

# **Minutes of Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Commission**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 8, 2013

**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, J.P. Compretta, Charles LaFleur, Chet LeBlanc, Chris Roth, Rod Ward, Ken Barbor (by phone) and alternate Mike Hemsley.

**City Staff Present:** Les Fillingame, Buz Olsen, Paula Fairconnetue and Don Rafferty, City Attorney

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lee Seal.

Buz Olsen presented a list of tasks to the Harbor Commission that the city needed them to accomplish prior to opening of the harbor.

The task list included the following: drafting a waterways ordinance, setting fees for slip/berthing lease agreement, developing rules & regulations for the harbor, drafting a hurricane plan, developing a standard operating procedures manual, setting by laws and developing an operating budget, among other duties.

Commissioner Roth inquired about the authority and responsibilities of the Harbor Commission.

During a lengthy discussion, Mr. Rafferty stated that the board would serve as a recommending body to the mayor and council and that a resolution was adopted by the Council creating the Harbor Committee, which defines the board's duties and authority. He further stated that after reviewing the resolution the Commission could recommend changes to the document to the Mayor and Council if deemed necessary.

A copy of the resolution was presented to the board for review. (SEE EXHIBIT A)

Chairman Seal suggested that the first task the Commission should begin work on developing an ordinance, which will serve as a base for future decision making, and then move forward to setting rates for slip rentals and starting a vetting program for a Harbor Master. He noted that the harbor is due to open early May 2014 and we only have a few months prepare.

The Commission agreed to begin work on the Waterways Ordinance at their next scheduled meeting.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Commissioner LaFleur moved, seconded by Commissioner Compretta, to adjourn the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, there being no further business to discuss.

A VOTE WAS CALLED FOR WITH THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE:

VOTING YEA: LaFleur, LeBlanc, Ward, Roth, Compretta and Barbor (by phone)

VOTING NAY: None