



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 – February 24, 2021

Motion: M-Mellema/S-Young approved the February 24, 2021 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 another dispatcher was recently hired.
2. Chief Warren – a modified volunteer training program will be beginning again soon. Call volume was still up at a breakneck pace.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Better Biking Presentation

Doug Osborne, with SEARHC's injury and prevention program and the Health Needs and Human Services Commission, shared a Better Biking Ordinance that is looking to improve biking safety. Commission was asked to review the ordinance and provide feedback.

2. Commissions Role as the Parking Citation Hearing Board

Commissioners discussed the current ordinance outlining the appeal of parking citations, Ordinance 13-31A, which very strict and more Letter of the Law vs Spirit of the Law. Commissioners requested an ordinance review by the City Attorney for the City's interpretation of the ordinance.

Motion: M-Platson/S-Akana for the City Attorney to review the current ordinance and share his interpretation.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Platson shared data of drug use among minors and reported 80% are not using drugs.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items:

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.