

**KENAI HARBOR COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2020 – 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: Chair M. Dunn, Vice-Chair N. Berga, C. Crandall, J. Desimone, B. Bornemann, B. Peters

Commissioners absent: C. Hutchison

Staff/Council Liaison present: Public Works Director S. Curtin, Deputy City Clerk J. LaPlante, Public Works Assistant K. Feltman, Council Member J. Glendering

A quorum was present.

MOTION:

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

2. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

a. June 8, 2020

A correction was noted regarding the Vice Chair named in the Roll Call section.

MOTION:

Commissioner Crandall **MOVED** to approve the meeting summary of June 8, 2020 with the revision noted; and Commissioner Desimone **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Discussion** – River Safety - Commercial vs. Personal Use

Overall positive feedback was expressed of the personal use fishery this year and use of the City dock. Some safety concerns noted included dipnetters going further into the channel when the tide goes out, brochures not thoroughly distributed, and discussion was recommended with the Alaska Fish and Game to move markers, changing the boundaries to separate commercial fishing from the personal use fishery. Dipnet fishery employees were also recognized for their excellent efforts at the beach and during this year's season.

It was clarified that cleaning fish tables at the beach were not supported as it was advised/directed that fish were not to be cleaned at the beach with high risk of bacteria coming from the gulls.

b. **Discussion** – Set Next Meeting Date

It was the consensus of the Commission to reschedule the September 7 (Labor Day) Commission meeting to Monday, October 12, 2020.

7. **REPORTS**

a. **Public Works Director** – S. Curtin reported the following:

- Permanent Vault Restrooms project awarded to Polar North Construction, moving forward, and would be installed before winter for full use at next year's Personal Use Fishery;
- City Dock Repair project contract to be awarded to Endries Company at August 19 Council meeting;
- As a result of the Personal Use Fishery, there was an increase of over 20 percent in revenues than budgeted and last year's amount;
- The Preconstruction Engineering Design agreement for the Bluff Erosion Project would likely be fully executed in early September;
- Provided an update about the Beaver Loop bicycle path; and
- Additional educational and safety signage was put up at the Bluff.

b. **Commission Chair** – M. Dunn requested having a request for proposals/bids advertised with cost for file tables and fresh water tanks.

c. **City Council Liaison** – R. Peterkin noted the actions of the July and August Council Meetings were provided in the packet; added that there were several uses of cranes at the City Dock this summer; and thanked the new Fire Chief, Tony Prior for making it possible to have campfires on the beach this summer.

8. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION** – October 12, 2020

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Berga inquired about the City purchasing property bordering the City Dock to expand parking for food trucks.

Commissioners Peters, Bornemann and Chair Dunn thanked everyone for participating tonight.

Commissioner Desimone expressed positively about the progress forward with the goals of the Harbor Commission.

Commissioner Crandall expressed interest in increasing the dipnet fisheries rate; noted appreciation of the Public Works Director for his diligence; thanked the Commission liaison and members for their work; and noted interest in having a Harbor in Kenai.

10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Glendening noted positively about the work on the dredging program and Bluff Erosion project; expressed interest in having the U.S. Coast Guard on the river next year during the personal use fishery as a safety presence; and appreciated the Commission members' enthusiasm and contributions in the meetings.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS – None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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