

**PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023 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. None

Approval of the December 13, 2022 Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee minutes as prepared and distributed. Motion by Howell to approve. Seconded by Dunn. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Harbormaster Report. Harbormaster Steve Russell reported that the buoy, slip and pier contracts for the 2023 season have been sent out. Russell reported that the Riviera Ballroom currently has sixty-two events booked for 2023 as of today.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding potential changes to City Ordinance 90-199 as it relates to classifications to the West End Stalls & Buoys, Riviera Slips & Buoys, and Personal Watercraft Lagoon Slips. Harbormaster Russell addressed the committee to review the current ordinance as well as go over a list of proposed changes. General discussion was held between Russell and members of the committee and Russell stated he would send a draft of the revised ordinance for the City Attorney to review. Hedlund so moved to recommend approval of the revised ordinance contingent on the City Attorney's review and approval. Seconded by Howell. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding use of the West End Pier Fund for a portion of 2022 Season repairs. Russell addressed the committee and reviewed the related meeting packet materials. The City has budgeted approximately thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,00.00) for contractual repairs to be undertaken by Gage Marine. Russell recommended use of West End Pier funds to pay for the fifty-two thousand dollars' worth of additional work needed per the quote. After further discussion Howell so moved to recommend use of the West End Pier fund to pay for portion of the 2022 season repair and further moved that the annual renter fee be increased from \$533.00 to \$1,000.00 per slip to assist in building up the Lakefront Fund Reserve Fund. Motion was seconded Hedlund. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding lagoon repairs and projects for 2023. Harbormaster Russell addressed the committee to discuss the issues in the lagoon and how to best address the issue(s). Concern over the ongoing costs for repair in comparison to the amount of revenue generated by the city-owned lagoon slips. Russell further stated that it was necessary that all three parties with a vested interest in the lagoon (City, residents of Geneva Towers, and Elmer's) meet to discuss the topic. It was consensus of the Committee to have the Harbormaster attempt to arrange a meeting with the three parties to discuss the topic and report back at the next Piers & Harbors meeting.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a cooperative agreement with the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency for shared responsibilities of the boat launch and clean waters inspections. In the meeting packet, Russell shared a letter from the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency (GLEA) concerning the City's boat launch and undertaking clean waters inspections by the City's boat launch staff. The proposal would be for GLEA to provide \$12 per hour for a total of two-hundred hours to inspect boats at the City's boat launch. After general discussion it was the consensus of the committee to have the Harbormaster meeting with the Director of GLEA and report back at the next Piers Committee meeting.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding bid award for the 2023 Gas Pier Reconstruction Project. The Harbormaster reported that three bids were received for the proposed work to be done at the gas pier. General discussion was held concerning the wide range of bid amounts that were received. It was consensus of the committee that the Harbormaster meet with go over the bid document with the lowest bidder. Howell so moved to recommend approval of the lowest bid (subject to review by the Harbormaster and City Attorney) and to send this topic to an upcoming Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

At 5:36 p.m. Hedlund so moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Yunker. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.