

**PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, September 13, 2022 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, Hedlund and Dunn.

Absent: Straube (excused)

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

Buzz Yager 1284 Edgewood addressed agenda item #8; suggesting a rate increase for kayaks as well as use revenues to make improvements such as lighting on the piers and consider a gate on the west end pier.

Tom Ross 542 Maxwell Street also addressed agenda item #8 supporting the comments of the previous speaker and inquiring about the current revenues generated by slips and buoys and where that money is spent.

Kevin Klemke of 700 High Street addressed agenda item #8 supporting the idea of a gate for the west end pier, lighting for the piers and making sure revenues go toward pier related improvements.

Approval of the Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee minutes of June 14, 2022 as prepared and distributed. So moved by Hedlund, seconded by Dunn. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Harbormaster Report. Harbormaster Steve Russell provided an overview of his report which was included in the meeting packet. Russell noted that revenues were down slightly for lake front related operations, primarily because of the weather during the summer season.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding possible refunds for Riviera Slips for delay due to storm damage. Harbormaster had received requests from some slip renters as a result of their boats not being able to be installed at the beginning of the season. General discussion was had by the members of the committee. Hedlund so moved to deny the request for partial refunds. Seconded by Yunker. Motion carried on a 4-1 voice vote with Howell voting no.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding applying a half-year credit to Lagoon Slips 1-8 for 2023. The Harbormaster received requests for partial credit from six of the lagoon slips renters (other two slips were unused this year). The slips were rendered unusable given the amount of debris in the slips which took an extended amount of time to remedy. General discussion was held by the committee members. Hedlund so moved to provide a \$421 credit, per slip to the six boat slip renters impacted in the form of a credit to be used toward next year's rental fee. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the 2023 Buoy/Slip Rates. Harbormaster Russell reviewed rate information included in the meeting packet which included rates for surrounding communities. Various

discussion between the committee members and the Harbormaster. Hedlund so moved that this be discussed at the next Piers, Harbors and Lakefront Committee. Seconded by Dunn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the 2023 Beach Admission Fees. Harbormaster Russell presented the committee with a recommendation to make the admission price to the Riviera Beach \$10.00 across the board for ages 7 years old and up (under 7 would remain free). After general discussion Hedlund so moved to adjust the admission fee to Riviera Beach to \$10 for all individuals age 7 years old and up. Seconded by Dunn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Gage Marine's intent to renew pier lease for 2023-2028. Harbormaster Russell advised the committee that Gage Marine has exercised their option to renew the pier lease for 2023 – 2028. There is no need for committee or council action.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding lease agreement with Gage Marine for use of the Riviera Pier Boathouse. The committee briefly reviewed the updated lease that was initially presented in May, 2022. The City Attorney has made the necessary adjustments to the wording and the exhibit for the document has been reviewed by City staff for accuracy. Howell so moved to recommend approval. Seconded by Hedlund. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment At 5:44 pm, Motion by Howell to adjourn, seconded by Dunn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.