



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 23, 2022
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, Gail Roderick, James Mellema and Loyd Platson

City Staff: Chief Warren, Chief Baty, Exc. Assistant Serena Wild and Assembly Member Duncan

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 23, 2022

Motion: M-Mellema/S-Platson to approve the February 23, 2022 minutes.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Susan Jensen and Karen Adkins came forward to raise public awareness regarding human trafficking. They shared that Sitka does have human trafficking happening and are hoping start a conversation regarding it.

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

F. REPORTS

1. Liaison – recent ordinance regarding APV's use passed at the Assembly.
2. Chief Baty – has been attending meetings regarding the shut down of downtown for cruise passengers. Usages around Centennial Hall will be changing.
3. Chief Warren – getting ready to hire the seasonal temps. Also have trainings coming up, including a ropes course, mass casualty and port safety.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Secondary Department Liaison Selection

Motion: M-Platson/S-Mellema to nominate Department Liaisons.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Platson was chosen to be the secondary PD liaison.

Mellema was chosen to be the secondary FD liaison.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairperson's Assembly Update

Chairperson Olson attended the recent Assembly meeting. He gave a short address to the Assembly regarding the Commission and its purpose.

The Commission expressed interest in adjusting the meeting dates. Item will be put it on the next agenda.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Olson commented about the human trafficking and how it effects all of Alaska. Mellema inquired about trend data and if public safety tracked items that way. Roderick had family on the bus with the DUI driver and thanked Officer Blackmon for her care and calming of the children. Platson will be submitting a grant for Sitka Counseling to help with substance abuse in town.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 27, 2022 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items: P&F Commission Meeting Time

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.