

**BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
MINUTES**

Regular Monthly Meeting
September 17, 2015
City Council Chambers - City Hall 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Commissioners Present
Bill Spicer, Chair
Jim Sloan, Vice Chair
Cory Bantilan
Betsy Cramer
Dennis Power (6:35 p.m.)
Stephen MacIntosh
Helene Webb

Staff Present
Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Brian Bosse, Business Manager
Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager
Karl Treiberg, Facilities Manager
Jeanette Prusinski, Commission Secretary

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes

Moved RECOMMENDATION: That Harbor Commission waive further reading and approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting of August 13, 2015.

Jim Sloan/ Betsy Cramer 5-0

Abstained: Helene Webb

HARBOR COMMISSION MATTERS

2. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Moved A. Nominate and elect Bill Spicer Chairperson and Jim Sloan Vice Chairperson for fiscal year 2015-2016, per the City Charter Section 804 and the Board of Harbor Commission Rules adopted September 16, 2010;

Betsy Cramer/Helene Webb 7-0

No Motion on B. Review and update, as necessary, membership on various Harbor Commission Committees.

No changes made

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

3. Director's Report

- Council Actions
- Tentative Agenda Items for the October Meeting

4. Business Services Report

- Overview of Waterfront Signage Program
- Fall 2015 Cruise Ship Season Begins

5. Facilities Management Report

- Sea Landing Gangway

6. Harbor Operations Report

- Farr 40 Recap
- 2015 Harbor and Seafood Festival set for October 17th
- Slip Lottery List Drawing Reminder

NEW BUSINESS

7. Waterfront Department Fiscal Year 2015 Preliminary Budget Review

Brian Bosse presented a staff report providing a brief summary of the Waterfront Department's revenues and expenditures as of June 30, 2015, and the Commission provided comments as appropriate:

- Commissioner Power asked if City Council can pull from the Preservation Fund in an emergency. Director Riedman said that there is an Operation Budget Reserve Fund as well as insurance for emergencies, and it would take a Council Action to pull from the Preservation Fund.
- Commissioner Bantilan asked if the electric vehicle charging stations are being used since it was down 85%. Brian Bosse said the use was down and will work with the Downtown Parking Department to boost this program. Also, Mr. Bantilan asked how our numbers from FY15 compared to projections to FY16. Brian Bosse took a conservative approach and used FY15 estimates and projected out, then added a few percent.
- Commissioner MacIntosh asked why the cruise ship budget is \$230K for FY15 but it came in at \$510K. Brian Bosse said that the wrong number was used mistakenly.
- Chair Spicer asked what the process is to increase the payment to the debt service. Scott Riedman made a recommendation to the Finance Department, then presented to the Finance Committee of the City Council, and then to the full City Council for approval.

8. Definition of “Vessel”

Mick Kronman discussed the definition of “vessel”, which is a self-propelled craft whose physical characteristics indicate that it was designed and constructed for the purpose of carrying people or goods over water.

Moved B. Recommend City Council approve an Ordinance adding a definition of "Vessel" and related amendments to Title 17 of the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code.

Jim Sloan/ Stephen MacIntosh 6-0
Abstained: Helene Webb

9. Harbor Patrol Boat 1 Replacement

Karl Treiberg described the condition of Harbor Patrol Boat 1 and recommended replacing the vessel as opposed to repowering the engines.

Moved RECOMMENDATION: That Harbor Commission approve replacement of Harbor Patrol Boat 1.

Stephen MacIntosh/ Betsy Cramer 7-0

10. Dock Ladders

Karl Treiberg delivered a comprehensive report concerning the installation of dock ladders in the marinas. Public safety is a high priority and has investigated ladders and other associated safety devices throughout the years without concluding that ladders should be installed.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Vice Chair Sloan asked for details regarding effects from the tsunami surge. Mick Kronman said that the surge fluctuated between 9 inches and 1 foot, and the only damage occurred to the dredge tender, which broke loose on one end and Harbor Patrol Officers re-secured it temporarily. The dredge company made a complete fix of their equipment today. Also, the bait barge was a concern so it was relocated within the harbor before the expected arrival of the surge.
- Chair Spicer said that he heard reports that this year’s El Nino could be significant and asked about preparations in the East Beach Anchorage for the winter months. Scott Riedman said that he has met with Waterfront Staff and other Department Heads to discuss procedures. Much was learned of the vulnerabilities along the waterfront from the storm on March 1, 2014. Staff will report back to the Commission as the weather and the associated preparations take shape.
- Commissioner Power spoke regarding the “SoCal Ta-Ta” event. The flotilla was complementary of the Waterfront Staff and accommodations. Mick Kronman

complemented Harbor Operations Assistant Andrew Allen, who has done a great job with regattas and events like these all summer long.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Spicer Moved ADJOURNMENT at 8:30 p.m.

Unanimous Roll Call Vote 7-0