

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
For Thursday, January 4, 2007

I. Call to Order.

Chair Mr. Simpson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the CBJ Assembly Chambers.

II. Roll Call.

The following members were present: Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Fisk, Ms. Jebe, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Kueffner, Mr. Preston, Mr. White, and Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Dore resigned from the Docks & Harbors Board on December 5, 2006 and is not included in the roll call.

The following members were absent: None

Also present were the following: Mr. Stone -- Port Director, Mr. McCall – Harbormaster, and Ms. Linden – Port Engineer.

Mr. Dybdahl – CBJ Assembly Liaison was absent.

III. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Stone requested to add one additional Item for Action. Action Item #6 would be Bond Interest Appropriation.

Mr. Preston requested to change under Finance Meeting listed under VIII. Committee and Board Member Reports, that the meeting had been cancelled and not rescheduled to January 16, 2007.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. The motion passed without objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

There was no public testifying.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2006 AS PRESENTED. The motion passed without objection.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Douglas Harbor – Renovation of A, B, and C Floats.

Mr. Stone gave a short presentation on this topic.

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VI. Items for Action (cont'd).

Discussion followed with Mr. Fisk, Mr. Kueffner, Mr. McCall, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Preston, and Mr. White.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE LAYOUT AND PHASING PLAN FOR RENOVATING DOUGLAS HARBOR A, B, AND C FLOATS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CIP/PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Discussion followed with Ms. Jebe, Mr. Kueffner, Mr. Preston, Ms. Linden, Mr. Fisk, Mr. Somerville, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Stone, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. White.

Mr. Etheridge withdrew his phrase “ask unanimous consent” to the main motion.

Mr. Fisk offered a friendly amendment to add the alternatives in the order of dredging first and then doing the gangway second.

Mr. Preston seconded the main motion.

More discussion followed with Ms. Jebe and Mr. Preston.

Chair Simpson called for a vote on the amended motion. The amended motion passed unanimously.

More discussion followed with Ms. Jebe, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Preston.

The main motion passed with seven yes votes and one no vote by Ms. Jebe.

2. Award of Contract fro RFP DH07-022 – Downtown Marina Support Facilities.

Mr. Fisk gave a short presentation on this topic.

MOTION by Mr. Fisk: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND THAT THE ASSEMBLY APPROVE THE AWARD OF CONTRACT DH07-022, ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE DOWNTOWN MARINE SUPPORT FACILITIES TO TRYCK NYMAN HAYES, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$115,000.

The motion passed without objection.

3. Juneau Cruise Ship Moorage Study.

Mr. Stone gave a short presentation on this topic. He also did a slide presentation on the alternatives for a new Cruise ship Dock downtown.

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VI. Items for Action (cont'd).

Discussion followed with Mr. Fisk, Mr. Stone, Mr. Preston, Mr. Somerville, Ms. Jebe, Mr. White, Mr. Knapp, and Mr. Simpson.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Michael Williams – 5846 Lemon Creek Road, Juneau, AK 99801

Mr. Williams asked a question about space and distance. Mr. Stone responded to his question.

2. Chip Toma – P.O. Box 21884 Juneau, AK 99802

Mr. Toma said that he is in favor of Alternative #2 due to the security problems downtown. He added that he felt that the local community members would support doubling the head tax amount to go to this Alternative #2 plan. He suggested to double the head tax amount to either \$10.00 or \$12.00 per passenger for the next ten years or so to pay for this plan.

MOTION by Mr. Fisk: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND THAT THE HARBOR BOARD FORWARD THESE THREE OPTIONS AND THE PRESENTATION TO THE ASSEMBLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. The motion passed without objection.

4. FY 08 Passenger Fee Proceeds Project Recommendations.

Mr. Fisk gave a short presentation on this topic.

Discussion followed with Mr. Preston.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Chip Toma – P.O. Box 21884 Juneau, AK 99802

Mr. Toma said that he thought this amount was too much money to spend on design studies.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT FOR THE BOARD TO FORWARD TO THE CBJ CITY MANAGER THE PRIORITIZED PROJECTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CIP/PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR HIS CONSIDERATION WHEN DEVELOPING THE FY08 PASSENGER FEE CIP LIST. The motion passed without objection.

Chair Simpson asked Mr. Stone to take care of this matter.

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VI. Items for Action (cont'd).

5. Pontoon Float Utilization Study.

Ms. Linden gave a short presentation on this topic.

Discussion followed with Mr. Kueffner, Mr. McCall, Mr. Preston, Mr. White, Mr. Fisk, and Mr. Knapp.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Scott McAllister – 316 Distin Street Juneau, AK 99801

Mr. McAllister said that he was in favor of having both these floats available for fishing gear work.

More discussion followed with Mr. McCall, Mr. Kueffner, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Etheridge.

Mr. Etheridge requested to move this topic to the next Operations Committee meeting for further discussion.

More discussion followed with Mr. Fisk and Mr. Preston.

Chair Simpson referred this topic to the next Operations Committee Meeting for further discussion and action.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mike Cooney – 4445 Mendenhall Blvd. Juneau, AK 99801

Mr. Cooney said that he was the interested party that would like to bid on and purchase both pontoon floats for his company Alaska Canopy Adventures.

Discussion followed with Mr. Kueffner, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Preston.

6. Bond Interest Appropriation.

Mr. Stone gave a short presentation on this topic.

Discussion followed with Mr. Kueffner, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Stone, Mr. Fisk, and Mr. Preston.

Chair Simpson directed Mr. Stone to respond to Mr. Healey's letter with the current consensus of support for the appropriation.

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VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

There was none.

VIII. Committee and Board Members Reports.

1. Operations Committee Meeting – December 19, 2006

Mr. Etheridge said the meeting was cancelled and the next meeting would be on January 16, 2007.

2. Finance Committee Meeting – December 21, 2006.

Mr. Preston said the meeting was cancelled and the next meeting would be on January 18, 2007.

He said that they would be discussing the Budget at this next meeting and the new Fee Simplification Rules.

3. CIP/Planning Committee Meeting – January 2, 2007. (December Meeting)

Mr. Fisk gave a short report on his last meeting.

He said that they discussed the Douglas Cold Storage Dock and the possibility of a fish processor using that Dock.

IX. Port Engineer's Report.

Chair Simpson praised Ms. Linden on her Project Status Reports that she submits for the monthly Board Packet. He said that this report is very current on the status of projects and very informative for the Board Members.

Mr. Preston said that he was very glad to have the completed project section.

Mr. Kueffner added further discussion.

X. Harbormaster's Report.

Mr. McCall gave a short report on Harbor happenings for this past month.

He said we had a couple of vessels sink, one in Aurora Harbor and one at DeHart's Marina. Both have been taken care of.

He added that the Public Service Announcements to alert vessel owners has been put out for the thawing cycles for vessels. We also do these Public Service Announcements before the winter to alert vessel owners to prepare their vessels for the winter freezing cycle.

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X. Harbormaster's Report (cont'd).

Mr. McCall said that 3 derelict vessels have been removed and disposed of by us this past month. Another vessel was removed by the owner and placed upland elsewhere.

He added that TWIC – Transportation Workers Identification Credentials, will be implemented shortly and they require full implementation and compliance in 20 months everywhere.

He said it would be very expensive to implement here in Juneau, as it will require us to send each of our Port Employees down South for training to satisfy the requirements to obtain these identification cards. We have not budgeted for this expense. The cards cost \$159.00 for each person and they are good for only 5 years and then you have to repeat the procedure. This cost does not include traveling expenses.

Mr. McCall said that he would keep the Board Members updated on this item.

XI. Port Director's Report.

Mr. Stone said that Mr. John Roots, our Washington D.C. lobbyist would be here in Juneau on January 9th. He will be meeting with him and all Board Members are invited to attend this meeting.

He said he would be mentioning the Douglas Breakwater Project again in more detail to Mr. Roots.

Mr. Stone said he just learned that the Governor's Budget does not include any money for the Municipal Harbor Grant Matching Program. DOT submitted a 10 million dollar request to OMB under the Murkowski Administration and OMB cut it out of the Budget. It has never been presented to the new Governor.

Discussion followed with Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Simpson.

XII. Committee Administrative Matters.

Chair Simpson drew the Board Members attention to the Harbor Board Meeting Calendar for 2007 that Ms. Larson had provided in the packet. He said that Ms. Larson will continue to call and remind the Board Members of meetings and would establish required quorums for meetings.

1. Meeting Calendar for January 2007.

A. **Operations Committee Meeting** – January 16, 2007
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Aurora Harbor Office

B. **Finance Committee Meeting** – January 18, 2007
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – CBJ City Hall Room #224

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XII. Committee Administrative Matters (cont'd).

C. **CIP/Planning Committee Meeting** – January 23, 2007
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – CBJ Assembly Chambers

D. **Regular Board Meeting** – January 25, 2007
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – CBJ Assembly Chambers

XIII. Adjournment.

MOTION BY Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.