

# SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Centennial Hall – 6pm

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## Regular Meeting Minutes

### A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Aubrey Vaughan, James Mellema, and Neil Akana  
City Staff: Chief Miller, Sr Engr Warren, Chief Baty, Lt Achee and Exc.  
Assistant Serena Wild

### B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

1. Executive Session Criteria

### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 17, 2019

**Motion: M-Akana/S-Vaughan approved the April 17, 2019 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 – introduced Lt Jean Achee and gave a brief summary of his work history. Spoke about the hiring crisis around the state for law enforcement and how departments are now offering hiring incentives.
2. Sr Engr Warren – had the Celebration of Life for Dave Swearingen that was very well attended. RFP for new radio consoles, funded by Homeland Security Grant, was published with only one respondent.

### G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### H. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2019 Alaska Bike Walk Conference  
Invitation to attend was extended to the Commission members.
2. Review of Sitka General Code 11.56 – Taxicabs  
Chief Baty would like to address the current Code regarding Taxicabs as it is outdated and does not have a language to address driver's bad behavior or keep drivers accountable. He would like to have due process for penalties and have the Commission be the deciding body. Commission members agreed to participate in the process and help however they could.

**I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Vaughan and Mellema were both concerned about the speed of buses and other traffic around town.

**J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS**

Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 26, 2019 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items: Police Reserve for the July agenda

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.