



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, June 26, 2018

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

None.

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Reminders, Calendars and General Correspondence

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

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

Sitka Tribe of Alaska Council Member Woody Widmark spoke to the work of the Council and events the Tribe was holding.

Sitka Community Hospital Chief Executive Officer Rob Allen provided an updated of cash on hand, cost report review, and CEO recruitment.

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Special Reports: 1) Fire Chief, Dave Miller 2) Alaska Coalition on Housing and

Homelessness, Brian Wilson and Planning Director, Michael Scarcelli

Fire Chief Dave Miller briefed the Assembly on duties, statistics, and events at the Fire Department. He noted there were over 100 Fire Department Volunteers.

Brian Wilson, Executive Director of the Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness and Michael Scarcelli, Planning Director briefed the Assembly on the community meetings the two had organized. The meetings, held June 25 and 26, were well attended by concerned citizens, local organizations, and faith based institutions. Wilson encouraged the Assembly to be an advocate for both issues.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Chris Spivey, speaking as a citizen and the Planning Commission Chair, spoke to the recent staff departures in the City and encouraged the Assembly to investigate the matter. He stated it was imperative that the Planning Department was staffed.

Kevin Mosher apologized, stating he had misspoke at a recent meeting. He hadn't meant to insinuate that the Assembly or Administrator wished for citizens to leave town.

Alene Henning held up a poster reminding citizens to stop using cellphones while driving.

Rachel Roy, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, relayed events of the Chamber and announced the theme for the 4th of July parade was "Honoring Maritime - Then & Now".

Mary Ann Spivey stated it was too expensive to live in Sitka and people were leaving.

VIII. REPORTS

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

Mayor - Hunter spoke to his recent visit with Governor Walker involving a tour of the Police Department, a visit to the Community Playground, and a review of legislative priorities.

Administrator - Brady noted an inspection for bulk water was scheduled and reported he and Maegan Bosak, Community Affairs Director, had attended an Alaska Marine Highway System teleconference.

Liaison Representatives - Potrzuski reported on the recent School Board meeting, Eisenbeisz on the Hospital Board meeting, Knox spoke to the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Council meeting, and Miysato to the Historic Preservation Commission and Police and Fire Commission meetings.

Clerk - Peterson noted the vacancies on Municipal Boards, Commission, and Committees. In addition, she spoke to the candidate filing period for vacancies to be filled in the 2018 Municipal Election.

Other - Hunter spoke to the number of drownings in the harbors, often related to alcohol. He had suggested the Police and Fire Commission explore possibilities on

how to empower the police force to remove intoxicated individuals from the harbor system.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Bean stated he had voted no on the consent agenda as he was opposed to the Tobacco 21 initiative, one of the Health Needs and Human Services 2018 goals.

A motion was made by Knox that the Consent Agenda consisting of items A, B, & C be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

No: 1 - Bean

- A** [18-119](#) Approve the minutes of the June 5, 12, and 14 Assembly meetings

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- B** [18-120](#) Approve the Health Needs and Human Services Commission goals for 2018

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- C** [18-121](#) Approve the renewal of a standard marijuana cultivation facility license for AKO Farms, LLC at 1210 Beardsley Way

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- D** [18-122](#) Reappoint Scott Wagner to a two-year term on the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board

Potrzuski thanked Wagner for reapplying.

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

- E** [18-123](#) Appoint one of the following individuals to a three-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission in the category of "Native Community": 1) Roberta Littlefield - incumbent or 2) Nancy Douglas

Members thanked Littlefield for applying.

A motion was made by Miyasato to reappoint Roberta Littlefield to a three-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission in the category of "Native

Community." The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

F [18-124](#)

RECONSIDERATION of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund awards made at the June 12 Assembly meeting to Sitka Sound Science Center and Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association

Those citizens speaking in support of the motion to reconsider were: Angie Bowers, Rob Allen, Samantha Weinstein, Linda Behnken, Deborah Lyons, and Eric Jordan.

Assembly deliberation ensued addressing the application and the motion to reconsider.

A motion was made by Knox to RECONSIDER the motion to award \$22,500 to the Sitka Sound Science Center. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

No: 3 - Eisenbeisz, Hunter, and Wein

A motion was made by Knox to award \$27,000 to the Sitka Sound Science Center. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Miyasato, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

No: 2 - Eisenbeisz, and Wein

Those from the public speaking in support of the motion to reconsider were Matt Donohoe and Linda Behnken.

A motion was made by Potrzuski to RECONSIDER the motion to award \$10,000 to the Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

No: 3 - Eisenbeisz, Bean, and Wein

A motion was made by Potrzuski to award \$5,500 to the Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

No: 1 - Bean

G [ORD 18-29](#)

Amending Title 18 "Property Acquisition and Disposal" and Title 19 "Building and Construction" of the Sitka General Code by authorizing an advisory vote and modifying Chapter 18.12 "Real Property Disposal", Chapter 18.16 "Tideland lease Procedure", and Chapter 19.07 "Demolition or Removal of Municipally Owned Buildings"

Mike Reif spoke in support of the ordinance. Tim Ryan spoke in opposition.

Assembly Deliberation

Wein stated he could not support the ordinance as written and wished to have the land

inventory prior to making a decision. Potrzuski and Hunter spoke to the legal liability of constitutional issues in the current code section. Miyasato believed passage of the ordinance would help with economic development and affordable housing. Eisenbeisz spoke in opposition stating he wished to keep citizens involved. Municipal Attorney, Brian Hanson, reminded the Alaska Supreme Court ruling was this section of the current code was unconstitutional.

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

Yes: 5 - Miyasato, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

No: 2 - Eisenbeisz, and Wein

H [ORD 18-26](#)

Amending Title 15 "Public Utilities" of the Sitka General Code to increase water rates at Section 15.05.240 "Service Connection Charge" and Section 15.05.620 "Rates and Fees"

Chris Spivey urged the Assembly to stop raising rates.

Bean stated he had voted in opposition to rate increases at the budget meetings and would do so again. Wein spoke in opposition stating the notion of a secondary water source hadn't been resolved in his mind. Potrzuski spoke to the importance of providing basic services for citizens. Knox and Hunter agreed and while difficult, must be done. Eisenbeisz shared water rates had tripled in a short amount of time and consideration needed to be given to the citizens.

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

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

No: 3 - Eisenbeisz, Bean, and Wein

K [18-125](#)

Discussion / Direction of the Sitka Community Hospital RFP process

Due to the late hour, Mayor Hunter requested item K be heard prior to item I.

Sarah Cave and Steve Huebner reviewed the process to date, the timeline for the upcoming months, and of the competitive bidding process. They reminded finalist site visits were planned for July 11 and 12 and reviewed the purpose, participants, and process. Expanded proposals were due July 27 with finalist oral presentations scheduled for August 13 at a work session. A Town Hall Meeting was proposed for August 16 to gain public insight into the finalists proposals. The selection date of the preferred proposer was scheduled for August 28.

Assembly members asked questions of the consultants. Wein and Eisenbeisz expressed a desire for the Assembly to participate in the site visits. Mayor Hunter requested the only item at the regular meeting scheduled for August 28 be the selection of the preferred proposer. Staff determined an additional meeting could be scheduled later in the week to address routine agenda items that would have normally been scheduled for August 28.

A motion was made by Knox to move forward according to the RFP timeline as prescribed with the additional date for the Assembly to receive input from the public in a moderated public forum on August 16. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

No: 1 - Wein

I [ORD 18-27](#)

Amending Title 15 "Public Utilities" of the Sitka General Code to increase wastewater treatment rates at Section 15.04.100 "Service Connection Charge" and Section 15.04.320 "Rates and Fees"

A motion was made by Potrzuski to LIMIT DEBATE to 2 minutes per member for the remaining rate items. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Miyasato, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

No: 2 - Eisenbeisz, and Wein

Jay Sweeney, speaking as a citizen, pointed out advantages and disadvantages of living in Sitka.

Eisenbeisz believed the City needed to learn to live with the status quo. Potrzuski reminded the City had a responsibility to provide services to its citizens.

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

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

No: 2 - Eisenbeisz, and Bean

J [ORD 18-28](#)

Amending Title 15 "Public Utilities" of the Sitka General Code to increase solid waste collection rates at Sections 15.06.020 "Solid Waste Disposal Policy and Rates", 15.06.035 "Rates for Treatment and Collection", 15.06.045 "Special Refuse and Treatment Charges" and changing the title of 15.06.045 to "Transfer Station Drop-Off Charges and Special Refuse Collection Charges"

A motion was made by Miyasato to EXTEND to 11pm. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Eisenbeisz, Hunter, Wein, Miyasato, Knox, Potrzuski

No: 1 - Bean

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

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

No: 2 - Eisenbeisz, and Bean

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

L [RES 18-13](#)

Increasing permanent and temporary moorage rates and other harbor fees and charges

It was noted the rates had not been reviewed by the Port and Harbors Commission.

A motion was made by Eisenbeisz to REFER Resolution 2018-13 to the Port and Harbors Commission for review. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

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

M [RES 18-14](#)

Increasing transient float plane rates and fees

Knox reminded that while additional transient operations were available there were still services lacking, such as fuel. He hoped to see continued growth of seaplane operations. Wein also spoke to the importance of economic growth in this industry.

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

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

N [18-114](#)

Approve a lease agreement between Trident Seafoods Corporation and the City and Borough of Sitka for Block 4, Lot 6 of the Gary Paxton Industrial Park - request to rescind action taken June 26, 2018

A motion was made by Miyasato to EXTEND to 11:15pm. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Miyasato, Potrzuski, Hunter, Eisenbeisz, Wein, Knox

No: 1 - Bean

Assembly members voiced concern that Trident Seafoods Corporation would compete with local processors and wondered if the lease was consistent with the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board goal of creating family-wage jobs. Garry White, Gary Paxton Industrial Park (GPIP) Board Director, stated the lease was for storage and no jobs would be created as a result of the lease. Members also noted that the GPIP was running out of land. White, speaking on behalf of the Board, said the Board had recommended the lease. It was short-term and would bring in some positive cash flow.

A motion was made by Miyasato that this Item be APPROVED. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 3 - Hunter, Knox, and Wein

No: 4 - Miyasato, Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, and Bean

O [18-126](#)

Discussion / Direction / Decision on the contract with the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce, Inc., provider of Convention and Visitor Bureau Services (*executive session*)

The meeting ADJOURNED at 11pm as required by Sitka General Code. There was not a unanimous vote of seven members to continue. No action was taken on this item. It would be scheduled under Unfinished Business at the regular meeting of July 10, 2018.

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None. The meeting ADJOURNED at 11pm as required by Sitka General Code. There was not a unanimous vote of seven members to continue.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ADJOURNED at 11pm as required by Code. There was not a unanimous vote of seven members to continue.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk