



# THE CITY OF WHITTIER

*Gateway to Western Prince William Sound*

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**PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday May 7, 2015  
Homeowner's Lounge, BTI Building  
6:00 pm**

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Ed Hedges called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Ed Hedges led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Ed Hedges	Seat A	P
Peter Denmark	Seat B	P
Brad Von Wichman	Seat C	A
Monty Irvin	Seat D	A
Larry Gilman	Seat E	P
Arnie Arneson	Seat F	P
David Goldstein	Seat G	P

### ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Mark Lynch  
Cole Haddock, Harbormaster  
Jennifer Rogers, Deputy City Clerk

### PUBLIC CITIZENS PRESENT

Charlene Arneson            Rachel Lord  
Debra Hicks                Heather Leba

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Arnie Arneson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of May 7, 2015 as is.

**SECOND:** Larry Gilman

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Y Brad VonWichman Q Monty Irvin Q Larry Gilman Y Arnie Arneson Y David Goldstein Y

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:** None

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** Arnie Arneson made a motion to approve the Port & Harbor Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2015 with an amendment to count Larry Gilman present at the meeting.

**SECOND:** David Goldstein

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Y Brad VonWichman Q Monty Irvin Q Larry Gilman Y Arnie Arneson Y David Goldstein Y

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:** None

## PRESENTATION BY CLEAN HARBORS

Rachel Ward and Heather Lord gave a basic overview of the Clean Harbors program. They are employed by Cook Inlet Keeper, which is a regional non-profit organization. Heather coordinates the statewide Alaska Clean Harbors program. The program is focused on management practices; it's a voluntary, non-regulatory program that works with harbor staff and cities on running a harbor that is waste management prevention.

Rachel and Heather met with Harbormaster, Cole Haddock earlier in the day and toured the facilities. Rachel stated that they help harbors obtain grants for sewage pump-outs. They have funding available to assist with signage. She added that they primarily work with the operations, maintenance and the marina aspects of the port and harbor.

Rachel stated that a pledge from the city is not necessary for sewage funding, but a commitment is needed for signage. Heather added that August 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the grant for pump out systems.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### A. Harbormaster Report

See written Harbormaster's report in clerk's packet.

Cole Haddock briefly went over his written report.

Dave Goldstein asked about the software compatibility issue between the city and harbor and asked if there was anything that the Port & Harbor Commission can do to solve it. Cole replied that they will stay with FSM through the summer and will look for software in the fall.

Dave then asked about the plan to put in mobile restrooms. Mark Lynch stated that it cost over \$150,000 and the council members did not support it during the budget cuts.

Mark added that it was assumed by someone in the past that Casselle would integrate with the harbor operations, but was misinformed. Casselle does not have a harbor module, nor do they intend to have one, it is a municipal finance software. FSM has been less than cooperative to work with us, so another program will be sought out in the fall.

**B. City Manager's Report**

Mark Lynch reported that the new gangway is complete; it has a non-slip surface.

Larry Gilman stated that he would like to have another location to hang their net pins. Mark replied that it is not an ideal location for it.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Waitlist**

Arnie Arneson spent some time comparing our waitlist to Cordova's waitlist. He stated that there are people who are on several waitlists.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Charlene Arneson stated that because we only have one gangway, people will want to park next to it and there are only two handicap parking spaces. Cole replied that he is aware of the parking situation and is working on a new map.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Larry Gilman stated that he'd like to plan ahead for the fish release. He added that we have to think a year ahead to get PWSAC to increase the number of fish they release. Mark replied that he already made contact with PWSAC and told them that they wanted more fish. We'll get 25,000 this year. Mark added that he told them that we'd like to double the silvers. Mark was told to put together a resolution from the council to support more fry.

Mark also stated that he contacted Fish and Game when he found out that we were only getting 25,000 instead of the normal 100,000 to request salmon from them in case they have extras.

David Goldstein reported that much of the fish is being intercepted before they make it out to Whittier.

**NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS: June 4, 2015**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Arnie Arneson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**SECOND:** Peter Denmark

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Y Brad VonWichman Q Monty Irvin Q Larry Gilman Y Arnie Arneson Y David Goldstein Y

**VOTE:** The vote passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

Attest:



Jennifer Rogers  
Deputy City Clerk



Monty Irvin  
Chair