

Session 12-07 a Regular Meeting of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Ulmer at 6:00 p.m. on July 25, 2012 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONER HARTLEY, HOWARD, STOCKBURGER, ULMER, WEDIN, ZIMMERMAN

ABSENT: CARROLL

STAFF: PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS
DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

RECONSIDERATION

There was no reconsideration scheduled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 25, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented by consensus of the Commission.

VISITORS

No visitors scheduled.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Port and Harbor Director's Report for August 2012

Harbormaster Hawkins reviewed his staff report included in the packet.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Application for a Conditional Use Permit at 4470 Homer Spit Road, Dockside Fisheries

City Planner Abboud reviewed the staff report.

Chair Ulmer opened the public hearing. There was no public present to comment and the public hearing was closed.

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The Commission discussed the project and asked questions of the applicant, Billy Sullivan, and the City Planner.

In response, Mr. Sullivan gave an overview of the activity that takes place on the lot and that with this lease renewal he is working to come into compliance with city zoning and with the state Fire Marshall regulations.

There was lengthy discussion regarding setbacks, how the trail will affect the use of the property, and concerns about using the forklift in relation to pedestrian traffic in the area. Concern was expressed that the forklift access needs to be further defined during CUP approval because it will likely create issues running up and down the bike path.

ZIMMERMAN/HARTLEY MOVED THAT THE PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND FINDINGS OF THE CUP APPLICATION FOR 4470 HOMER SPIT ROAD FOR DOCKSIDE FISHERIES.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: YES: HOWARD, STOCKBURGER, ULMER, WEDIN, HARTLEY, ZIMMERMAN

Motion carried.

Chair Ulmer noted that it would be very helpful to have address numbers on the buildings.

PENDING BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Monthly Statistical & Performance Report July 2012
- B. Weekly Crane and Ice Report
- C. Deep Water Dock Report
- D. Pioneer Dock Report & Ferry Landings Report
- E. Water Usage Report
- F. Workboat Article Re: Derelict Fishing Boat Sinking in Washington
- G. Memorandum from Planning Re: Homer Spit Trail Cruise Ship Improvements
- H. Ordinance 12-37(S) Appropriating funds for an Engineering Evaluation of the Exiting Port and Harbor Building
- I. Lease Expirations updated
- J. Commissioner Attendance Schedule for City Council Meetings 2012

Port and Harbor Director Hawkins noted that the numbers on the wharfage report have been updated.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF

Harbormaster Hawkins commented regarding the derelict vessel article included in the informational items. He has been contacted by DOT who found themselves for being responsible for a vessel abandoned in state waters. They are proposing to change the statutes to make it a crime to abandon a vessel in state waters and asked if the Homer Harbor is interested in being included. The statute would read that it is illegal to abandon vessels in state or municipal harbors, and they would like it to go to the Port and Harbor Conference in October for municipal support. Personally he thinks it's a good idea. He thinks it will eventually lead to realizing there needs to be a cradle to grave plan for managing these boats when there is no commercial value left. Point was raised that it is becoming an issue for boat yards as well. What defines a derelict vessel will have to be established. He reviewed the City's policy.

Harbormaster Hawkins briefly reviewed the memorandum regarding the cruise ship improvements on the spit.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chari Ulmer thanked everyone for coming tonight and thanked Mr. Sullivan for his work and going through the process.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

There were no comments from Commissioners.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

MELISSA JACOBSEN, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved: _____