
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2016 12:00PM
3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall

Commission Members: Doug Osborne, Dr. Myron Fribush, Lauren Hughey,
Lloyd Platson, Jeff Arndt, Clara Gray, Brian Richardson
Tristan Guevin (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Osborne called the meeting to order at approximately 12:01PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Doug Osborne, Myron Fribush, Lloyd Platson, Jeff Arndt, Brian Richardson

III. AGENDA CHANGES

M - Osborne/S - Platson moved to approve the agenda as is. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sugar Sweetened Beverage Resolution

Chair Osborne asked for comments from Commissioners on the draft resolution. Commissioners present were in support. Fribush asked the total of sales tax average brought in on groceries and thought that the one-cent-per-ounce was high. Discussion occurred on definition of food related items and if collected where the tax would be allocated.

M - Osborne/S - Platson moved to replace the 8th whereas to: WHEREAS, in order to increase access to nutritious foods, the Health Needs and Human Services Commission supports amending the City and Borough of Sitka General Code to exempt food items, particularly produce, whole grains, and unprocessed foods from sales tax". Motion carried unanimously.

M - Osborne/S - Richardson moved to amend the 9th whereas to: WHEREAS, to raise revenue and reduce consumption of sugar sweetened beverages, and thus, reduce rates of obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, other obesity related diseases, and cavities, the Health Needs and Human Services Commission endorses a once-cent-per-ounce excise tax on sugar-sweetened beverages in Sitka, Alaska. Motion carried unanimously.

M - Osborne/S - Arndt moved to amend the therefore section to include "particularly produce, whole grains, and unprocessed foods" after "food items". Motion carried unanimously.

M - Platson/S - Fribush moved to pass the resolution with the changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Osborne mentioned the safe streets ordinance that was on the Assembly agenda for the Assembly meeting tomorrow night.

Discussion occurred on the distributor passing through the tax to consumers.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

M - Platson/S - Arndt moved to adjourn at approximately 12:33PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk