

KENAI HARBOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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. Hutchison, B. N. Berga, B. Peters, D. Peck, Askin, B. Bornemann

Commissioners absent: None

Staff/Council Liaison present: Public Works Director S. Curtin, Public Works Administrative Assistant L. List, Council Liaison H. Knackstedt

A quorum was present.

c. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioner Peters **MOVED** to re-appoint Chair Dunn; Commissioner Berga **SECONDED** the motion. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

VOTE: There being no objections, **SO ORDERED.**

Commissioner Peters **MOVED** to re-appoint Vice-Chair N. Berga; Commissioner Hutchison **SECONDED** the motion. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

VOTE: There being no objections, **SO ORDERED.**

d. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

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

2. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

MOTION:

Commissioner Hutchison **MOVED** to approve the regular meeting summary of November 8, 2021. Commissioner Peters **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bornemann **MOVED** to approve the special meeting summary of January 11, 2022, and Commissioner Peters **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/Recommendation – FY23-27 Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION:

Commissioner Hutchison **MOVED** to recommend the Kenai City Council approve the City of Kenai Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioner Peters **SECONDED** the motion.

Public Works Director Curtin provided a background on the development of the FY2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), noting that there are approximately \$100 million worth of projects identified within it. He noted that \$28.1 million was recently awarded to the City for the bluff stabilization project, which will go towards the majority of the projects identified in the General Fund. He explained that the majority of funds are focused in the Airport, Water/Sewer, and General Funds, and provided further detail on some of the other major projects identified in the CIP. He noted that every City department and some commissions participated in the development of the CIP, and that it will be a great asset for our City to help direct funding towards our highest priorities.

Director Curtin provided clarification that the CIP will create debt for the City, and a large portion of the projects will be covered by grants and other funds.

Commissioners inquired about dredging the harbor, and Director Curtin explained the logistics and cost of dredging the harbor and suggested looking at some alternative solutions such as floating docks. It was requested that dredging be put on the 2025 Capital Improvement Plan, and Director Curtin suggested a tour of the river and committed to sharing concerns with the Administration.

VOTE:

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

NAY:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. REPORTS

a. Public Works Director – Director Curtin provided further detail on Capital

Improvement Projects.

- b. Commission Chair – Chair Dunn thanked Director Curtin and the commission.
- c. City Council Liaison – Council Member Knackstedt noted that the roads are being plowed well, discussed river dredging and reported on the actions of the February 2, 2022 City Council meetings.

8. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION** – March 7, 2022

Chair Dunn noted that the next regular meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2022, but that meeting was canceled and that date will be used for a City Council work session. He noted that if the need arises, a Harbor Commission special meeting may be called for later in March. If not, the next regular meeting will be on April 11, 2022.

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peck thanked Public Works and Streets Department for their good job of plowing the City.

Commissioner Hutchison thanked Public Works and Streets Department for their good job of plowing the City.

Commissioner Askin asked to pursue dredging and other possibilities, and consideration of a floating dock.

Vice Chair Berga inquired about when the Airport Runway project began.

Commissioner Peters noted the good work by City employees and commended the lack of debt of the City.

Commissioner Bornemann expressed appreciation of City employees and the road maintenance crew.

10. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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