

**PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 5:00 PM
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Committee Members: Chairperson Joan Yunker, Alderpersons: Shari Straube, Ken Howell, Rich Hedlund, and Tim Dunn
Chairperson Yunker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Yunker, Howell, Dunn, Hedlund and Straube (arrived at 5:09pm)

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the approval of the August 10, 2021 Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee minutes as prepared and distributed. Moved by Hedlund, seconded by Dunn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda.

Jim Strauss addressed the committee concerning agenda item 7 concerning his objections to the proposal

Aldersperson Mary Jo Fessenmaier addressed the committee to compliment the Harbormaster concerning his monthly report (agenda item 5), and to express her objections to objections to potentially selling the municipal owned west pier (agenda item 7)

Ed Van Horn of 1025 Timothy spoke to express his opposition to agenda item 7

Janet Ewing of Lockwood Blvd spoke to express her opposition to agenda item 7

Harbormaster Report. Harbormaster Russell addressed the committee and reviewed the contents of the packet materials provided for this meeting. General discussion was held on the various topics outlined within his written report.

Discussion/Possible Recommendation on RFP responses for slips and buoy commercial installation. City Administrator Nord reported that the City received one proposal which was from Gage Marine. Nord noted that City staff made efforts to attract additional proposals. Based on review by various staff, Nord recommended that this proposal be accepted and forwarded to the City Council for final approval. Moved by Hedlund, seconded by Howell. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion the sale of municipal west end boat slips. Chairman Yunker placed this item on the agenda to hold general discussion on the idea as a way to generate revenues for the City. Yunker covered various upcoming expenses related to the west end pier that the City will need to address. General discussion was held by the members with all saying they were against the idea, but all expressed interest in some manner of rate adjustment for the slips. No action was taken.

Discussion/Recommendation on any revisions to Riviera 1st floor retail leases (length of lease, rate of rent, changes to leases for 2022 and beyond). Nord addressed the committee to report that the current 1st floor renters are seeking a multi-year lease with the City. Nord reported there have been no issues reported on the first floor between the various tenants. Discussion was held by the members where there was interest expressed in determining if any of the shops wished to remain open year round. Additionally, the committee expressed interest in adding some manner of rate “escalator” to offset inflation. Consensus of the Committee to continue this topic to the next meeting so Nord could speak with the tenants, conduct other research and report back.

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Discussion/Possible Recommendation on defining Non Resident Property Owner as “the owner of a dwelling within the City of Lake Geneva and said owner resides in the dwelling for a period of at least 30 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day”. Harbormaster Russell reported that the committee may want to amend the current definition to better administer the leasing program. Some general discussion about breaking “nonresident property owner” into two categories; vacant lots and lots that are developed. Some discussion was held. It was the consensus of the committee to continue this discussion at the next committee meeting.

Discussion/Possible Recommendation to amend Definition of “boat” or “watercraft” to state it must be registered with the State of Wisconsin, must NOT be manually propelled. Must have propulsion (OB, I/O, Inboard) or be able to be propelled by wind (functional sails). Harbormaster Russell expressed his opinion that an improved definition needs to be added to all leases for next year and beyond. Currently some individuals are using unusable boats as a “holding” mechanism on the buoys while waiting for a slip to open up. After general discussion, it was the consensus of the committee that the Harbormaster meet with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to address this issue and forward it to the FLR Committee once it is ready to present. Moved by Howell, seconded by Hedlund. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment. At 5:42 pm, Motion by Howell to adjourn, seconded by Hedlund. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.