

Minutes of Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Commission

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Location: Bay St. Louis Central Fire Station Training Room, 543 Main Street, Bay St. Louis
The meeting of the Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Commission convened at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Lee Seal, presiding, Vice Chairman Ken Barbor, Charles LaFleur, Rod Ward, J.P. Compretta, Chris Roth and Mike Hemsley, alternate.

Absent: Commissioner Chet LeBlanc

City Officials Present: Paula Fairconnetue and Don Rafferty

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Seal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RE: February 11, 2014

Commissioner LaFleur moved, seconded by Commissioner Barbor, to approve the minutes of the Harbor Commission meeting held January 11, 2014, as presented.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Seal, LeBlanc, LaFleur, Ward, Roth, Compretta and Barbor

VOTING NAY: None

Guest: Jane Alford, President

RE: Old Town Merchants Association

Ms Alford attended the meeting on behalf of the Old Town Merchants to offer assistance in marketing planning and development of businesses to service and support the marina.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RE: Harbor Commission Chairman

Commissioner Lee Seal was nominated by acclamation to retain the office of Chairman.

MOTION TO ELECT CHAIRMAN

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Seal, LeBlanc, LaFleur, Ward, Roth, Compretta and Barbor

VOTING NAY: None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RE: Harbor Commission Vice Chairman

Commissioner Ken Barbor was nominated by acclamation to retain the office of Vice Chair.

MOTION TO ELECT VICE CHAIRMAN

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Seal, LeBlanc, LaFleur, Ward, Roth, Compretta and Barbor

VOTING NAY: None

OLD BUSINESS

Slip Lease Agreement

The Commission reviewed and finalized slip lease agreement to present to City Council.

Operating Budget

The Commission had a lengthy discussion on developing an operating budget for the marina. Discussion will continue at the next Harbor Commission meeting and the board will begin drafting a budget to present to the City Council.

Marketing

In addition to in-kind services by the Tourism Bureau, the Commission is also considering the possibility of hiring a professional marketing firm to come up with strategies to promote the marina.

Lottery Selections-Amendment to Ordinance No. 547

After considerable discussion on setting policy for the lottery selection and amending Ordinance No. 547 to include the Lottery System, by consensus the Commission determined to amend section 18-37(b) of the ordinance to read as follows: "Berths or slips shall be assigned by order, *initially established by a lottery process and then by order* of application date, with property tax paying residents of the City of Bay St. Louis receiving first priority, followed thereafter by county residents then other residents of the state and then by all other applications."

The matter will be discussed further at the next Harbor Commission meeting.

Commissioner Ward will submit information on Request for Proposals and lease agreements for subcontractors at the next Harbor Commission meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Compretta moved, seconded by Commissioner LaFleur, to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting of February 18, 2014, there being no further business to discuss.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: Seal, LeBlanc, LaFleur, Ward, Roth, Compretta and Barbor

VOTING NAY: None