



# THE CITY OF WHITTIER

*Gateway to Western Prince William Sound*

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## PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday March 5, 2015

Homeowner's Lounge, BTI Building  
6:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

Monty Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

#### OPENING CEREMONY

Monty Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

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

**MOTION:** Monty Irvin made a motion to excuse Larry Gilman from tonight's meeting.

**SECOND:** Brad Von Wichman

**VOTE:** The vote passed by unanimous decision.

**DISCUSSION:** None

#### ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Mark Lynch, City Manager

Scott Korbe, Public Works Director

Cole Haddock, Harbormaster

Jennifer Rogers, Deputy City Clerk

**PUBLIC CITIZENS PRESENT**

Charlene Arneson                      Terry Bender  
Derek Haines                              David Goldstein

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Agenda of March 5, 2015 with an amendment to add Presentation by Bellingham Marine Services immediately after roll call.

**SECOND:** Peter Denmark

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Y Brad VonWichman Y Monty Irvin Y Larry Gilman Q Arnie Arneson Y Seat G Vacant

**VOTE:** The vote passed by unanimous decision.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the Port & Harbor Special Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2015 with an amendment to clarify a statement Terry Bender made on page 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

**SECOND:** Arnie Arneson

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Y Brad VonWichman Y Monty Irvin Y Larry Gilman Q Arnie Arneson Y Seat G Vacant

**VOTE:** The vote passed by unanimous decision.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**Presentation by Bellingham Marine Services**

Derek Haines introduced himself as the project manager and representative for Bellingham Marine during the Phase1 of the harbor rebuild. He gave a brief update on what the plans are to rebuild the fingers and he welcomed any questions.

Charlene Arneson asked Derek if the rebuild will impact those who live in the harbor. Derek replied that the B float shouldn't be affected, with the exception of a little power outage. Cole Haddock stated that notices will be sent out in April to inform boat owners of the rebuild so that they can decide on whether or not they want to leave their boat or if they want to move their boat.

Charlene Arneson also voiced her concerns about having to relocate her cable, internet, electricity and phone service. Derek replied that she should discuss anything beyond utilities with Cole Haddock. Scott Korbe added that he is aware of this and he'll be in touch with GCI/ Supervision.

**RE-ORGANIZATION OF COMMISISON**

**MOTION:** Monty Irvin made a motion to close the Port & Harbor Commission for the year 2014.

**SECOND:** Arnie Arneson

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

**DISCUSSION:** None

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**SECOND:** Ed Hedges  
**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously  
**DISCUSSION:** None

Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Rogers asked for nominations for the Chair.

**MOTION:** Arnie Arneson nominated Monty Irvin as Chair for the Port & Harbor Commission for 2015.  
**SECOND:** Brad Von Wichman  
**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

Hearing no other nominations, Monty Irvin was declared Chair for the 2015 Port & Harbor Commission. Jennifer Rogers then turned the meeting back to Monty Irvin.

**MOTION:** Monty Irvin nominated Ed Hedges for Vice-Chair.  
2015.  
**SECOND:** Peter Denmark  
**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **A. Harbormaster Report**

Cole Haddock provided a monthly harbormasters report to the commission members. See written report in clerk's packet. Cole Haddock informed the commission that he sent out a letter to the owner of the vessel who damaged the gangway. The dock should be replaced by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **B. City Manager's Report**

Mark Lynch reported that the parts for the travel lift should arrive any day. Scott Korbe added that they'll be shipped on the 9<sup>th</sup> and should arrive on the barge on March 16<sup>th</sup>. A mechanic will be in Whittier on the 16<sup>th</sup> to replace some of the major components that need certifying.

Lumber has been ordered and will be used to strengthen weak areas of the city dock. Mark is working on getting a grant for a new travel lift and dock, but that will take years. His goal is to stabilize the dock and travel lift for another 5 years until we can get new ones.

Monty Irvin asked Scott Korbe for an update on the ocean dock. Scott Korbe replied that to the best of his knowledge, there isn't a current loader on the dock for what it was designed for; he hasn't seen any proper documentation.

There was discussion about the crane which was purchased years ago and has been stored in the public works building.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Review Harbor Preferential Moorage Agreement

Cole Haddock suggested that this topic be reviewed in October since the mailings for 2014 were sent out in December.

### B. Status Update on Harbor Rebuild

Covered under Administrative Reports

### C. Grid and City Dock Repairs

Covered under Administrative Reports

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Boat Cleaning in the Harbor District

Cole Haddock reported that this service will not be available this season since that section of the harbor will be blocked off due to the harbor rebuild. Monty voiced that there should be an area where boat owners can flush their outboard motors. Peter agreed with Monty. There was further discussion about this among the members and citizens present.

Scott Korbe added that having a wash down station will take up a lot of parking spots and that area will be the primary entrance and egress to the float system starting in July. He further added that the wash-down station can go back in as soon as the construction is complete.

### B. Change Commission Meeting Day

**MOTION:** Monty Irvin made a motion to change the Port & Harbor Commission meeting day to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Homeowners Lounge.

**SECOND:** Arnie Arneson

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

**DISCUSSION:** None

### C. Ownership of Boats via LLC Corporation, Trust or Living Trust

Cole Haddock reported in detail his findings on these type of boat ownerships in the harbor.

He wants to prevent people from transferring slips through a corporation or LLC and bypass the waitlist.

## CITIZENS COMMENTS

Cole Haddock reported that insurance problems with boats have been solved. Terry Bender added that insurance companies Progressive and Allstate have submitted policy documentation.

## COMMISSION COMMENTS

None

**NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS:** April 2, 2015

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Ed Hedges made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**SECOND:** Arnie Arneson

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Y Brad VonWichman Y Monty Irvin Y Larry Gilman O Arnie Arneson Y Seat G Vacant

**VOTE:** The vote passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Attest: Jennifer Rogers  
Jennifer Rogers  
Deputy City Clerk

Monty Irvin  
Monty Irvin  
Chair