



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, July 31, 2018

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Miyasato, Potrzuski, Knox, Bean, and Wein

Absent: 2 - Eisenbeisz, and Hunter

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Ben Miyasato reminded drivers to watch for pedestrians at the roundabout.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A** [ORD 18-36](#) Adding a ballot question on the next municipal regular election to be held on October 2, 2018, on whether to exempt the municipality from the provisions of AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.350, an act prohibiting smoking in certain places (effective October 1, 2018), and, if exempted, Sitka General Code, Chapter 9.20 "Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment", would continue to be the law for the municipality as to banning smoking in certain public places (*ballot proposition*)

Testifying in opposition to the ordinance was Amelia Mosher, Charles Bingham,

Amanda Roberts, and Doug Osborne.

In support of the ordinance was Karen Lucas, Kevin Mosher, Margaret Carlson, and Stan Filler.

Wein, while not in support of smoking, believed the question should be placed before the voters to decide. Bean agreed. Knox spoke in opposition, stating the tobacco industry purposefully manipulated individuals into smoking. He stated as a public health measure it was paramount to reduce every available avenue.

A motion was made by Wein that this Ordinance be APPROVED ON FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote. (Note: Section 3.02 of the Home Rule Charter states the only way an ordinance fails on first reading is if there are four votes in opposition.)

Yes: 2 - Bean, and Wein

No: 3 - Miyasato, Potrzuski, and Knox

Absent: 2 - Eisenbeisz, and Hunter

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Additional comments regarding Ordinance 2018-36: Stan Filler spoke in support of maintaining the status quo, Margaret Carlson reiterated the need for a public vote, Doug Osborne agreed businesses should have rights, however, if employees and patrons health was at risk it was the governments place to step in, and Charles Bingham stated action should be taken to reduce smoking related illnesses.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Miyasato to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections the meeting ADJOURNED at 7:02pm.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk