

**JOINT KENAI HARBOR COMMISSION AND  
KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 25, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.  
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
HARBOR COMMISSION CHAIR MIKE DUNN, PRESIDING**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Dunn led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**b. Roll Call**

Roll was confirmed as follows:

Commissioners present: M. Dunn, C. Crandall, B. Peters, G. Greenberg, C. Hutchison, N. Berga, J. Desimone, G. Wisniewski, J. Joanis, C. Stephens, J. Dennis, T. Winger

Commissioners absent: S. Kisenia

Staff/Council Liaison present: Parks and Recreation Director B. Frates, Public Works Director S. Curtin, City Manager P. Ostrander, Public Works Assistant K. Feltman, IT Manager D. Castimore, Council Members B. Molloy and R. Peterkin

A quorum was present.

**c. Agenda Approval**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Stephens **MOVED** to approve the agenda and Commissioner Crandall **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

**2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council Member Jim Glendening reported on the Alaska Municipal League meeting and the need of repair and maintenance of harbors throughout the state. He reminded folks that the City of Kenai always needed commissioners to fill spots on various Committees and Commissions.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion/Recommendation – Personal Use Fishery Capital Projects**

The City Manager stated he intended to forward a recommendation to Kenai City Council on

December 4 with respect to Personal Use Fishery Capital Projects. He provided a history of the grant from the State of Alaska and an explanation of how the money was to be used for improvements on the north and south beaches. The City Manager also reviewed the top four projects along with the scoring criteria, such as, quality of life, safety, timelines, operating expenses and potential revenue. The projects suggested include: 1) Vault Restrooms (north and south beach); 2) Spruce Campground; 3) Little League Permanent Restrooms, and 4): South Beach Shack Replacement.

It was also reported that the grant may be extended per a recent notification from the State of Alaska.

Clarification was provided that the top three priorities for the City of Kenai were Bluff, Waste Water Upgrades and Streets. Clarification was also provided that a campground is compatible with the Municipal Lands Plan although a location was not specified;

Considering other projects instead of the South Beach Shack project, the expense of portable restroom rentals, applying leftover funds to other projects, fencing on South Beach being important to prevent ATV use, and a private property owner installing a bridge to protect certain areas were topics discussed.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Hutchison **MOVED** that all four (4) projects listed on page 7 of the Personal Use Fishery Capital Project list be forwarded to Council; Commissioner Berga **SECONDED** the motion.

There was discussion regarding the campground and it being available for RV and tent camping, purchasing the lot adjacent to the proposed campground being included in the development costs, the campground paying for itself, support for the vault restroom project were topics discussed.

Clarification was provided on the breakdown of the costs for the fee shack project.

It was suggested that someone could divide the question and separate out the projects individually.

Commissioner Hutchison required the division of the question to each individual project.

**1. Restrooms**

**VOTE:**

YEA: Wisniewski, Hutchison, Stephens, Desimone, Dennis, Dunn, Joanis, Greenberg, Winger, Peters, Berga, Crandall

NAY:

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. Spruce Campground**

**VOTE:**

YEA: Stephens, Wisniewski, Desimone, Dennis, Hutchison, Joanis, Dunn, Greenberg,

Crandall, Peters, Berga

NAY: Winger

**MOTION PASSED.**

**3. Little League Permanent Restrooms**

**VOTE:**

YEA: Wisniewski, Hutchison, Stephens, Desimone, Dennis, Dunn, Joanis, Greenberg,  
Winger, Peters, Berga, Crandall

NAY:

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. South Beach Shack Replacement**

**VOTE:**

YEA: Wisniewski, Hutchison, Stephens, Desimone, Dennis, Dunn, Joanis, Greenberg,  
Winger, Crandall, Peters, Berga

NAY:

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Public Works Director stated that it would be beneficial if another project could be identified in the event one of the top four (4) projects was dismissed for some reason.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Hutchison **MOVED** that the South Beach Fence Completion project be identified as an alternative; Commissioner Peters **SECONDED** the motion.

**VOTE:**

YEA: Wisniewski, Hutchison, Stephens, Desimone, Dennis, Dunn, Joanis, Greenberg,  
Peters, Berga, Crandall

NAY: Winger

**MOTION PASSED.**

**5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Joanis thanked administration for all the work put into bringing this forward.

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Harbor Chair Dunn thanked administration for the clarification on the cost of the gates for the south beach shacks.

6. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Glendening thanked everyone for their time and coming out tonight for this important discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commissions, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:

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