with the Municipal Attorney to discuss a matter, the draft Request for Proposal for Sitka Community Hospital, a legal matter affecting the municipality and the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of the municipality. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, and Knox

No: 3 - Hunter, Bean, and Wein

The Assembly was in Executive Session from 6:16pm to 6:43pm.

A motion was made by Bean to reconvene as the Assembly in regular session. The motion PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Knox with respect to the Sitka Community Hospital draft Request for Proposal being discussed at this meeting, to waive any privilege not to discuss the matter in public or disclose the draft Request for Proposal to the public. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

Mayor Hunter explained previous direction given to staff with regards to development of the draft Request for Proposal.

Assembly members discussed the idea of referring the request for proposal to an Assembly committee for additional work. Wein believed it important for the Assembly to determine what their wishes were for the Request for Proposal before proceeding.

A motion was made by Eisenbeisz to REFER the Request for Proposal for Sitka Community Hospital to Committee with members to be determined during debate. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 2 - Miyasato, and Wein

No: 5 - Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

Bean recommended the Assembly direct the Administrator to finalize the Request for Proposal, bring it back to the Assembly for approval, and then the Assembly form a committee at that point, if desired. Wein expressed concern that there may not be sufficient guidance from the Assembly.

A motion was made by Bean to direct the Administrator to finalize the request for proposal while following the best practices outlined in the memo (dated December 1, 2017) to the Assembly by Mr. Hanson (Municipal Attorney). The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

No: 1 - Wein

Travis Hudson spoke in support of the request for proposal process. While initially in support of a broad scope, he now recommended the purchase option be removed from the request for proposal due to the high cost of unfunded liabilities.

Connie Sipe, Acting Sitka Community Hospital Board President, cautioned the Assembly on limiting the scope. Further, she reminded that the Board had previously advertised for management services. No proposals were received.

Wein believed in its current situation, Sitka Community Hospital may not be an attractive business, however noted that with a good foundation in place, the Hospital had the tools to be successful. He clarified his reference to management in the motion meant either outside management or new management to replace existing management. Potrzuski, Bean, Eisenbeisz, and Hunter spoke in support of the current request for proposal process.

A motion was made by Wein to limit the focus of the Request for Proposal to include only management of Sitka Community Hospital. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 1 - Wein

No: 6 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Hugh Bevan suggested, to provide direction, the Assembly approve a resolution indicating the top three or four priorities for Sitka Community Hospital. Travis Hudson agreed and noted doing so would help with the proposal process.

Jason Birbal recommended separating the Request for Proposal into multiple requests.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Potrzuski to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:07pm.

ATTEST: _____

**Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk**