

Session 15-10, a Regular Meeting of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Ulmer at 6:00 p.m. on October 28, 2015 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONER CARROLL, HARTLEY, HOWARD, STOCKBURGER, ULMER, ZIMMERMAN

ABSENT: DONICH

STAFF: HARBORMASTER HAWKINS
DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Ulmer called for approval of the agenda.

HOWARD/STOCKBURGER SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 23, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chair Ulmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

ZIMMERMAN/HARTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

Commissioner Carroll asked for amendments on page 5 of the minutes to clarify that he presented price information and not a proposal. Also that it was based on the square foot of the stalls not the harbor. He further noted the second bullet point following was unclear. After discussion with the group, they agreed to delete the second bullet.

VOTE (as amended): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/ BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Port and Harbor Director's Report for October 2015

Harbormaster Hawkins reviewed his staff report.

In response to questions he went over the stall renewal information, also addressed the tariff re-write, and there was discussion about cameras at the harbor in light of recent break-ins.

B. Memo from Port Director/Harbormaster Re: PCC Conference and Wrangell Trip

C. Memo from Port Director/Harbormaster Re: AAPHA Conference

D. Photo Slideshow of Conferences

Harbormaster Hawkins reviewed his reports and the photos from the load and launch ramp improvements and his recent travels to conferences in other communities. There was general discussion along with questions and answers about the information.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2016 Meeting Schedule
 - i. Memo from City Clerk
 - ii. Draft Resolution Establishing the 2016 Meeting Schedule

The commission discussed their 2016 meeting schedule.

HOWARD/STOCKBURGER MOVED TO CANCEL THE MEETING IN NOVEMBER AND CHANGE THE DECEMBER MEETING TO DECEMBER 7th.

Deputy City Clerk Jacobsen noted that December 7th is also a Planning Commission meeting night so they will likely be meeting upstairs and will be subject to availability of a clerk. The Commission agreed that is acceptable.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Monthly Statistical & Performance Report
- B. Weekly Crane and Ice Report

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- C. Deep Water Dock Report
- D. Pioneer Dock Report & Ferry Landings Report
- E. Water Usage Report
- F. Water/Sewer Bills Report
- G. Juneau Empire Article Re: Alaska Derelict Vessels dated October 8, 2015
- I. 2015 City Council Meeting Attendance

There was discussion regarding the Juneau Empire Article on derelict vessels.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Harbormaster Hawkins commented about

- Restrictions for driving pilings around the “fish windows” so as not to harm the fish
- A new process being developed to reduce noise impacts
- Wraps for Pioneer Dock pilings to help resolve rust issues
- Spin off business from LNG
- Benefits of East Harbor for LNG support vessels
- The Deep Water Dock expansion study and feedback

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER *(If one is assigned)*

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ulmer thanked everyone.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Carroll said it was a very informative meeting. He acknowledged Harbormaster Hawkins has been getting a lot of information and we are benefiting from it.

Commissioner Zimmerman thanked Harbormaster Hawkins for all the information and research. That’s what it takes to hold all this together.

Commissioner Howard congratulated Harbormaster Hawkins on achieving Vice President of the association. He’s doing a great job for Homer and the rest of the state. Mr. Howard commented about his attendance at the Coastal Community Resilience Training put on by FEMA. The takeaway was not to expect help to show up and communities need to be prepared to be able to take care of themselves for at least seven days. He asked for some information of what plans are in place for the Harbor.

Commissioner Stockburger said it was a good meeting. It’s an interesting time to live in Homer and all its possibilities like tourism, commercial boating, and the Coast Guard. He thanked Harbormaster Hawkins for all of his information.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

MELISSA JACOBSEN, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved: _____