



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018
Council Chambers, Public Safety Building
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Greg Clifford called the meeting to order at 6:00

2. **ROLL CALL**

Greg Clifford, Ed Hedges, Arnie Arneson, Brad VonWichman, Dave Goldstein, and Mark Mitchell.

MOTION: Brad VonWichman made a motion to excuse Ron Graham from tonight's meeting.

SECOND: Ed Hedges

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

3. **ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Kyle Sinclair, Harbormaster
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
John Janik, Finance Officer
Greg Russell, Interim Police Chief

PUBLIC PRESENT

Michael C. Howard, Clayton Hevly, Peter Denmark, Brooke Whip and Daniel Blair

4. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

MOTION: Dave Goldstein made a motion to approve the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting as amended: Add agenda item 7a and name it Public Comments on Agenda Items not Scheduled for public Hearing.

SECOND: Ed Hedges

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2018.

SECOND: Greg Clifford
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. NON-ACTION BUSINESS

None

A. Citizens Comments Not Scheduled for Public Hearing

Peter Denmark reported that he was approached by Mr. Michael C. Howard of Glacier Jet ski Adventures and Brooke Whip of Epic Charters about issues pertaining to the Harbor use infrastructure. Peter specified that he directed them to approach the issues at the appropriate venue and process. He thanked the Port and Harbor Commission for their time.

Michael C. Howard of Glacier Jet Ski Adventures mentioned the mobile vendor, Alaska Wild Guides, conducting business at the Head of Passage Canal. He commented that when he first came to Whittier, he was interested in his business being down at the head of the bay, but the City advised him that he cannot conduct business in the area. He disclosed that he did not want to seem like he was attempting to take down the competition, he just wanted to get some answers as to why and how the Commission could address his concerns.

Dave Goldstein asked Michael who he had checked with on the use of Head of the Bay.

Michael C. Howards replied Dyanna.

Arnie Arneson stated that there is a lot of discussion before the Port and Harbor Commission could do anything right now.

Michael C. Howard stated that he understands. He asked the Commission to consider that everyone gets equal opportunities for utilizing the harbor.

Brooke Whip of Epic Charters gave a brief history of himself and his business. He addressed traffic on the passenger dock and a recent incident that occurred over the weekend. He explained that use of the passenger dock and its intentions for loading and unloading passengers. He continued by saying there was a boat parked at the passenger dock that was neither loading nor unloading passengers. He mentioned that the people who owned the boat, parked the vessel at the dock and had a meal at the Inn at Whittier.

Kyle Sinclair addressed the issue and stated it was due to the lack of parking. Item was discussed further.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. DeLong Dock

Kyle Sinclair reported that there is no update as of yet. He said that the City of Whittier still owns half of the dock, however wharfage for the dock has not been determined.

B. Head of The Bay

Kyle Sinclair said that some final paperwork was pending. Greg Clifford asked about the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers and the status of their request for more funding. Kyle replied that it is currently in the works.

Dave Goldstein had a Power Point presentation.

C. Harbor Stage 3 Bid from Bellingham Marine Industries Inc.

Greg Clifford reported that he and Kyle walked the docks with Bellingham Marine Industries Inc. (BMI) and Councilman David Pinguoch. He said one they discussed the moving C and D back to their original spot. Kyle briefed that since the meeting he has been working on getting funding for the project. Greg Clifford decided that the Commission make a motion and roll call vote on the two options and then a motion to recommend the continuation with the project. Their recommendations will advise the City Council.

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to recommend to the Council to accept option I

SECOND: Dave Goldstein

DISCUSSION: Brad VonWichman asked about water on the floats. Kyle stated that he had talked to Scott, but they're trying to find a way to bring water to the float that will not freeze.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to recommend to the Council to accept option II

SECOND: Dave Goldstein

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion failed unanimously

MOTION: Brad VonWichman made a motion to recommend to the Council to continue as planned as planned with the 3rd Phase of the Harbor Replacement.

SECOND: Mark Mitchell

DISCUSSION: Dave Goldstein expressed his concerns with the vacant fingers in the winter time. He stated that he does not see any justification for doing anything as of right now.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-1

D. Handicapped Parking by Harbor Ramp

Arnie Arneson stated that the item doesn't have to be discussed at the moment, but he would like to discuss it the next time he will be in attendance. Item will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

E. Parking Lot Reconfiguration by Former West Ramp

Item will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Dave Goldstein: Passenger Dock and the Ocean Dock. Kyle replied that he and the Acting City Manager are currently working on wharfage rate and ways to get revenue.

12. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Items are undetermined at this point.

13. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS

Next Meeting August 31, 2018.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Greg Clifford
Commission Chairperson