

Minutes of Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Commission

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Location: Bay St. Louis Central Fire Station Training Room, 543 Main Street, Bay St. Louis
The meeting of the Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Commission convened at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Lee Seal, presiding, Charles LaFleur, Rod Ward, J.P. Compretta and Mike Hemsley, alternate.

Absent: Commissioners Chet LeBlanc, Ken Barbor and Chris Roth

City Officials Present: Buz Olsen, Paula Fairconnetue and Don Rafferty

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Seal.

Minutes - February 18, 2014

Minutes from the February 18th Harbor Commission meeting were withheld until the next scheduled meeting.

Guest: Jason Chiniche

RE: Harbor Update

Jason presented the Harbor Commission with preliminary sign designs and locations for signage at the Harbor and Rutherford Pier for discussion.

Reports

Commissioner LaFleur reported that representatives from product suppliers requested to attend the next meeting to let the commission know about their products.

The Tourism Bureau and Commissioner LaFleur will have an information booth at the New Orleans Boat Show on March 7th thru 9th.

Operating Budget

The Commission had a lengthy discussion on budget items in preparation of drafting the operating budget for Council approval.

Marketing

The Commission discussed marketing strategies and the need to promote the harbor. After a lengthy discussion, consensus of the Commission was to advertise for marketing services to promote the harbor.

Commissioner Seal called for a vote to advertise for marketing services.

MOTION TO REQUEST RFP
RE: Marketing Services

Commissioner Compretta moved, seconded by Commissioner LaFleur, to request a Request for Proposals for marketing services, to include web page development, social media development and management and marketing strategy.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Compretta, LaFleur, Ward and Seal

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Barbor, LeBlanc and Roth

MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 547
RE: Lottery

Commissioner Compretta moved, seconded by Commissioner LaFleur, to recommend that the City Council approve an amendment to Section 37-18(b) of Ordinance No. 547 to read as follows:

“Berths or slips shall be assigned by order, *initially established by a lottery process and then by order* of application date, with property tax paying residents of the City of Bay St. Louis receiving first priority, followed thereafter by county residents then other residents of the state and then by all other applications.”

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Compretta, LaFleur, Ward and Seal

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Barbor, LeBlanc and Roth

Fuel Dock/Bait Shop RFP

Commissioner Ward presented the commission with a proposal and lease agreement used by Long Beach for the operation of a fuel dock and bait shop. The Commission reviewed the documents and after a lengthy discussion agreed to make necessary changes to suit the needs of the Bay St. Louis Harbor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Compretta moved, seconded by Commissioner LaFleur, to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting of February 25, 2014, there being no further business to discuss.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Compretta, LaFleur, Ward and Seal

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Barbor, LeBlanc and Roth