

Minutes Des Moines City Council Municipal Facilities Committee – 4/24/2014

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM on April 24, 2014, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members

Melissa Musser – Chair
Matt Pina
Jeremy Nutting

Other City Staff

Tony Piasecki, City Manager
Lorri Ericson – Asst. City Manager
Tim George, Assistant City Attorney
Joe Dusenbury – Harbormaster

Citizens

Stan Wilkes, Owner - Classic Yachts
Arlene Knight, Owner – Classic Yachts
Jim Quinn

AGENDA:

1. J-Dock Update
2. Boat Brokerages/Commercial Uses in the Marina's Guest Moorage Policy

MEETING:

1. J-Dock Update: Harbormaster Dusenbury explained to the Committee that the project is currently out to bid with the bids being due back to the City on May 22, 2014. He also explained the projected timeline for building and installing the new dock section. The Committee was shown a partial plan set for the layout of the new slips and elevations showing the outline of the structure, and given the Engineers Estimate of Probable Cost which is \$724,000.
2. Boat Brokerages/Commercial Uses in the Marina's Guest Moorage Policy: Harbormaster Dusenbury explained that staff is currently working with four requests to operate businesses based in the Marina's guest moorage area. The first, Ocean Quest Dive Charters is currently operating in the Marina and they have been assigned a slip near the dry shed launcher. The second, Classic Yachts, a boat brokerage business that has an existing lease agreement with the City and is now located on L Dock, but would like to relocated their floating office to the guest moorage area. The other two businesses, another boat broker and a kayak rental business are in discussions with staff about possible leases.

Staff explained that it would be possible to accommodate the current requests without impacting the seasonal guest moorage business but beyond that there would be impacts. The staff asked for the Committee's comments/guidance on several policy issues including:

- Can the City limit the number and types of businesses that are allowed to lease space in the guest moorage area?
- Can/should the City limit the number of businesses of a similar nature?

- Should leases in the guest moorage area be limited to those businesses that are “water dependant” for their success?

After some discussion the consensus of the Committee member was that the “policy” and/or rules regulating the use of guest moorage are for commercial purposes should be formulated by the staff and City Manager. The Committee felt that keeping the policy decisions at that level would give the City more flexibility to deal with future problems.

Adjourned 6:40 PM

Minutes submitted by:
Joe Dusenbury, Harbormaster