



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
HARBOR COMMISSION**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**March 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Waterfront Administration Office
132-A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sligh called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

- Lang Sligh, Chair
- Merit McCrea, Vice Chair (Arrived in remote meeting at 6:35 p.m.)
- Betsy Cramer
- Michael Nelson
- Jim Sloan
- Adam Stanowick
- John Stedman

Commissioners Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
- Brian Bosse, Waterfront Business Manager
- Erik Engebretson, Harbor Operations Manager
- Brian Adair, Waterfront Facilities Manager
- Jeanette Prusinski, Administrative Supervisor
- Chris Bell, Administrative Analyst I
- Angela Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: There were no members of the public who wished to speak

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval Of The Minutes

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission waive further reading and approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting of February 18, 2021.

Motion:

- Commissioners Sloan/Nelson to approve Minutes

Vote:

- Unanimous vote

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

2. Director's Report

- Coronavirus Update
- Emergency Work On Desalination Intake
- Tentative Agenda Items For Future Meetings

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- March 18, 2021 report prepared by the Waterfront Director

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire

3. Business Services Report

- Cruise Ship Program Update

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- March 18, 2021 report prepared by the Waterfront Business Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Business Manager Brian Bosse

4. Facilities Management Report

- Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project Update
- Sand Berm Update
- Stearns Wharf Annual Repairs
- Federal Channel Dredging

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- March 18, 2021 report prepared by the Waterfront Facilities Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Facilities Manager Brian Adair

5. Harbor Operations Report

- Wet Wednesdays Begin

- Operation Clean Sweep On May 15th
- Harbor Nautical Swap Meet Cancelled

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- March 18, 2021 report prepared by the Harbor Operations Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Harbor Operations Manager Erik Engebretson

NEW BUSINESS

6. State Lands Commission Presentation

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission receive a presentation from the State Lands Commission on the State of California's legislative granted public trust lands, general state ownership and water boundaries, the City of Santa Barbara's role and responsibilities, Harbor Commission's role and responsibilities, and an overview of the Public Trust Doctrine and guiding principles.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by State Lands Commission
- March 18, 2021 report prepared by State Lands Commission

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire
- California State Lands Commission: Granted Lands Program Manager Reid Boggiano
- Members of the public: Christopher Voss

Discussion:

- Commissioners heard a presentation by Reid Boggiano of the State Lands Commission. Topics discussed were: granted lands, City of Santa Barbara Tidelands Grant, public trust revenues, Public Trust Doctrine and appropriate uses of lands and guidelines, trustee obligations, and sea-level rise preparedness. Commissioners' questions were answered.

7. Fiscal Year 2022 And Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Recommendation

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission:

- A. Receive a staff presentation on the Waterfront Department's proposed Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 budget submittal;
- B. Recommend approval of a 3% slip fee increase in Fiscal Year 2022;
- C. Recommend approval of a 3% slip fee increase in Fiscal Year 2023;
- D. Recommend approval of a 3% live aboard permit fee increase in Fiscal Year 2022;
- E. Recommend approval of a 3% live aboard permit fee increase in Fiscal Year 2023;

- F. Recommend approval of a \$0.50 per linear foot increase for all visiting vessels;
- G. Recommend approval of a \$65 increase to the boat impound fee in Fiscal Year 2022. The fee would move from \$35 to \$100;
- H. Recommend approval of a \$30 increase in Fiscal Year 2022 to the Slip Permittee Annual Parking Permit. The fee would move from \$95 to \$125.
- I. Recommend termination of the Harbor Main Parking Validation Program; and
- J. Forward a recommendation to City Council for approval of the Waterfront Department's proposed Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 budget and incorporation into the City budget process.

Commissioner Stanowick recused himself due to his status as a live-aboard in the Harbor and temporarily left the remote meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- March 18, 2021 report prepared by the Waterfront Business Manager
- March 18, 2021 email from Lori Rafferty

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Business Manager Brian Bosse, Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire
- Members of the public: Jaime Diamond

Motion:

- Commissioners Sloan/Nelson to approve the staff recommendations

Substitute Motion:

- Commissioner McCrea to approve the staff recommendations with an amendment to Recommendation I, "Recommend termination of the Harbor Main Parking Validation Program," to not eliminate the Harbor Main Parking Validation Program, and as an alternative amend the fee from \$3.00 to \$8.00
- Commissioner McCrea withdrew his substitute motion

Second Substitute Motion:

- Commissioner McCrea/Sloan to approve the staff recommendations with an amendment to Recommendation I, "Recommend termination of the Harbor Main Parking Validation Program," to not eliminate the Harbor Main Parking Validation Program, and as an alternative amend the fee from \$3.00 to \$9.00, instead of the original \$8.00 suggestion
- Commissioner Sloan withdrew his second to the second substitute motion
- Second Substitute Motion failed for lack of a second

Vote on Original Motion:

- Unanimous roll call vote (Abstain: Commissioner Stanowick)

Commissioner Stanowick rejoined the remote meeting at 9:04 p.m.

8. Request To Host A Lottery To Issue Unassigned 20-Foot Slip Permits

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission:

- A. Receive a staff report regarding assignment of 20" slip permits; and
- B. Allow the Waterfront Department to accept applications in order to issue available 20-foot slip permits through a lottery drawing at the Regular Harbor Commission on May 20, 2021.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- March 18, 2021 report prepared by the Harbor Operations Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Harbor Operations Manager Erik Engebretson

Motion:

- Commissioners Sloan/McCrea to approve the staff recommendations

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Slip Assignment Policy Subcommittee Chair Stedman explained the various issues the subcommittee is addressing, and the participation they receive from the public during the meetings. Slip Assignment Policy Subcommittee Member Sloan explained the sequence of topics that have been discussed at past meetings, which are (1) Possessory Interest Tax, (2) the addition of family to slip permits, and (3) the Slip Permit Transfer Fees.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

- Commissioners McCrea/Stedman to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Vote:

- Unanimous vote