



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Gregg Olson, Leslie Young, Gail Roderick and James Mellema
City Staff: Chief Baty and Exc. Assistant Serena Wild

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

Adding voting for new Vice-Chair to the agenda

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 26, 2023

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

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

F. REPORTS

Chief Baty – thank Loyd Platson for his time served on the Police & Fire Commission. SPD will put on the National Night Out on August 26th which is a family friendly event. Staffing at the PD is still problematic, trying new advertising methods. The taxi code changes are being ironed out by a working group and once it has been approved by Legal Dept, it will come before the P&F Commission.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Elect Vice-Chair

Motion: Motion by Young to nominate James Mellema as Vice-Chair.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Olson shared that Fairbanks PD is the second largest in the state and is having a hard time hiring, offering a \$60,000 signing bonus. Mellema shared thoughts on if a wildfire could pin Sitkans to the ocean. LEPC does have plans for major emergencies in Sitka.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, September 27, 2023 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items:

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:48 PM.