



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final

City and Borough Assembly

Mayor Gary Paxton
Deputy Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz,
Vice Deputy Mayor Valorie Nelson,
Aaron Bean, Kevin Knox, Dr. Richard Wein, Kevin Mosher

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

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Wein, Paxton, Mosher, and Nelson

Absent: 3 - Eisenbeisz, Knox, and Bean

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Benjamin Miyasato expressed concern for the assembly decision of a subcommittee that reviews all staff positions as they become vacant and the hiring freeze.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A [19-110](#) Discussion / Direction on final requests for the FY2020 Draft Municipal Budget

Municipal Administrator Keith Brady stated this item was on the agenda to hopefully avoid a special meeting at a later date. Mosher stated the RIDE had been included in the budget the last four years, it received matching grants, and felt it provided a great service. Brady stated the RIDE was not included in the budget as a line item, however there were funds for non-profit/community enterprises. Wein was in support, stated that the RIDE served Sitka well, thought that \$25,000 was a bargain noting that it provided 218 rides a day, and felt it was a wonderful partnership.

A motion was made by Mosher to direct the Administrator to include a request of \$25,000 for the RIDE in the FY2020 budget. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Wein, Paxton, Mosher, and Nelson

Absent: 3 - Eisenbeisz, Knox, and Bean

Wein noted a number of things he would like to make motions on however had concerns in doing so with only four assembly members present. He would like to see CPET Funds or Visitor Enhancement Funds in the six figure range to develop a planting program to hire and plant a core portion of the city to enhance visitor experience.

B [19-109](#)

Discussion / Direction regarding union negotiations (executive session anticipated)

Municipal Administrator Keith Brady noted that union negotiations had started with ASEA, PSEA and negotiations would begin with IBEW in June that included Human Resources Director Matthew lone and outside legal counsel Kimberly Gearity. He stated this meeting would be information for the assembly with regards to what takes place in negotiations, history of previous negotiations, and to receive direction from the assembly with how to move forward with negotiations. He felt an executive session was necessary because of discussions with strategy and possible financial ramifications.

A motion was made by Mosher to go into Executive Session with outside legal counsel Kimberly Gearity, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer Jay Sweeney and Human Resources Director Matthew lone, under the statutory category of discussing a subject, collective bargaining agreements with ASEA, PSEA and IBEW, of the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of the City and Borough of Sitka. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Wein, Paxton, Mosher, and Nelson

Absent: 3 - Eisenbeisz, Knox, and Bean

Municipal Attorney Brian Hanson mentioned that there were documents that were needed in executive session and a suspension of the rules was in order.

A motion was made by Mosher to SUSPEND THE RULES to allow documents in executive session. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Wein, Paxton, Mosher, and Nelson

Absent: 3 - Eisenbeisz, Knox, and Bean

The assembly was in executive session from 6:12 to 7:17 p.m.

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

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

See item B.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wein to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting
ADJOURNED at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Melissa Henshaw, CMC
Acting Municipal Clerk