



## SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 24, 2023  
Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



### Regular Meeting Minutes

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Present: Leslie Young, Loyd Platson, James Mellema, Gail Roderick and Gregg Olson via Zoom

City Staff: Chief Warren, Chief Baty, Assemblymember Pike and Exc. Assistant Serena Wild

#### B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

#### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 26, 2023

**Motion: Motion by Mellema to approve the April 26, 2023 minutes.**

**Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

#### D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

#### E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

1. Sandra Thibodeaux – participated via Zoom, appeal was denied.

#### F. REPORTS

1. Chief Baty – Tour season had begun and two retired state troopers are on staff during the summer months to help with tourism issues.
2. Chief Warren – shared that call volume is still down and able to complete housekeeping tasks.

#### G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. American and Barrack Street Traffic Reconfiguration

John Leach, Municipal Administrator, shared the background on why these road traffic patterns had been altered due to the Short-Term Tourism Plan. Also shared that City Engineers have the authority to make changes to traffic patterns. The Commission had previously requested more information on these roads regarding the width and safety and a traffic study had been completed. The meeting was a chance to give the public a forum to speak about the proposed changes to the roadways.

Michael Harmon, Municipal Engineer, came forward and presented the findings of the study and options the firm had come up with to maximize parking and keep safety in mind.

Thad Poulson came forward and spoke against the proposed changes to Barracks, Race and American Street.

Mike Snowden came forward and spoke against the proposed changes to the alley way between Lincoln and Seward Street.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS**

Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 28, 2023 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items:

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.