



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 5, 2016
Homeowner's Lounge, BTI Building
6:00 pm**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Ed Hedges called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

OPENING CEREMONY

Ed Hedges led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commission members present: Ed Hedges, Monty Irvin, Mark Mitchell, and Dave Goldstein

MOTION: Dave Goldstein made a motion to excuse Arnie Arneson and Brad Von Wichman from tonight's meeting.

SECOND: Mark Mitchell

DISCUSSION: None

Dave Goldstein: Yes, Mark Mitchell: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, Ed Hedges: Yes

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Andy Dennis, Harbormaster

Jennifer Rogers, Interim City Clerk

PUBLIC CITIZENS PRESENT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Goldstein made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of May 5, 2016 as is.

SECOND: Monty Irvin

Dave Goldstein: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, Mark Mitchell: Yes, Ed Hedges: Yes

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dave Goldstein made a motion to approve the Port & Harbor Regular Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2016 as is.

SECOND: Monty Irvin

Dave Goldstein: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, Mark Mitchell: Yes, Ed Hedges: Yes

VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to approve the Port & Harbor Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2016 as is.

SECOND: Dave Goldstein

Monty Irvin: Yes, Dave Goldstein: Yes, Mark Mitchell: Yes, Ed Hedges: Yes

DISCUSSION

VOTE: Unanimous

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Harbormaster Report

See original Harbormaster's report in clerk's packet.

Harbormaster, Andy Dennis reported that there are new signage located at the floats. Work on the new siding should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Monty Irvin asked Andy to elaborate about the meeting he had with the Army Corps. of Engineers. Andy explained the plan to build a breakwater and ramp. The Corps. is asking the City for another \$250,000 to finish the study. \$100,000 is due on August 1st and \$150,000 is due on November 1st. 650,000 is needed to finish the study.

Building a new harbor at the head of the bay will require a 90-10 federal grant. The city will need to provide \$3 million and the federal will fund the \$27 million. Andy Dennis added that \$30 million dollars is a hypothetical number, it can go up or down based on which design is selected. The type of harbor built will depend on the results of the study, which is based on data received from the harbor.

There was much discussion regarding the construction of a new harbor at the head of the bay and the costs involved.

B. City Manager's Report

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Policy & Procedure Review

Andy Dennis provided the commission members with a copy of the Harbor Policy & Procedure Review with his written recommended changes. Ed Hedges encouraged the members to take some time to read through it and have prepared comments at the next meeting.

B. Annual Transients

Ed Hedges stated that the annual transient rights should be allowed to transfer when a boat is sold. He'd like to ask city council to create a policy for this. There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of this suggestion.

C. Moorage Agreements

Andy Dennis reported that changes will be made to the moorage agreements for next year.

Dave Goldstein stated that there are several sections in the moorage agreement which strongly suggests that the City has no liability even if they caused a problem to a boat. Andy Dennis added that the wording states that the City is not liable for the negligence of a boat owner. Ed Hedges said that the wording has been changed.

D. Wash Down Area

Andy Dennis informed the commission members that Larry Gilman might bring in a portable boat wash.

E. Septic Pump Out

Andy Dennis reported that the deadline to apply for a grant expired in December 2015. There will not be another grant available for the next couple of years. If a septic pump-out is obtained by the use of grant funds, there are numerous rules that accompanies it. Andy added that the portable pump-out unit we have now works okay during high tide. A new unit can cost anywhere from \$5,000-\$11,000.

If there are funds remaining after the purchase of a new generator, Andy stated that he might be able to purchase a portable unit.

F. Harbor Fees

Ed Hedges stated that there were a couple of new fees added to the harbor fee chart that he was unaware of.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution #16-2016- A resolution adopting the 2016 Port & Harbor Goals and Priorities

MOTION: Dave Goldstein a motion to adopt resolution #16-2016.

SECOND: Mark Mitchell

Dave Goldstein: Yes, Mark Mitchell: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, Ed Hedges: Yes

VOTE: Unanimous

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Dave Goldstein stated that he spoke to an individual who has been involved with tsunami hazard mapping. He's a geologist and his specialty is underwater geology. Dave spoke on the dangers that could occur in the event of a tsunami. This individual recommended that the city build a tsunami safe building for the area in the harbor district.

Dave Goldstein advocated for a change in the ordinance which would change the Port & Harbor Commission meeting to quarterly instead of monthly.

NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS: June 2, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Mark Mitchell

Monty Irvin: Yes, Mark Mitchell: Yes, David Goldstein: Yes, Ed Hedges: Yes

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Attest:



Jennifer Rogers
Interim City Clerk



Ed Hedges
Chair of Port & Harbor Commission