

Sitka Port and Harbors Commission Minutes

Wednesday January 8, 2020 6:00PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall

Port and Harbors Commission Members:

Dave Gordon, Chris Ystad, Shauna Thornton,
Tyler Green, Michael Nurco, Ken Creamer, Tamy Stevenson
Kevin Knox (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00PM

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ken Creamer, Tyler Green, Dave Gordon, Tamy Stevenson, Chris Ystad

Commissioners absent: Michael Nurco (excused), Shauna Thornton (excused).

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox

Staff: Harbormaster Stan Eliason, Jay Sweeney, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Eliason stated that there would be an Assembly work session on January 14th, 2020 at 5:00PM to discuss the Marine Service Center properties.

IV. AGENDA CHANGES

None

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Terry Perensovich, a member of the Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association, spoke on the issue of Halibut Point Marine closing their vessel haul out facility. Perensovich noted that with the haul out closing, the exploration of constructing a new haul out facility needed to stay on everyone's mind. Perensovich felt that having a local haul out facility was critical to the harbor community.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes

M - Stevenson / S - Creamer moved to approve the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

Harbormaster - Eliason reported that the demolition of floats 1-4 of Crescent Harbor had begun. Eliason noted that a 33' vessel had sunk at Eliason Harbor last week. With the recent snow fall, harbor staff had been focusing on snow removal.

City Staff - Jay Sweeney, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer for the City of Sitka, provided the commission with a detailed status report on the financial position and financial performance of the Harbor Fund, as well as a preview of what was being considered in the FY2021 budget.

Chair - None

Assembly Liaison - Knox noted that budget talks would be winding up soon. Knox felt that it would be beneficial to get resolutions to the assembly soon, so that discussions could get underway. Knox provided an update on Halibut Point Marine's stance regarding providing an RFP for constructing a new haul out facility for the City.

Other (s) -None

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Float plane rate increase

Dave Gordon stated that he had spoke with other float plane facility users regarding a rate increase for use of the facility. Gordon noted that he and other facility users felt that an increase from \$150.00 per quarter to \$250.00 per quarter would be well perceived and help ease the financial burden of operating the facility.

M- Creamer / S- Stevenson made a motion to increase the tenant float plane rate from \$150.00 per quarter, to \$250.00 per quarter.

Motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

3. Set tender rate and security fees for 2020 season

Eliason explained that the cruise ship companies had been inquiring about the FY2020 tendering rates so that they could finalize their budgets. Eliason noted that he had recommended a tendering fee of \$1,265.16, plus a \$500.00 security fee, per ship, per day.

M- Creamer / S -Ystad made a motion to approve the recommended tendering fee of \$1,265.16, plus a \$500 security fee, per ship, per day for FY2020.

Motion passed unanimously.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. The next regular meeting would be held Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 at 6:00pm
2. Moorage rate increase proposal

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M – Creamer /S – Gordon motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:38pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Jeremiah Johnson, Deputy Harbormaster