

**PORT & HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DATE: December 05, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Mark Flora	(Chairman/Council member)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Tim Hemme	(Vice-Chairman)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Lee Bethel	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jim Castle	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Russell Cockrum	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Lunde	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jay Rhodes	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Steve Wilsie	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Excused

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Mark Flora	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Tim Hemme	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Lee Bethel	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jim Castle	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Russell Cockrum	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Lunde	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jay Rhodes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Steve Wilsie	<input type="checkbox"/>

Harbor Staff Present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Dan Berg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. May Caguiat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Craig Bisson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. James Wilson

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

None

MINUTES: MOTION was made by Mr. Hemme to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Port and Harbors Advisory Board from November 14, 2023. MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Rhodes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Modified Rate Proposals

Projected Revenue Report

2024 Draft Cruise Ship Calendar

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

1. Bob Sivertsen concerned about rates for a variety of reason but he understand the need to raise harbor rates. He cited that the harbor can meet operational needs and minor maintenance but may not going to be able to meet it's capital.
2. Mary Sivertsen talked about the 2024 cruise ship schedule and noted the number of ships that will dock in Ketchikan per day. She specified that too many ships in one day creates safety issue with congestion and pedestrians on the streets. She suggested that cruise ships stay longer to fill up days with fewer ships.
3. Melodie Scott questioned why the harbor was created as a special fund. Would like to know how the port can help support the harbor. Ms. Scott indicated that she does not have a problem with small rate increases.
4. Verg Scott expressed his appreciation with the new harbor rate increase proposal and to everyone involve in volunteering their time and effort. He mainly talked about the harbor being a special fund.
5. Alan Knettel spoked about how fish prices is collapsing. He also said that the only revenue we have is the cruise ships.
6. Cody Cowan asked if anyone have heard of the 1.5% tax that the city absorbs from processors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Revised Harbor Rate Increase

Acting Port and Harbors Director James Wilson gave a power point presentation on how the Harbor funds work, the shortfalls the harbors are expecting in the future, as

well as reviewing harbor rate increase proposal 1.0. Comments from harbor users was taken into consideration at the revised harbor rate increase proposal. Acting Director James Wilson finished presenting the revised harbor rate increase proposal 2.0 to the board. Port and Harbors Advisory Board members unanimously agreed and felt that the revised proposal 2.0 is a good compromise moving forward.

MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Hemme for more off ramps offered within a two-year period. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Lunde. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Voting yes: Mr. Flora, Mr. Hemme, Mr. Castle, Mr. Cockrum, Mr. Lunde, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wilsie and Mr. Bethel.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Cruise Ship Berthing Calendar

Port Operations Coordinator Craig Bisson presented the 2024 Draft Cruise Ship Berthing Calendar and explained the process for assigning berths. Mr. Bisson made clarification on ships anchoring to start then moving to a berth.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Harbor Operations Coordinator James Wilson reviewed the report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

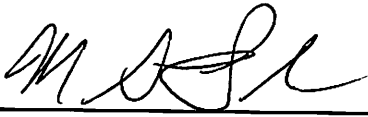
BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

1. Lee Bethel Thanks everyone.
2. Steve Wilsie Thanks for all the information
3. Jay Rhodes Thanks for readjusting the rate increase, I think that was huge. Thanks for all the hard work. Thanks for all the public comments.
4. Tim Hemme I appreciate the adjusted rates.
5. Eric Lunde Thanks for putting apples to apples, I can tell that was a lot of work. That's great information. Thank you.

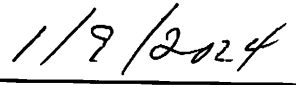
6. Jim Castle I appreciate all the preparation materials. Thanks for all the preparation.
7. Russell Cockrum I would like to thank May and everybody involved and I don't think many people realized how much gets done with such a little group. Thank you.
8. Mark Flora I want to thank the members of the public that came out tonight. Hats off to you folks, this is not an easy thing to do, I appreciate the compromise plan, I'll be happy to take this back to the council for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Mr. Castle **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Rhodes. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



Chair/Vice Chair Signature



Date