



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 7, 2016
Homeowner's Lounge, BTI Building
6:00 pm**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Ed Hedges called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

OPENING CEREMONY

Ed Hedges led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Mark Lynch, City Manager
Andy Dennis, Harbormaster
Scott Korbe, Public Works Director
Brenda Krol, City Clerk

PUBLIC CITIZENS PRESENT

Charlene Arneson
Terry Bender

MOTION: David Goldstein made a motion to excuse Peter Denmark and Brad VonWichman from tonight's meeting.

SECOND: Arnie Arneson

DISCUSSION: None

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Q Brad VonWichman Q Monty Irvin Y Seat E Arnie Arneson Y David Goldstein Y

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Arnie Arneson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of January 7, 2016 as written.

SECOND: Dave Goldstein

DISCUSSION: Monty Irvin asked if a lot of the agenda items could be dispensed until the other commission members are here, and just have the harbormaster and city manager report.

Arnie Arneson agreed with Monty Irvin.

Ed Hedges stated that the annual moorage is something that he had asked to be put on the agenda and he would like to have a little discussion on that. He stated that it is something that the commission needs to start thinking about.

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Q Brad VonWichman Q Monty Irvin Y Seat E Arnie Arneson Y David Goldstein Y

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Harbormaster Report

See written harbormaster report in original Port & Harbor packet.

Harbormaster, Andy Dennis, stated that he only had a few things to add to his written report. He reported that the harbor has not handed out any new slips in quite some time, so this year they handed out 69 slip assignments. All annual contracts were mailed out last month.

Mr. Dennis reported that there were some issues in the harbor with the software, stating it is difficult to use. Jeff with Caselle is working on putting a program together that will combine the finances and slip assignments.

There was some brief discussion regarding the EVOS building. Andy Dennis stated that the building is in terrible shape.

Mr. Dennis reported that they are currently working on the travel lift and that it will be out of commission until next week. He located the crane inspection report from last summer and were able to correct several operational problems. Though a few minor deficiencies still exist, it now functions as it should.

In terms of the design of the new floats, it does reduce the length of the fingers for certain vessels. Bellingham Marines will arrive within the month to see if there's anything they can do to reconfigure the fingers.

B. City Manager's Report

Mark Lynch stated that he had nothing new to report except that the City still has a tier 2 harbor grant request in with the State and we should know something on that by March or April.

David Goldstein stated that the lights near W Float is out of code.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Setting Goals and Priorities for FY 2016.

The Port & Harbor Commission members that were present agreed that this should be put off until all members are present.

B. Dump Site

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Transients

Ed Hedges stated that new annual transient agreements should be offered because last summer, C, D and E floats had several empty slips. He added that he thinks we should start looking at how many transients we want in the different sizes.

Dave Goldstein stated that speaking about the annual transients brings up an issue. Dave Goldstein said "I have been bothered for years at the fact that there are boats that are in the harbor who are in slips that for one reason or another they bypass the wait list which has always been an annoyance." He said he is bringing this up now because they're discussing the annual transients.

Dave Goldstein shared his thoughts about this issue and suggested that we have an amnesty program for those who got a slip illegally.

There was discussion about annual transits and Dave's idea and whether or not property taxes have been collected for all boats in the harbor. City Manager, Mark Lynch, assured the commission that property tax statements are sent out to all boats that are identified. Mark and Charlene Arneson stated that the city tax administrator has done a great job in collecting taxes from boat owners.

Arnie Arneson would like to see the four page moorage agreement reduced. He also suggested that the harbor provide a hose so that people can have access to fresh water.

Scott Korbe replied that vessel owners have always been able to coordinate with harbor staff for water.

Dave Goldstein asked if the members were willing to hold a work session to discuss goals and priorities, the dump site, and the harbor policies and procedures.

B. Moorage Agreements

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C. Fresh Potable Water During Winter

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D. Wash Down Area

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

Charlene Arneson welcomed the new Harbormaster.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS:

The commission members agreed to hold a workshop for Policies & Procedures at the end of February. The meeting date is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Arnie Arneson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Monty Irvin

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Q Brad VonWichman Q Monty Irvin Y Seat E __ Arnie Arneson Y David Goldstein Y

VOTE: The vote passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Attest:

Brenda Krol
City Clerk



Ed Hedges
Chair