

**PORT & HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
DATE: October 17, 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 type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Tim Hemme	(Vice-Chairman)
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Tim Hemme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Lee Bethel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jim Castle	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Dan Berg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. May Caguiat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Craig Bisson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. James Wilson

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

None

**MINUTES:** MOTION was made by Mr. Rhodes to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Port and Harbors Advisory Board from September 12, 2023. MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Cockrum. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

Jeremy Bynum, harbor user, commented about the current condition of the harbors and announced his support to charge the necessary fees in order to provide the services expected of the harbors.

Chairman Flora suggested Mr. Bynum to email the PHAB and Director Berg the complete list of his suggestions and recommendations for the harbor.

Verg Scott, local resident, harbor user, conferred his concern about the upcoming possible relocation of the homeless shelter. He suggested to have gates around the harbors.

Director Berg noted that there is a CIP Project for wireless cameras next year to be installed at top of every float.

Jerry Scudero, harbor user, remarked on bus traffic around downtown area and the condition of the roads leading to the Port.

Melody Scott, local resident, worked downtown last season, commented on how locals would avoid going to those areas that is packed with tourist.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Capping tourist**

The concept of capping tourist was seriously discussed. Director Berg explained the transit of people on and off the cruise ship and how much the Port itself can handle based on the size of the ship. Furthermore, he noted that the idea of imposing a cap on the number of cruise ship visitors will have an impact on the challenges with staffing, Port security plan and cruise ship placement. Chairman Flora explained how low the

level of authority the municipality has over the cruise ship industry. He also questioned if the Port can support the carrying capacity of cruise ships. This topic will be thoroughly discuss at a later agenda.

## **2. Closing Port on July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Lunde moved that the PHAB advises the City Council to pass an ordinance that closes the Port of Ketchikan on the Fourth of July. Mr. Cockrum seconded the motion.

**MOTION** was made by Chairman Flora to recommend closing the Port of Ketchikan on Fourth of July. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Cockrum. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Mr. Hemme and Mr. Bethel absent.**

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

## **3. Port Rate Study**

Director Berg reported that he had been in contact with Northern Economics about the need for Port rate study. He also directed Northern Economics to include all comparable information on all Southeast Port and East Coast Port. Director Berg expects the Port Rate Study to be completed within four to six weeks.

## **4. Place for new shop**

One of the Harbors CIP project is the new maintenance shop. Director Berg states that the maintenance shop is not build to be a shop. The facility does not support the Harbors need efficiently. Chairman Flora visited the Port & Harbors office and he commented that the current maintenance building is way too small. He also mentioned that what our Harbor maintenance employees are doing with the resources we have is a miracle and what is getting done with what is available to our maintenance staff is phenomenal. Director Berg explained where the new maintenance shop will be and how it's going to be constructed.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Berg reviewed the report.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Security gate at top of the ramps.

2. Parking at the Harbor.
3. Bar Harbor building.
4. Crossing guards.
5. Vehicle/buses traffic revision.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Mr. Jim Castle: I appreciate all of you! I wish there's a hundred people here.

Mr. Steve Wilsie: Thank you all for giving us the info.

Mr. James Rhodes: Thank you guys for being here.

Mr. Eric Lunde: Thank you all for your hard work.

Mr. Russell Cockrum: Thank you. Somehow tourism made this town worst.

Mr. Mark Flora: I am really grateful for all of you here tonight. The fact that you sat here for the duration of the meeting, I think is fantastic. I want to thank all of you.

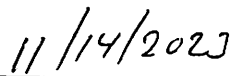
### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** was made by Wilsie **MOTION SECONDED** by Rhoads  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



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Chair/Vice Chair Signature



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Date