THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Steven Bender, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. **OPENING CEREMONY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Steven Bender

3. **ROLL CALL**
Ed Hedges, Mark Mitchell, Dave Goldstein (Joined at 6:09), Cathy McCord, and Steven Bender

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to excuse Brad VonWichman and Arnie Arneson from tonight's meeting.
SECOND: Dave Goldstein
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT
Dave Borg, Harbormaster
Jim Hunt, City Manager
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
Amy Pantaleon, Office Assistant

PUBLIC PRESENT
Monty Irvin
Dave Dickason

4. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting agenda as is
SECOND: Mark Mitchell
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mark Mitchell made a motion to approve the March 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as is.
SECOND: Ed Hedges
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

6. HARBORMASTER AND CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Dave gave a report on the following:

- Summer Season.
- Opening up the launch ramp/Harbor
- Water running through 60% of Harbor.
- Electrical damage near E-float from transformer to pedestals 1-10 on X-ray
- Bathrooms and Campground open. Public Safety helping with managing campground parking
- Net Pens
- Annual fire extinguisher inspection completed
- Lowering rates approved
- Expecting a filled harbor this season
- McKay parking meters
- Dry docked boats
- Auction options
- Tires for travellift
- Update on Golden Rose
- Smitty's Cove launch ramp repair

Steven Bender commented on the Ordinance and asked for it to be presented to the Commission.

The commission discussed various topics with the harbormaster.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Delong Dock

Dave Borg stated that P&D is still moving forward with data collection. They are currently looking at a build grant as well as a port infrastructure development grant. Dave also commented that the Harbor Municipal Grant program was not funded this year so progress at the head of the bay is moving slowly.

B. Harbor Phase 3

Dave Borg reported on the Municipal Harbor grant but he said he will contact Bellingham Marine.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion topic: Harbor Title Ordinance

Steven gave a brief update as to why the ordinance was brought forward to the Commission. The Commission discussed the Commission as it was historically and its purpose provide information and recommendations to the Council. Dave Goldstein described the Commission's duties. Jim Hunt clarified the confusion in the city's code as the Commission is listed as a quasi-judicial board by ordinance and not an advisory board like how it is practiced. He stated it is mostly in direct conflict in the code and stated that it is just to clarify that the Commission is in fact an advisory board. Dave Goldstein went on the record to express his support as well as the rest of the Commission.

B. Upcoming Summer Season

Steven Bender shared praise for the Harbor staff during the opening of the season and other Commissioners joined to thank the staff as well.

Dave Borg stated that he is hoping to update striping in the harbor.

Staffing in the harbor was mentioned. Dave gave an update on staff and how his schedule will look for the summer season i.e. working on weekends

The topic of trash was brought up and the Commission discussed dumpsters in the harbor as well as fees with the Harbormaster and the City Manager. Administration was directed to send invoices from June-September for trash. Discussion on the topic ensued.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

11. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

None

12. CITIZENS DISCUSSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

ATTEST:

Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk

Vice Chair Mark Mitchell for Steven Bender
Steven Bender
Commission Chairperson