

MINUTES OF BAY ST. LOUIS MUNICIPAL HARBOR COMMISSION

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Location: Bay St. Louis City Council Chambers, 598 Main Street, Bay St. Louis
The meeting of the Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Commission convened at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: President Lee Seal, presiding, Vice Chairman Ken Barbor, Charles LaFleur, Chris Roth and Mike Hemsley, alternate

Absent: J.P. Compretta

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RE: FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Commissioner moved, seconded by Commissioner Barbor to approve minutes of the February 24th Harbor Commission meeting, with corrections.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Seal, Barbor, LaFleur and Roth

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Compretta

CHUCK FORTIN

HARBOR MASTER REPORT

The harbor master submitted the Occupancy Report for review and reported that 10 boats were scheduled to come in from Lake Ponchartrain Power Squadron for a stay; gas price is currently at \$3.79 gal, diesel price, \$3.51 gal.

The Wind Screen is currently in design phase and will be submitted to ATM Consultants for review and study after design phase.

OLD BUSINESS

Commercial Rates

Commission Seal shared an article with the Commission regarding marina operations published in the Marina Dockage Magazine. In an effort to encourage the Council to adopt the commercial lease prepared by the harbor master, he will submit a copy of the article to the Council for review; the article outline important points why commercial entities should be charged a higher rate than recreational boats in the harbor.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commission determined that Commissioner Seal will attend the next City Council meeting on April 7th to discuss rates with the council.

Five Suggested Recommendations to consider regarding Proposals or any RFP

1. Is the harbor designed to handle the proposed RFP? Is retrofitting required?
 - a. Pump-out station designed for individual usage.
 - b. There is no way to directly hook-up to sewer system
 - c. Restrooms facility should be approved by engineer with the proposer being responsible for all costs.
 - d. Is commercial operation planning to use City restroom facilities
2. Rate Structure should be different for commercial entities, due to usage.

3. Non-self propelled vessel should require contract with professional contract for evacuation purposes.
4. Pontoon boat could serve as Bait & Tackle Shop
5. No compelling benefits of having retail operation at harbor

Financial Report

Chairman Seal stated his concern for the record that the Commission has not received a financial report on the harbor since October 2014. The Commission would like to see progress made on receiving financial reports in a timely manner.

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE

Chairman Seal suggested suspending the Harbor Commission monthly meetings and begin meeting quarterly and as needed. He recommended calling special meetings when important information needs to be discussed and voted upon such as information on the Wind Screen Project, budget information, or any other significant subject.

After a brief discussion on new meeting schedule, consensus of the Commission was to change the meeting dates as follows:

MOTION TO MEET QUARTERLY AND AS NEED BASIS

RE: Harbor Commission

Commission LaFleur moved, seconded by Commissioner Barbor, to change the Harbor Commission monthly meeting dates to quarterly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each January, April, July and October, beginning next month on April 28th.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Seal, Barbor, LaFleur and Roth

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Compretta

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RE: Harbor Commission

CHAIRMAN

Commissioner Ken Barbor was nominated by board member LaFleur to serve as chairman. Nominations were closed, there being no other recommendations from the floor.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Seal, Barbor, LaFleur and Roth

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Compretta

VICE CHAIRMAN

RE: Harbor Commission

Commissioner Chris Roth was nominated from the floor with no other recommendations.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Seal, Barbor, LaFleur and Roth

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Compretta

Planned Events at the Harbor

Fishing Tournaments

Harbor Fest

ADJOURN

Commissioner Lafleur moved, seconded by Commissioner Roth, to adjourn the March 24th meeting, there being no further business to discuss

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Seal, Barbor, LaFleur and Roth

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Compretta