

MINUTES OF BAY ST. LOUIS MUNICIPAL HARBOR COMMISSION

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 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, Mike Hemsley, alternate (voting)

Absent: Seal

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RE: April 26, 2016

A motion was made by Commissioner LaFleur, duly seconded by Commissioner Compretta, to approve the minutes of April 26, 2016, as presented.

A vote was called for with the following response:

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

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Seal

HARBOR MASTER REPORT

127 slips are on monthly lease; fuel price may be increased as the harbor master watch prices. The city's financial report needs work. The financial reporting format will be adjusted for better interpretation by the Commission.

The Commission asked for a good financial report showing expenses and revenues of the harbor be supplied to them a monthly basis.

Commissioner LaFleur inquired about cleaning out sand in parking spots by the dumpster.

Chuck Fortin stated that he needs help during the busy season. The only workers are Dwayne and himself. There are more boats in slips, more transients are coming in and he's handling fuel sales. The harbor is doing more business with not enough help. A position for help has been presented in the budget workshop, but has not yet been approved. The harbor budget is in the black.

The Harbor Master discussed warranty issues with the Commission and explained that the contractor has been put on notice and has acknowledged the problems.

HARBOR EVENTS

Chuck Fortin reported that the Joes & Pros Tournament was a huge success. The Fais Do Do Tournament is set for the coming weekend. They will use the events deck and a few parking spaces. Also a lot of transients are coming in for the weekend that's unrelated to the event. The harbor has good bookings for Pirates Day in the Bay scheduled for June 24th & 25th, but the Fourth of July has been quiet since the opening of the harbor. A big event is needed on the Fourth to bring people to the harbor.

The Harbor Master stated that the harbor charges a small fee to rent out the parking lot during events and it doesn't cover the cost of the extra employees needed to run the event. There needs to be an additional charge for events to cover the cost of extra employees needed to attend to the parking and other chores on event days. The harbor has been paying an employee two and a half hours of overtime to attend to parking during events, and the money is not being recouped. Chuck explained that he would like to have parking

restricted during events. Random vehicles and Patrons from Triple Tails and other upland businesses are parking in the harbor parking lot and using most of spaces, leaving boaters and people attending an event with no place to park. Two additional people are needed on event days to attend to vehicle parking, boats and other chores.

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO INCREASE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE PARKING LOT DURING SPECIAL EVENTS

Commissioner Roth moved, duly seconded by LaFleur, to recommend that the City Council increase fee structure to \$400 per day for the general public and \$250.00 per day for non-profits for any event that rents the parking lot and requires monitoring parking during an event and to provide affective security and operations during events.

A vote was called for with the following response:

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

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Seal

RECOMMENDATION THAT MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND HAVE A RESPONSE FOR THE HARBOR COMMISSION FOR THEIR JUNE 28TH MEETING.

1. That the Harbor commission be provided accurate financial information and management reports on a consistent basis
2. That the Harbor rental application be updated to show mapping of various jurisdictions that have control over the marina and adjacent properties.
3. That the Harbor Master is allowed to hire sufficient staff for maintenance and cleanliness of the marina.
4. Increase the parking lot rental fee to cover the additional personnel needed for security purposes and effective management of the event.

Commissioner Roth moved, duly seconded by Compretta that the above recommendation be considered at the City Council meeting on June 21, 2016.

A vote was called for with the following response:

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

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Seal

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, Hemsley and Compretta

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Seal