



# THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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## PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Saturday June 16, 2012 11:00 am  
P-12 City Council Chambers

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

Marilynn Heddell called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

Dave Goldstein	Seat A	P
Marilynn Heddell	Seat B	P
Brad Von Wichman	Seat C	A
Jerry Protzman	Seat D	P
RC Collin	Seat E	A
Larry Bussman	Seat F	A
Charlie Eldridge	Seat G	P

**MOTION:** David Goldstein made a motion to excuse Larry Bussman, Brad Von Wichman and RC Collin from today's meeting.

**SECOND:** Charlie Eldridge seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

Dave Goldstein Y Marilyn Heddell Y Brad VonWichman Q Jerry Proztman Y RC Collin Q Larry Bussman Q Charlie Eldridge Y

#### ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Harbormaster – Sue Miller  
Robert Prunella- Interim City Manager  
Jennifer Rogers – Commission Clerk

## **PUBLIC CITIZENS PRESENT**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Gerald Proztman made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of June 16, 2012.

**SECOND:** Charlie Eldridge seconded the motion.

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

Dave Goldstein\_Y\_ Marilyn Heddell\_Y\_ Brad VonWichman\_O\_ Gerald Proztman\_Y\_ RC Collin\_O\_\_ Larry Bussman\_O\_ Charlie Eldridge\_Y\_

### **DISCUSSION**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Gerald Proztman made a motion to approve the Port & Harbor Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2012 as written.

**SECOND:** David Goldstein seconded the motion.

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

Dave Goldstein\_Y\_ Marilyn Heddell\_Y\_ Brad VonWichman\_O\_ Gerald Proztman\_Y\_\_ RC Collin\_O\_\_ Larry Bussman\_O\_ Charlie Eldridge\_Y\_\_

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **A. Harbormaster Report**

Sue stated that she will have another part time clerk that will begin employment next week to help with the extended hours. The newly hired harbor techs will be assisting the harbor officers on several repair projects. Three pallets of cement will be delivered on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be used to repair the damaged floats and fingers when weather permits. Sue mentioned that they have asked PND to renew the permit for pile driving; the pile driving cannot begin until after September 30<sup>th</sup> because of the fish.

The harbor has been operating under extended summer hours, which help keep the chaos to a minimum at the ramps. The Alaska Homeland Security and Emergency Services awarded the harbor \$166,000 to repair the damages which occurred during January 6-10, 2012.

Sue acted as facilitator as the owner of the Ushagat removed its contaminants. They are still on barrels on the city docks, but the owner will make arrangements within the next week to have it removed. The owner's permit to have the Ushagat removed is valid until August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **B. City Manager Report**

Bob has been assisting Sue with dealing drawing up policies for the use of Smitty's Cove. There needs to be better placement of signs for usage at Smitty's Cove because there have been people who claim that they were not aware that there were fees involved for the use of the ramp at Smitty's Cove.

Bob also stated that the city is leasing some land from the railroad on a permit which will expire in 2014.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Marilynn asked Sue if a fire extinguisher can be placed at the east ramp of the harbor. Sue responded by saying that they have they are in the process of purchasing new ones. Marilyn also asked if it would be possible to make the seasonal pass for launching for ten or fourteen launches instead of unlimited. She feels that some are abusing the pass by using the launch every day. Sue said that the seasonal pass has always been meant to be “a bargain”.

David Goldstein added that waves continue to be a problem. Sue commented that she calls it over the radio when they see it. She also added that there are signs at the breakwater. The second item Dave wanted to discuss was the broken window at the harbor office; he would like for it to be repaired as there are a lot of tourists and visitors that pass that way. Sue stated that replacing the window is on their list of things to repair.

Charlie Eldridge inquired whether or not anything would be done regarding the blue trailer located at the harbor. Sue did not have any definite answers as to why this trailer is there, but will speak to the owner. There was much discussion between the members and Bob about the need to clean up around the harbor loop area.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Future Harbor & HOPC Renovation**

Bob got in touch with Michael Lukeston and discussed with him a grant that he discovered for the head of the bay. Michael confirmed that the City would be able to receive a match for the \$200,000 and apply it towards the next phase of the project.

David Goldstein mentioned that he spoke to someone in 2002 and was given information that there were funds were allocated for a harbor at Shotgun Cove. Bob will do some further investigation into this information.

### **b. Condition of Lu Young Park**

Cam Bender was not present to share his ideas for the park.

### **c. Webcam**

No new information was given for the webcam.

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

## **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

There was much discussion regarding the repairs on the fingers. It was concluded that it would probably be best to replace the fingers instead of repairing them.

David Goldein mentioned that he would like to make a motion to the administration and City Council to change future meetings for another day during the week, especially now that the City Council only meet once a month. It was decided that the members will take some time to consider this and will discuss again at the next meeting.

## **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

### **A. Future Harbor & HOPC Renovation**

### **B. Condition of Lu Young Park**

- C. Update on Harbor Instructions
- D. Update on Smitty's Cove

**NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS**

**MOTION:** David Goldstein made a motion to cancel the next regular scheduled meeting of July 21<sup>st</sup> and have a Special Meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**SECOND:** Gerald Proztman seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The vote passed unanimously

Dave Goldstein \_Y\_ Marilyn Heddell\_Y\_ Brad VonWichman\_O\_Gerald Proztman\_Y\_\_ RC Collin\_O\_ Larry Bussman\_O\_ Charlie Eldridge\_Y\_

July 25, 2012 @7pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Gerald Proztman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**SECOND:** David Goldstein seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The vote passed unanimously

Dave Goldstein \_Y\_ Marilyn Heddell\_Y\_ Brad VonWichman\_O\_Gerald Proztman\_Y\_\_ RC Collin\_O\_ Larry Bussman\_O\_ Charlie Eldridge\_Y\_

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 am

Attest:

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Jennifer Rogers  
Commission Clerk

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Marilynn Heddell  
Port & Harbor Commission Chairperson