



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final

City and Borough Assembly

Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz
Deputy Mayor Thor Christianson,
Vice Deputy Mayor Valorie Nelson,
Kevin Knox, Kevin Mosher, Crystal Duncan, Rebecca
Himschoot

Municipal Administrator: John Leach
Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson

Thursday, March 4, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Knox arrived at 6:07pm. Nelson attended by videoconference.

Present: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

School Superintendent John Holst provided a summary of school funding and said despite the Assembly's approved funding on February 25, the District was still at a deficit level.

School Board President Amy Morrison apologized for the misunderstanding in funding and spoke about the different definitions of the cap. For now, she said the District would hold tight and wait on requesting additional funds from the City. She noted there could be possible additional stimulus money and told of no increase in health insurance premiums.

Richard Wein spoke to the Bill of Rights.

Blossom Teal-Olsen thanked the Assembly for collaboration with the School District.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A** [21-033](#) Discussion / Direction / Decision of the FY2022 Draft Administrator's Budget with focus on the General Fund
- Finance Director Melissa Haley stated this meeting was a review of the General Fund and desired changes could be made by motion. She explained the \$1.9M deficit and said the core decision was to either move forward with existing level of services or make significant cuts now. Haley reviewed sales tax revenue, the General Fund, non-core services, public education funding trends, public safety trends and challenges, public works trends and challenges, capital projects trends, and non-core services. Administrator Leach reminded of the \$1.9M deficit of which \$1.5M would be covered with the projected surplus.
- B** [21-034](#) Discussion / Direction, if desired, of the FY2022 Draft Budget as it relates to the General Fund, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, School Funding, and other Funds (Assembly action may be taken)
- No discussion.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Wein spoke of the budget and noted fundamentals weren't being addressed. He urged the Assembly to have a conversation on the future of Sitka.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Knox to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 7:32pm.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk