

**PORT & HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DATE: 05/11/2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Port & Harbors Advisory Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., via WebEx, in Ketchikan, Alaska.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Lunde	(Chairman)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Rod Bray	(Vice-Chairman)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Mark Flora	(Council member)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Steve Wilsie	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Andrew Mulder	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Rick Collins	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jim Castle	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Tim Walker	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Excused

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Lunde	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Rod Bray	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Mark Flora	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Steve Wilsie	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Andrew Mulder	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Harbor Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Mark Hilson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Dan Berg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Angel Holbrook
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Hamish Struthers

MINUTES:

MOTION was made by Mulder to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Port and Harbors Advisory Board from April 13th, 2021. **MOTION SECONDED** by Bray.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A resignation email from Dan Christensen was laid on the table.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Ken called in to speak to the Board about the sinking of the FV Rainier. Ken stated that he had talked to the owner on the dock, and that he had told him that the bill for raising the FV Rainier was \$17,000 and that he felt that was outrageous. He was upset about the amount the owner of the FV Rainier was billed. Ken states that he has friends coming up on large vessels and wanted to inquire as to if their vessels sink, would they be charged the same amount?

Senior Harbormaster Berg clarified that the vessel sunk do to a heavy snow load, and that because only one harbormaster was on duty he made the decision to call in a professional dive service to raise the vessel. The vessel was attached to city infrastructure and was threatening to damage the dock. Chairman Lunde stated that he felt this was an issue to speak to the Director about.

David Meyer, the owner of the FV Rainier then spoke to the fact that he too felt the bill was way too much money, and that he did not authorize the harbor to call the dive service on his behalf. He states is very upset about the \$15,000 bill. Chairman Lunde also told Mr. Meyer that this was a discussion to have with the Director, and that the Board will add an agenda item for the next meeting to address the procedures for dealing with a sinking vessel. Director Hilson directed Ms. Holbrook to set up a meeting with Mr. Meyer for the following day.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Future Port Operations—Chairman Lunde

Chairman Lunde reviewed the agenda item and the intended purpose of it. He then stated that he feels that because the Council will address this topic in a future meeting, that the Board should hold off on discussions until after the Council has met, and when they can meet in person.

Director Hilson informed the Board that the City Council has chosen to engage Cruise Line International Association in discussions that will address question four on Chairman Lunde's list of questions to discuss. Director Hilson also noted that because of the sensitive nature of these discussions that the Council will meet in executive session to discussion the future of the port.

Discussion followed. Agenda item tabled until the next meeting of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Harry Newell Surplus—Vice Chairman Bray

Vice Chairman Bray stated that he has heard the City is going to surplus the firefighting vessel the Harry Newell. Vice Chairman Bray states that this is a vital asset to the community and wants to know why it is being removed from service.

Director Hilson informed Vice Chairman Bray that the Harry Newell is not a harbor asset nor a public works asset, but an asset of the Fire Department. Director Hilson gave the Board an overview of the issues with the vessel and informed them that the fire department is working on options. Director Hilson also noted a grant opportunity that Assistant Fire Chief Brainard is working on to procure a new fire vessel. He stated he will continue to research the issue and will report back with any more information he can find at the next meeting.

Discussion followed.

Director's Report:

In addition to the information provided in the Director's Report, Director Hilson reported that the Center for Disease Control had released more guidance for the resumption of cruising. He also noted that there are efforts being made trying to get the resumption of cruising in Alaska this season. Director Hilson informed that the regional committee that is working on the resumption of cruising is still meeting, and circulating a draft port agreement for review so that all of the southeast communities can be congruent when cruising resumes and draft comments were submitted.

Vice Chairman Bray inquired about the drive down dock crane being inoperable. Director Hilson updated the Board that after assessing the situation, it was concluded that the safety system on the crane is not in working order, and that the system is out of date and needs to be replaced. The estimated cost is around \$33,000. This project will be presented to the City Council on May 20th, and if approved, staff will begin executing the project with the contractor.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discussion of procedures used when a vessel is sinking and options for recovering costs when dealing with sinking vessels—Chairman Lunde

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Timothy Walker:

Mr. Eric Lunde: Good meeting, thanks everyone for joining in tonight. I hope we get to meet in person one of these days.

Mr. Rod Bray: I have nothing more to add. Good meeting and glad we got some stuff covered.

Mr. Jim Castle: Good meeting.

Mr. Mark Flora:

Mr. Andrew Mulder: Nice to see everybody.

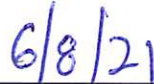
Mr. Rick Collins:

Mr. Steve Wilsie: Good meeting and good discussion. Looking forward to some answers.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Bray at 8:37 p.m. **MOTION SECONDED** by Castle. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**





Chair/Vice Chair Signature

Date