

Session 17-10, a Regular Meeting of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Zimmerman at 5:03 p.m. on September 2, 2017 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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

ABSENT: ZIESET, ZIMMERMAN

STAFF: PORT DIRECTOR/HARBORMASTER HAWKINS
CITY PLANNER ABBOD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK SMITH

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

STOCKBURGER/DONICH-MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

There was no discussion

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion Carried

RECONSIDERATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 26, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

HARTLEY/ STOCKBURGER-MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

There was no discussion

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion Carried

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/ BOROUGH REPORTS

- A. Port and Harbor Director's Report for August 2017
- B. Port and Harbor Director's Report for September 2017
 - New Harbor Administrative Secretary Erica Hollis who previously worked for the Police Station as a dispatcher.
 - Rachel Tussey is leaving after 10 years at the City of Homer.

- Wireless Edge is building a communications tower on the spit. There is no timeline yet for when it will be complete.
- Met with the New Captain of the Port for the Coast Guard and had a good introduction.
- Maintenance and Repairs were done on the tug in the beginning of August; including engine tune up and new couplings.
- Met with Senator Murkowski's Aids and talked about Harbor Expansion.
- Auction Block has filed for bankruptcy but the buyers are still interested and still plan on buying the space.
- Several EMS call outs
- High Mast Light project started in August and will be complete on the 28th of September.
- Invited to speak at SOBA Conference about clean harbors, grants, and projects
- EMS Response to fuel float assisted by Matt Clarke. AED was used and the man survived.
- Arctic Works will be in Homer the first week of October for inspection.

Commissioner Donich suggested that the Port and Harbor make it known to the public that the Fishing License Fees goes into new developments at the Harbor. Mr. Donich explained that people like to know where their money is going.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Caretaker RV's on the Spit

I. Memo to Port and Harbor Advisory Commission from Deputy City Planner Re: RV's as Dwellings on the Spit August 17, 2017

I. Planning Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes August 16, 2017

City Planner Rick Abboud addressed the commission about the Caretaker RV on the Spit issue. Mr. Abboud explained that the Planning Commission has set up some basic rules for the RV process. Mr. Abboud explained that the more rules the commission sets in place, the harder it will be to enforce rules. The following are points that Mr. Abboud covered;

- RV's used as dwellings should be allowed on a permanent basis
- There is no seasonal time limit
- RV's do not have to move at any time
- Only one RV per lot is allowed
- City water and wastewater hook up are not required, but should be allowed
- RV's should be parked safely
- Only for Owner or Employee, No Renting or Leasing allowed

Commissioner Ulmer asked Mr. Abboud why the people who already have RV's on their property don't get grandfathered in; instead of changing all of City Code.

Mr. Abboud replied by saying that in order to grandfather someone in, having caretaker RV's would have to have been legal at the time the RV was placed on the lot. So because it is illegal to live in RV's, it wouldn't be just to grandfather them in.

Commissioner Stockburger mentioned that he thought there was going to be some sort of rule stating that the RV's had to be mobile. His concern is that the RV's will start to become part of the structure and become permanent. Mr. Abboud stated he would look into this farther and bring it back at another meeting.

Harbormaster Hawkins explained his concerns about the RV's and properties becoming junk yards. He explained that the Harbor has worked very hard to clean up junk and he worries that it will be taking a step backwards by allowing people to live onsite all year round. He also stated that animals would also be an issue of concern and they would need to set rules of what kinds they will allow and what kinds they won't.

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Port & Harbor Monthly Statistical Report for July 2017
- B. Port & Harbor Monthly Statistical Report for August 2017
- C. Water/Sewer Bills Report July 2017
- D. Water/ Sewer Bills Report August 2017
- E. Crane and Ice Report
- F. Deep Water Dock Report
- G. Pioneer Dock Report
- H. Dock Water Report
- I. Council Meeting Attendance

Commissioner Carroll stated that he would not be here in October, so they would have to make other arrangements for someone to attend the Council Meetings. Commissioner Donich stated that he would be able to make the later meeting on the 23rd. Commissioner Hartley confirmed that he will be at the November Council Meeting.

Harbormaster Hawkins brought attention to the November 15th Regular Meeting. He explained that he will be out of town for the Expo in Seattle as will many Commissioners. He said it may be in our best interest to cancel the November 15th Meeting.

The November 15th Regular Meeting has been cancelled by general consensus of the commission.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF

Harbormaster Hawkins stated that the RV issue will work itself out, however he has his own predictions of how it will go.

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

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Commissioner Ulmer stated that she will not be present for the October Meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Hartley said that today he was coming off of his boat at the small boat harbor and saw a lady walking around picking up trash. He went up to her to thank her. He learned that her name was Barbara B. and that she estimated she has picked up about 2,000 lb. of trash this year.

Commissioner Donich stated that this was a good meeting and that he looks forward to the next meeting.

Commissioner Carroll stated that he and his wife have been talking about the huge car dealer thefts in Anchorage. He said theft increased in anchorage and warned everyone travelling to be aware.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:09p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

HAYLEY SMITH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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