

## **MINUTES OF BAY ST. LOUIS MUNICIPAL HARBOR COMMISSION**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016

**Location:** Bay St. Louis Conference Center, 588 Main Street, Bay St. Louis  
The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:** Ken Barbor, Chair, Chris Roth, Vice Chair; Charles LaFleur, J.P. Compretta, Lee Seal and Mike Hemsley, alternate.

**City Officials Present:** Chuck Fortin, Harbor Master and Paula Fairconnetue, Secretary

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The meeting was called to order by Ken Barbor, Chair.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RE: March 22, 2016**

A motion was made by Commissioner LaFleur, duly seconded by Commissioner Roth, to approve the minutes of March 22, 2016, with correction.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING AYE: LaFleur, Compretta, Barbor, Seal and Roth

VOTING NAY: None

### **Guest: Jason Chiniche, Engineer**

Wave Screen Project Update –

Jason gave the commission an update on the Wave Screen Project. Verbal confirmation has been received that the Corps of Engineers and the National Marine Fisheries Service no longer require a long term consultation or review of the permit application for the project. A final report was written up and submitted in hopes of speeding up issuance of the permit. The city is pushing to get the permit by the end of April. The City Council has authorized advertisement for construction of the project, once the permit is received.

Jason reported that the design is completed and when the permit is in hand, the city will advertise for bids, which is a 30 day process. Legally, we have to advertise once a week for two weeks and receive bids 15 days after the second advertisement; followed by bid opening and immediate review. Recommendation of bidder would probably come to the Harbor Commission and then to the Council. Consideration is being made to add an alternate to the bid to add vinyl sheet pile to west and south side of Rutherford Pier.

Tideland's Grant –

A lengthy discussion was had on the \$100,000 Tideland's funds awarded to the city for the Rutherford Pier extension (an approximate \$1 million project) and the option of using the \$100,000 as match on a \$300,000 Boater Infrastructure Grant to make improvements to the harbor (i.e., day pier extension, construction of harbormaster office, showers, laundry room and other construction on the south end of the harbor).

Consensus of the commission was more improvements can be accomplished by combining Tideland's funds as a match with B.I.G. Funds.

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO MODIFY TIDELANDS GRANT FUNDS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Roth, duly seconded by Commissioner Seal to recommend that the City Council approve modifying the \$100,000 Tideland's Grant award to use the funds as a match for the Boater Infrastructure Grant to construct the day pier extension and to develop the south end of the harbor.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING AYE: LaFleur, Compretta, Barbor, Seal and Roth

VOTING NAY: None

### **2018 Tideland's Application -**

Discussion was had on proposals for the 2018 Tideland's Grant application that is due July 1<sup>st</sup>. Again, the Commission considered applying for Rutherford Pier Extension and Pier 5 construction project.

The Commission considered submitting separate applications for each project. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO ENGAGE ENGINEER SERVICES AND APPROVE PERMIT PROCESS**

A motion was made by Commissioner LaFleur, duly seconded by Commissioner Roth to recommend that the City Council engage services of city engineer, and approve starting the permitting process for the day pier extension and development at the south end of the harbor.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING AYE: LaFleur, Compretta, Barbor, Seal and Roth

VOTING NAY: None

### **Map Update -**

Jason will have map of ownership for surrounding property near harbor ready by next meeting.

### **HARBORMASTER REPORT**

The harbormaster submitted the financial report and occupancy report for the month of March 2016 for review by the board. (See EXHIBIT A)

During discussion of the finance report, the commission requested an accurate report that does not include grant funding. They are looking for a detailed monthly revenue and expenditure report for harbor transactions only.

Councilman Falgout addressed the Commission about the City Council having discussion on completely separating Harbor business from that of the city.

### **Upcoming Event -**

1. Joes & Pros Trout Fishing Tournament – May 14<sup>th</sup>
2. Pirates Day in the Bay – June 24 & 25
3. Fais Do Do – May 28<sup>th</sup>

CCA may possibly do another tournament the end of May.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO USE EXISTING TIDELAND'S FUNDS FOR ACCESS WALKWAY CONSTRUCTION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barbor, duly seconded by Commissioner Roth to recommend that the City Council approve using the existing Tideland funds for construction of an access walkway from deMontluzin Avenue to the fishing pier, which includes an access ramp to the pier and beach.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING AYE: LaFleur, Compretta, Barbor, Seal and Roth

VOTING NAY: None

The next Harbor Commission meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Commissioner LaFleur moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Compretta, to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting, there being no further business to discuss.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING AYE: LaFleur, Roth, Barbor, Seal and Compretta

VOTING NAY: None