



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Council Chambers

6:00 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Ed Hedges called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

OPENING CEREMONY

Ed Hedges led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commission members present: Ed Hedges, Greg Clifford, Ron Graham, Dave Goldstein (telephonically), and Mark Mitchell

ABSENT MEMBERS

Brad VonWichman

Arnie Arneson

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Kyle Sinclair – Harbormaster

Krista Fish – City Clerk

PUBLIC CITIZENS PRESENT

None

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS/RE-ESTABLISHING COMMISSION

Commission agreed to swear Ron Graham in at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Goldstein made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Agenda of the Ports and Harbor Commission, December 14, 2017 as is.

SECOND: Greg Clifford

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Greg Clifford made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2017 special meeting.

SECOND: Mark Mitchell

DISCUSSION: None

Mark Mitchell, Yes; Dave Goldstein, Yes; Greg Clifford, Yes; Ed Hedges, Yes.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Harbormaster Report

None

B. City Manager's Report

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Approval of the 2018 Whittier Harbor Budget

Dave Goldstein stated that he received an email from Mark Lynch with the latest budget proposals for the Harbor fund. The numbers are a little bit different from the ones in the packet. Dave Goldstein went over the new budget proposal from Mark Lynch for the Harbor fund with the commission. Kyle Sinclair, Harbor Master, asked Dave Goldstein if he felt comfortable with everything. Dave Goldstein replied yes. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mark Mitchell made a motion to approve the 2018 Proposed Harbor budget.

SECOND: Greg Clifford

DISCUSSION: None

Mark Mitchell, Yes; Dave Goldstein, Yes; Greg Clifford, Yes; Ed Hedges, Yes.

VOTE: Passed Unanimously

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSION COMMENT

Greg Clifford commented on the garbage budget, Mark Lynch has suggested that the city buy themselves a garbage truck. Kyle Sinclair stated that right now it is in preliminary planning stage of it. What they are looking at is the cost of taking over and purchasing our own garbage service type. They are looking at what it is costing, what we can buy a truck for, what we can operate it for, and operating expenses. The belief is right now we are

going to save somewhere around \$35,000. Just looking at it. There is still a lot of discussion on it. Mark Lynch is working on a proposal back to the council on how to proceed with it. Kyle Sinclair also stated that the harbor is the heaviest bill payer on the trash, he has been harping on it since he got here.

Ed Hedges asked if anyone has talked with the State with the Ferry Terminal to see if they would be interested.

Kyle Sinclair commented that that is a possibility. Ron Graham asked if Alaska Waste is the only one that we have. Kyle Sinclair stated that Alaska Waste is the only one that will come out here. Kyle Sinclair stated that are looking at probably ten dumpsters for Harbor and Public Works. If we have partners in this, the school, Joe Shin, or the Ferry System, we'll probably be looking at 12 to 15 dumpsters.

Dave Goldstein stated that for years several of them have been looking at recycling. He thinks the Harbor now has a cardboard recycling container. Perfect opportunity to put Whittier in the forefront and recycle the things we can recycle. Ron Graham stated that he tried checking into a compactor. The compactor he was looking into was a 110 but could only do four foot bales. So he contacted the recyclers and asked what they paid for them. Basically they don't pay for the little bales. They bale them in 2000 pound bales, they stack them in and ship them out that way. Otherwise they got to break it apart and redo it again. And most of it they don't pay anything for it.

Kyle Sinclair stated that another option that we are looking at too is an incinerator. May be a possibility of both, an incinerator and a truck that has compactor. Everything can go out in that one load. Everybody is paying about twice what it could cost.

Discussion ensued.

Ed Hedges asked Kyle Sinclair if there are spare lightbulbs for the new lights in the Harbor. Kyle Sinclair stated that there is and Lane from *unintelligible* going through making inventory of the ones burned out and the ones that are bad. He gave me an inventory Sunday so he can start working on that.

Greg Clifford brought up Evos, oil and coolant recycling. It is a little thing, to improve the city's relationship with boat owners. Somehow to make that free again and so they do dump it in the dumpsters. Ed Hedges stated that if the city gets their own dumpsters and garbage truck, they will want to make sure there is no oil dumped in the dumpsters.

Ron Graham commented on contractors using boat owners' electric outlets. Kyle Sinclair stated that they adjusted the electric bill for that person and charged it to the contractor. They are keeping an eye on this.

Mark Mitchell commented on the fire extinguishers. Wants to make sure that all the fire extinguishers work in the harbor and on the docks. Kyle Sinclair, Harbor Master, stated that it is all taken care of.

Greg Clifford brought up the pump-out skiff. He stated that he will go to the next City Council meeting to bring it up for a Resolution. Ron Graham asked how often do you think they will use the pump-out skiff. Kyle Sinclair commented a lot. He stated that this year he has had quite a few of people ask for pump outs. Kyle stated that a lot of people have left upset because they couldn't pump out. Greg Clifford stated that they could use it for fighting fires and pump out sinking boats.

Dave Goldstein stated that in the past the chairman of the Port and Harbor commission has been at the Council meeting. He feels like now that they are only meeting 4 times a year someone from the Port and Harbor Commission needs to go to the Council meeting. Ed Hedges stated that Greg Clifford is going to the Council meetings. The commission also discussed reappointing a Chair and Vice Chair, will bring it up in the next meeting since the Vice Chair, Arnie Arneson was absent from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ron Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Mark Mitchell

DISCUSSION: None

Mark Mitchell, Yes; Dave Goldstein, Yes; Greg Clifford, Yes; Ed Hedges, Yes.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Attest:



Naelele Matsumiya
City Clerk



Greg Clifford
Chair of Port & Harbor Commission