

Session 12-11 a Special Meeting of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Ulmer at 5:00 p.m. on November 14, 2012 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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

ABSENT: HOWARD, WEDIN

STAFF: PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS
DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

RECONSIDERATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 24, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented by consensus of the Commission.

VISITORS

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Port and Harbor Director's Report for November 2012

Harbormaster Hawkins reviewed his staff report and answered questions from the Commission about activity at the deep water dock and the dredging operation at the fishing lagoon.

B. Alaska Clean Harbor Certification Video by ABC/Fox News

The Commission viewed the news report, however the sound on the video download did not work.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2012

A. Discussion of October 24th Presentation and Proposal from PND Re: Float Replacement

Commissioner Hartley noted a question that came up was regarding R and S float and expanding the bunks so they are big enough for the modern design of boats. Doing that will result in losing some spaces, he recalled it being 8 spaces. Harbormaster Hawkins commented that it doesn't surprise him that would happen. He noted a question about width of finger floats. His opinion is that three foot finger floats would be adequate for a 24 foot stall. He will have to sit down with PND to dial in for the stall width when the 65% report is available. They discussed that there isn't a lot of carry over regarding the 24 foot stalls, as many people will trailer their boats at the end of the season rather than keeping the stall. Improvements to the R and S floats will not have a big impact by having to move vessels. Harbormaster Hawkins reviewed the current layout of some of the systems and noted that when he sees the 65% design, he will know better what impact the adjustments to R and S floats might have.

Harbormaster Hawkins noted that the timeline is incorrect in respect to the funding. Currently there is only funding for design work. The construction funding would come from the municipal harbor's grant program, and that information won't come out until June or July. There was discussion of the status of the bonding project. Harbormaster Hawkins explained that the city won't apply for bonds until there is confirmation of the grant funds. There was general discussion about challenges with marine transportation in relation to Anchorage being a hub and other harbors like Seward and Homer being sub-hubs.

B. Approval of the 2013 Port and Harbor Meeting Schedule as outlined in the Draft Resolution

There was brief discussion of the meeting schedule in relation to the November meeting. It was noted that the date can be amended if they find that it conflicts with the marine trade expo, as it did this year.

HARTLEY/ZIMMERMAN MOVED TO APPROVE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE PORT AND HARBOR COMMISSION AS IT IS PRESENTED.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Monthly Statistical & Performance Report October 2012
- B. Weekly Crane and Ice Report
- C. Deep Water Dock Report
- D. Pioneer Dock Report & Ferry Landings Report
- E. Water Usage Report
- F. Commissioner Attendance Schedule for City Council Meetings 2012
- G. Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk Re: Information Request from Commissioner Carroll Re: Icicle Seafood Lease with City of Homer

Commissioner Carroll said he would like to get back to the Icicle lease when they are able to deal with it. He thinks it has been said here and by others that it seems like an unfair arrangement. He would like to

PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2012

see the nuts and bolts of it and take a position. He has nothing against Icicle, he does business with them, but in his opinion it is a wrong arrangement. Commissioner Carroll said he may take time to go to the city office and view the file. Commissioner Zimmerman noted that it may be recorded and viewable at the recorders office.

Commissioner Hartley requested that the Commission have some discussion at the next meeting on possibilities of charging scenarios for boats, and consider options such as linear footage, square footage, draft, or other categories. He suggested the group discuss it in December perhaps decide if they want to recommend a study be done.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF

None

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER

None

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

None

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Hartley commented that he is impressed by the potential projects that are pending at the small boat harbor. There are a lot of things that could happen that would make things really boom out there. We just have to keep on pushing for things.

There were no other Commission comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2012 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: _____