

Harbor Commission Meeting
March 21, 2016

A meeting of the Harbor Commission was called to order by Chairperson Nault at 4:02 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street. Members Gary Nault, Ed Ireland, Robert Spude, Paul Mickelson, Randy Morrow, Matt Felhofer and Steve Propsom were present. Also present were Municipal Services Director Bordeaux, City Administrator VanLieshout, Community Development Director Olejniczak, Planning/Zoning Administrator Kernosky, Alderperson Fett, Alderperson Gregory, Alderperson Catarozoli, Mayor Birmingham and Municipal Services Assistant Lenius.

Moved by Mr. Mickelson, second by Mr. Morrow to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of: Three Year Harbor Improvement Plan
5. Discussion of: Duties of Harbor Commission
6. Discussion of: Mooring Buoys in the Bay of Sturgeon Bay
7. Adjourn

Carried.

The following people spoke during public comment: Christie Weber, 311 Pennsylvania Street

Consideration of: Three Year Harbor Improvement Plan – The following people spoke regarding the Three Year Harbor Improvement Plan:

Scott Moore, 947 Pennsylvania Street was not in favor of removing the Adriatic Ship Wreck or the New Pier at Sunset Park.

Kelly Catarozoli, 344 N. 3rd Avenue was not in favor of removing the Adriatic Ship Wreck and stated that grant funding should only be asked for if there is community support for a project and there is not community support for moving the tugboats from their current location.

Chris Kellems, 120 Alabama Street stated she was opposed to removing the Adriatic shipwreck, creating the New Pier at Sawyer Park and the Sunset Park Docking Facility.

Christie Weber, 311 Pennsylvania Street was opposed to removing the Adriatic shipwreck, creating the New Pier at Sawyer Park and the Sunset Park Docking Facility.

Shawn Fairchild, 311 Pennsylvania Street asked why the Statement of Intentions are being considered by commission after they were submitted to council.

Hans Christian, 330 N. 3rd Avenue submitted his comments in writing which are attached.

Mr. Nault stated the February 27, 2013 Harbor Commission meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet since some of the Statement of Intentions (SOI) that are being decided upon were the same or similar to what was submitted in 2013.

Mr. Olejniczak clarified that these SOI are not a grant application but a tool used to assist the WI DOT in their budgeting process to see what projects municipalities may be considering that benefit commercial transportation. The City cannot apply for a grant for any of the projects listed unless they have submitted a SOI. By submitting a SOI to the DOT does not in any way commit them to completing any of the projects listed on the Three Year Harbor Improvement Plan. Mr. VanLieshout stated that the SOI

preserve the City's right to apply for grants for projects that may happen in the next three years through committee and council approval.

Docking Improvements for Bay Shipbuilding Company: Mr. Olejniczak explained that Bay Shipbuilding has been working to improve their waterfront and has received grant assistance in the past for this. Bay Shipbuilding has submitted a SOI for this project as well, so even if the City does not submit a SOI for this project, it could still happen. Questions arose as to why the City should include a SOT for this as well and the significance of removing or relocating the Adriatic Shipwreck. Mr. Bordeau stated that by submitting a SOI for this project, the City is showing its support to improve the working waterfront.

Moved by Mr. Felhofer, Seconded by Mr. Ireland to recommend to council to approve the Statement of Intention for Docking Improvements for Bay Shipbuilding Company as presented.

It was stated that removal or relocation of the shipwreck is under the jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin and the Army Corp of Engineers.

Moved by Mr. Felhofer, seconded by Mr. Ireland to amend the motion to add the following wording to: modify the last sentence of the SOI to read: Proposed improvements include installation of steel sheet pile along berths 1,2 and 3; dredging to maintain proper depth, and to keep, remove or restore the shipwreck situated along berth 1 in accordance with the rules and regulations set by the State of Wisconsin and the Army Corp of Engineers.

Vote on the original motion as amended. Members Nault, Ireland, Spude, Mickelson, Morrow and Felhofer in favor. Member Propsom abstained. Carried.

New Pier at Sawyer Dock: Mr. Olejniczak stated this is part of the Westside Redevelopment Project and would increase dock space by allowing dockage for commercial vessels on one side of the dock, i.e. tugboats, and recreational vessels on the other side. Mr. Mickelson mentioned that this SOI was discussed and passed in 2013 so this is not a new project.

Moved by Mr. Mickelson, Seconded by Mr. Spude to recommend to council to approve the New Pier at Sawyer Dock Statement of Intention as presented. Members Nault, Ireland, Spude, Mickelson and Morrow in favor. Member Propsom opposed. Member Felhofer abstained. Carried.

East Side Dock Improvements: Mr. Bordeau stated the East Side Dock currently has 110 electrical service. When larger boats such as the cruise ships and the USCG Mackinaw dock here they require more power and end up setting up a generator. Upgrading the electrical service would provide better service to commercial vessels that currently use this site as well as provide an additional option for mooring the tugs.

Moved by Mr. Felhofer, Seconded by Mr. Morrow to recommend to council to approve the Statement of Intention for East Side Dock Improvements as presented. All in favor. Carried.

Dock Wall Along Harbor Business Center Frontage: Mr. VanLieshout stated there is sheet piling by Stone Harbor, then a gap in front of the Harbor Business Center then sheet piling again in front of the Bay Shipbuilding property. This project would require agreement from the property owner, the City would not be able to do this project without the owner's consent. Mr. Olejniczak stated the current

owner is aware of this project being a possibility and has been included in conversations about the tug boat relocation options.

Moved by Mr. Felhofer, Seconded by Mr. Spude to recommend to council to approve the Statement of Intention for the Dock Wall Along Harbor Business Center Frontage. All in favor. Carried.

Sunset Park Docking Facility: Mr. Olejniczak explained this SOI is similar to what was included in the 2013 Harbor Assistance Program. The new SOI reconfigures where the tugboats would dock in order to open up the launch basin. Discussion took place as to whether this option would close the launch ramp or pose a safety risk to those who use the beach. Mr. Birmingham stated the tugs fleet is used primarily during the winter months while the park and launch facilities are used primarily in the summer. Mr. Mickelson suggested the SOI should be kept as it is another option for the relocation of the tugs. Mr. Felhofer stated this option provided the most elegant option for relocation based on the ability for people to view the tugs working since it puts them closer to where they are used.

Moved by Mr. Mickelson, Seconded by Mr. Felhofer to recommend to council to approve the Statement of Intention for Sunset Park Docking Facility. Members Nault, Ireland, Mickelson, Felhofer and Propsom in favor. Member Morrow and Spude opposed. Carried.

Discussion took place on the priority and probability given to each SOI.

Moved by Mr. Felhofer, Seconded by Mr. Nault to approve the priority and probability of each SOI as submitted. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion of: Duties of Harbor Commission – Mr. Nault comment he placed this item on the agenda to assist newer members on their duties. Mr. Bordeau stated the duties as stated in State Statute 30.38 appear to be many, however it only pertains to the commercial aspects of the harbor.

Discussion of Mooring Buoys in the Bay of Sturgeon Bay: Mr. Nault questioned how people can be selling mooring equipment which belongs to the city. Mr. Bordeau explained the mooring equipment is owned by the individual, the mooring permit fee that is paid to the city is for use of the mooring space in the water. Any fee that is not paid by May 1st is subject to be considered abandoned and at that time the city does reserve the right to sell the equipment to someone on the mooring waiting list. The City does not own any moorings,

Moved by Mr. Spude, second by Mr. Nault to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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