



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 12, 2015

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	P- (Arrived at 6:50 pm)
Brad Von Wichman	Seat C	A- (Telephonic)
Monty Irvin	Seat D	P
Vacant	Seat E	A
Arnie Arneson	Seat F	P
David Goldstein	Seat G	P

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Mark Lynch, City Manager
Scott Korbe, Public Works Director
Jennifer Rogers, Deputy City Clerk

PUBLIC CITIZENS PRESENT

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

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: David Goldstein asked if there is a procedure in place for those who cannot make it to the meeting after stating that they'll be present at the meeting. Jennifer replied that there will be times when unforeseeable circumstances will come up. She added that no, there is no procedure in place.

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Q Brad VonWichman Y Monty Irvin Y Seat E __ Arnie Arneson Y David Goldstein Y
VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of November 12, 2015 as is.

SECOND: Arnie Arneson

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to approve the Port & Harbor Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2015 as is.

SECOND: David Goldstein

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: None

RE-ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION

Acting Chair, Ed Hedges, turned the meeting over to Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Rogers, to re-organize the Port & Harbor Commission for the upcoming year. Jennifer Rogers asked for nominations for the Chair.

MOTION: Arnie Arneson made a motion to appoint Ed Hedges for the Chair.

SECOND: Brad VonWichman

Jennifer Rogers asked for any other nominations. David Goldstein suggested that we close the nomination and elect Ed by acclamation. Hearing none, she announced that Ed Hedges has been nominated Chair for the Port & Harbor Commission for 2016.

Jennifer then turned the meeting back to Ed Hedges. Ed Hedges asked if there are any nominations for the Vice-Chair.

MOTION: David Goldstein nominated Monty Irvin for Vice-Chair.

SECOND: Arnie Arneson

Monty Irvin declined.

MOTION: Monty Irvin nominated Arnie Arneson for Vice-Chair

SECOND: David Goldstein moved that we close the nomination and elect Arnie Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Ed Hedges announced that Arnie Arneson is Vice-Chair.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Harbormaster Report

Scott Korbe announced that slips have been sent out the first week of December. Contracts will be going out the last week of November/first week of December. Modifications were made to the snow-blowers. Winter preparations are underway. An electrical billing error was discovered and corrected on D, E, F and G floats; the meters were not delineated. Customers were charged ten times more than what they were supposed to and corrections were made.

The new harbormaster will be here the first week of December.

B. City Manager's Report

Mark reported that he didn't have much to report on since he was on vacation these past couple of weeks. Copies of the budget was included the packet for the commission members to review. He answered questions commission members had regarding the budget.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Installation of Dump Site

Scott Korbe stated that this will be a project for the new harbormaster. He added that we have a current pump out facility which probably isn't adequate, but there are some things to consider such as, do they want to sacrifice a retail slip? Is there an alternative? Would a portable unit make more sense? Would it be cheaper? Should we consider the cost vs value.

Dave Goldstein asked if we can put this at the city dock. Scott replied that he will have to look into the options.

B. Harbor Lighting Bill

This was covered under the harbormaster's report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Harbormaster

Covered under Harbormaster's report.

B. Setting Goals and Priorities for FY2016

Monty Irvin asked Mark there's a chance that the subject of wharfage might come up in 2016. Mark replied that we get wharfage off the city dock now in the winter time. We have developed a potential wharfage scenario for the ocean dock for the summer. It didn't work out well during this past summer. Council agreed to raise the fee for wharfage since the fee hadn't been modified in years. The railroad refuses to pay wharf age, stating they're exempt.

C. Harbor Budget for FY2016

David Goldstein questioned various line items of the harbor budget.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

COMMISSION COMMENTS

David Goldstein thanked the public safety and public works directors for their hard work. Monty agreed. Peter apologized for being late to the meeting.

NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS:

ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND: David Goldstein

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

VOTE: The vote passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Attest:



Jennifer Rogers
Deputy City Clerk



Ed Hedges
Chair