

HARBOR COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
October 13, 2004

I. Roll Call

Jim Bartlett	Present
Yvonne DeWindt	Present
Al Dika	Present
John Flemming	Present
Tom Graham, Sr.	Present
George Kilborn	Absent
Bill McCullough	Present
Fred Rachwitz	Present
Jane Ramer	Present
Dick Schiller	Present

Also present: Harbor Master Bob Bokram and City Manager Fred Geuder.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Bartlett at 4:05 p.m.

II. Minutes

Motion by DeWindt, seconded by Schiller, to approve the minutes of September 15, 2004, as presented. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence

None.

IV. New and Old Business

A. Two-Hour Dock

Bartlett noted that the Ad Hoc Dock Committee had met and had a recommendation for consideration. Bartlett asked McCullough to review the plan.

McCullough said the Committee looked at the potential needs during the peak season. Their recommendation was to use 80' of the existing 5' wide docks as the end of a "T", and to replace those 80' and add an additional 40' of eight foot wide dock.

The Committee further recommended that a section of the East end of the "T" be set aside as a loading zone. He also noted that the City would need a new bottomlands lease.

Bartlett outlined the area that the Committee felt should be leased which would include the dock area plus area defined by a line going over to the main dock. He also noted that he had talked to the State, and they had given him a positive response to moving forward with this plan.

McCullough review the cost estimate which included the following:

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| A. | 3-8' X 40' floating dock sections                                  | \$34,050 |
| B. | Modifications to the 5' Wide dock sections to accommodate the "T"  | \$ 3,000 |
| C. | An optional amount to provide some wave attenuation on the "T" end | \$ 4,600 |

The estimated total cost would \$41,650.

Bartlett noted that the entire Committee had been in agreement on this recommendation.

In response to a question, the City Manager stated that he felt adequate funds would be available to do this project.

In reply to a question from Schiller, Bartlett noted that the wave attenuation option would help to adequately anchor the dock, and that anchoring the dock in place had been discussed with Floatation Docking.

Bartlett also stated that the water depth at the end of the proposed dock was approximately 7.5'.

Motion by Schiller, seconded by DeWindt, to recommend to City Council that they proceed with the project as recommended, and to initiate a request to amend the City's bottomlands lease; signage for the dock would be determined at a later date. Motion carried.

#### B. Five Year Plan Review

Bartlett asked the Commission to continue looking at the Five Year Plan. He suggested that the City Manager revise the positions of some of the items on the list, given projects that were on-going.

McCullough suggested that we not forget to include the conversion of the storm water outlets to the type that would catch solids.

Bokram suggested that the Commission continue to study the dinghy area by the Harbormaster Building.

Bartlett also informed the Commission that Walstrom had initiated a plan to expand the basin by acquiring a bottomlands lease. The Commission will be asked to review this at some time.

C. Fuel Cans on the Dock/Smoking on the Dock

The City Manager reviewed suggested wording from the City Manager to regulate (prohibit) storage or placement of fuel cans on the docks or in the City parks. The other rule would prohibit smoking on the docks.

The City Manager also suggested that the wording include a smoking prohibition at the beach (on the sandy area) and in City waterfront buildings.

It was suggested that the fuel can prohibition specifically mention the Ford Park Launch Ramp and Courtesy Docks.

Bartlett asked whether it was appropriate in Rule 25 to include the smoking prohibition on the sand and in the buildings. Was this the appropriate place to address the issue?

The City Manager said he would review that issue with the City Attorney.

No action was taken on this item.

D. 2005 Rates

Bartlett reminded the Commissioners to look at the proposed rates for 2005.

The City Manager provided a rate sheet with proposals for increases from 3-6%.

Enter Dika

E. Harbormaster Update

Bartlett asked the Harbormaster how September had gone, focusing specifically on revenues. Bartlett asked whether a discount to larger boats would increase revenues.

Bokram suggested maybe extending the discount rate to boats up to 30' (from 25'). He did not feel that extending discounts to all sizes of boats would increase the number of boats.

E. Open Forum

No comments.

V. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Harbor Commission will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Frederick W. Geuder, City Manager

Proposal to add new Sections B 24 and B 25 to the Restated Harbor, Waterfront and Marina Rules and Regulations, to read as follows:

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24. Storage of Fuel Cans. No fuel cans shall be placed, stored or located in the City Marina, including but not limited to the City Docks, Ford Park or other City property, except within a watercraft. No fuel cans shall be stored or placed on any dock system in the City Marina or at Ford Park.

25. Smoking Prohibited. Smoking is prohibited on the City Docks, including but not limited to the Harbor Springs Main Pier, the finger piers and the 2 hour courtesy dock. Smoking is also prohibited on the City Beach at Zorn Park (sandy area) and within any City-owned waterfront buildings and restrooms.

**2005 PROPOSED  
SEASONAL DOCK AND MOORAGE FEES**

Dock Slips

	<u>2004(+4%)</u>	<u>+3%</u>	<u>+4%</u>	<u>+5%</u>	<u>+6%</u>
30'	3128	3222	3253	3284	3316
35'	3908	4025	4064	4103	4142
40'	4364	4495	4539	4582	4626
45'	5063	5215	5266	5316	5367
60'	7161	7376	7447	7519	7591

Moorings

	<u>2004</u>	<u>+3%</u>	<u>+4%</u>	<u>+5%</u>	<u>+6%</u>
100 Resident	363	374	378	381	385
100 Non-Resident	516	531	537	542	547
200 Resident	568	585	591	596	602
200 Non-Resident	837	862	870	879	887
300 Resident	911	938	947	957	966
300 Non-Resident	1453	1497	1511	1526	1540

**Other Current Rates**

Launch Ramp Permits—Individual

Daily	\$5.00
Seasonal—Resident	\$25.00
Seasonal—Non-Res.	\$50.00

Dinghy Storage Permits

Seasonal Mooring Holders:	\$50.00
Daily, if available:	\$5.00

Kayak/Canoe Storage Permits

Seasonal Only	\$100.00
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