

## **Minutes Des Moines City Council Municipal Facilities Committee – 9/22/2016**

Meeting called to order: 5:45 pm on September 22, 2016 in North Conference Room @ 21630 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Des Moines, WA 98198

### **Council Members**

Melissa Musser – Chair - Absent  
Luisa Bangs – Council Member  
Jeremy Nutting – Council Member

### **City Staff**

Michael Matthias, Asst. City Manager  
Joe Dusenbury, Harbormaster  
Tim George, City Attorney  
Janet Best, Administrative Assistant

### **Guests**

Bill Linscott

Minutes of the 6/23/2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **AGENDA:**

1. DNR Lease Proposed Legislation

### **MEETING:**

Staff updated the Committee on efforts to reduce the City's cost from the Marina's lease of tidelands from DNR. Des Moines currently pays about 110k per year in rent to DNR for tidelands under the breakwater and other marina areas.

In August, representatives from Des Moines met with City staff and the Mayor of Oak Harbor as well as state representatives Tina Orwall and Dave Hayes (10th District). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential legislation that would exempt the Des Moines marina from paying DNR rental fees. Oak Harbor is currently exempted through existing legislation that is due to expire in 2019. They are seeking to have that exemption extended and are willing to support the inclusion of the Des Moines marina in the legislation.

When similar legislation was proposed a few years ago regarding the extension of Oak Harbor's exemption, the main opponents were DNR, reps from the ALEA program, sports fisherman, and the ports.

A strategy discussion took place about how to sway previous opponents such as the ports as well as how to locate potential proponents. Several ideas for proponents included agencies involved in emergency management (fire departments, sheriff's office, etc.) and frequent users of the marina (yacht clubs, students, community groups, farmers markets). The idea was that if the City was not using the 110k a year on rent, it could be used to enhance the marina to assist in emergency management as well as providing enhanced public access to the waterfront.

Next steps included drafting and circulating proposed legislation language, looking for potential partners to support this legislation through either letter writing or testimony in Olympia and finally, City of Des Moines will begin discussions with Port of Seattle to determine whether they are willing to support this legislation which in turn could be used to assist in economic development of marina.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Janet Best, Administrative Assistant.