

**KENAI HARBOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COMMISSION CHAIR DUNN, PRESIDING**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Chair Dunn led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll Call

Roll was confirmed as follows:

Commissioners present: Chair M. Dunn, B. Peters, C. Hutchison, D. Peck, N. Berga,
B. Bornemann

Commissioners absent:

Staff/Council Liaison present: Public Works Director S. Curtin, Public Works Assistant L.
List, Council Liaison B. Molloy

A quorum was present.

c. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Commissioner Peters **MOVED** to approve the agenda as written and Commissioner Peck **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/Recommendation – Kenai Waterfront Revitalization Feasibility Study

MOTION:

Commissioner Peck **MOVED** to recommend approval of Ordinance No. 3237-2021 for increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the General Fund – Land Administration Department to provide funding for a Kenai waterfront revitalization feasibility study. Commissioner Bornemann **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Liaison Molloy explained the scope of the project and the need for a feasibility study, noting

that a specific consulting firm has not been selected at this time.

Public Works Director Curtin addressed the question of how the Bluff Erosion Project will tie into this issue, explaining that the possibility has been discussed but there are no specific plans at this time. Clarification was provided that this is considered one feasibility study with several phases that are scheduled to be complete in March of 2022, as per the timeline in the meeting packet.

Concerns were mentioned regarding tax incentives being too generous and the potential effect they could have on the community. The commission expressed support for this project, noting that development would be good.

VOTE:

YEA: Dunn, Bornemann, Hutchison, Peck, Peters, Berga

NAY:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION – September 13, 2021

Commissioners Hutchison and Bornemann noted that they would not be in attendance.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner Bornemann noted that supports the project but he is leery of tax incentives.

Commissioner Hutchison stated that this is the first step in the process, and she is in favor of the study.

Commissioner Peck noted he is concerned for possible tax increases that could occur, but overall thinks that this is just the first step in seeing what the possibilities are and we will see where we can go from there.

Commissioner Vice Chair Berga noted that he is in support for the study, but has mixed feelings about the next steps and would like to see a firm with coastal community experience.

Commissioner Peters expressed support for the study.

Chair Dunn noted that tax incentives are a concern, but supports the study.

6. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Member Peters **MOVED** for adjournment and Chair Dunn **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections.

VOTE: There were no objections. **SO ORDERED.**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:39 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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