



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
Centennial Hall – 6:00 PM



Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Loyd Platson, Gregg Olson, Neil Akana, Wayne Young and James Mellema

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

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 23, 2020

Motion: M-Mellema/S-Platson approved the December 23, 2020 minutes.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

F. REPORTS

1. Chief Baty – shared that PD had made an offer to a new dispatcher, waiting for them to accept. Been talking about centralizing Fire and Police Dispatch to help free up fire engineers to respond to calls. PD opened back up for TSA Precheck, TWIC and Hazmat enrollments.
2. Chief Warren – the spreading of COVID appears to have slowed locally. Close to 30% of Sitka had received their first dose of vaccine. People had recently applied to firework permits but due to the location requested, they were denied. Assembly brought forward the option of an Assistant Fire Chief, which would be a great asset to the FD. The FD supports the idea of centralized dispatch and hiring another dispatch position to make that happen.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Long Term Harbor Parking Permits

Deputy Harbor Master Johnson came forward and shared that in 2015 these proposed changes were meant to be recommend to the Assembly but did not make it. Harbor Department has proposed a \$50 per month parking permit, require proof of insurance and can only receive two consecutive 30-day permits at a time. Long term parking spots are located in the 10-day parking areas.

Motion: M-Akana/S-Mellema to recommend the adoption of the proposed changes to Sitka General Code 11.240.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion: M-Akana/S-Mellema to recommend to the Port & Harbors Commission the adoption of the proposed changes to SGC 11.240.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Review of By-Laws

Amend the By-Laws to change meeting start time to 5:30 PM and clerical change of changing Chairman to just Chair throughout the By-Laws.

Motion: M-Mellema/S-Akana approved the 2021 By-Laws as amended.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

2. Elect Chair

Motion: M-Akana/S-Platson to nominate Gregg Olson as Chair.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

3. Elect Vice-Chair

Motion: M-Akana/S-Platson to nominate James Mellema as Vice-Chair.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

4. Department Liaison Selection

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

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Olson, with Platson alternative, volunteered to be the PD liaison. Young, with Akana alternative, volunteered to be the FD liaison.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items:

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.