

NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
City Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
6:30 p.m.

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Dave Girling, Chair
 Paul Blank
 Brad Avery
 Bill Kenney
 Joe Stapleton
 Doug West

Absent: Duncan McIntosh

Staff Members: Chris Miller, Harbor Resources Manager
 Shannon Levin, Harbor Resources Supervisor

City Council Liaison: Duffy Duffield, Council Member

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Council Member Duffield

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Girling opened public comments.
Chair Girling closed public comments.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 9, 2016 Minutes

Chair Girling opened public comments.
Chair Girling closed public comments.

Commissioner Kenney noted a change to the March 9th minutes; word “**Community**” should have been “**Committee**” under Current Business, first paragraph, line 5 and line 6, word “**Communication**” should have been “**Community**.”

Motion: Commissioner Blank made a motion to approve the minutes of the Harbor Commission meeting of March 9, 2016 as amended. Commissioner West seconded the motion, which carried 6 ayes, 0 noes. Approved.

6) **CURRENT BUSINESS**

1. ***Harbor Capital Finance Plan – DRAFT Review***

The Harbor Commission will review the working draft of the Harbor Capital Finance Plan, and provide comments.

Recommendation:

- 1) Review the Harbor Capital Finance Plan and provide comments to staff.

Harbor Resources Manager, Chris Miller, gave a presentation of the Harbor Capital Finance Plan. This included a list of projected projects to be included in the plan. Discussion ensued amongst the Commissioners regarding the various long-term projects that can and should be included in the plan. Discussion also included the next step process to approving and implementing the Harbor Capital Finance Plan.

Chair Girling opened public comments

Jim Mosher commented on the list of projects by stating that there are projects without a dollar figure and in order for the plan to be useful, all projects should include at least an estimated amount.

Chair Girling closed public comments

2. ***West Anchorage Rules***

The Harbor Commission will discuss rules and enforcement during the proposed, upcoming trial anchorage in the Turning Basin, pending City Council approval.

Recommendation:

- 1) Recommend the rules that would be applicable during the proposed trial anchorage in the Turning Basin.

Harbor Resources Manager, Chris Miller, reported that at the March meeting, Commissioners voted for staff to recommend to City Council a proposed trial anchorage in the Turning Basin. Mr. Miller stated that further discussions were also held regarding the rules and regulations associated with the trial anchorage and how they would be managed.

Discussion ensued regarding the maintenance of the anchorage once it is implemented. Commissioners discussed various options pertaining to the management of the anchorage such as the authority given to the Harbormaster to automatically board a vessel to perform dye tablet testing. Commissioners also discussed the idea of staff implementing a data collection tool that would include resident complaints, the percentage of vessels anchored at the basin on a daily basis, service related calls, etc. Lastly, the Commissioners discussed the no raft-up rule that will be implemented for the anchorage.

Chair Girling opened public comments

Mr. Dan Scanlon supports the implementation of the dye tablet rule.

Mr. Jim Mosher, although he does not own a boat, disagrees with the West Anchorage rules being implemented, if approved.

Mr. John Marshall is concerned about the no raft-up ruling. Mr. Marshall stated that the raft ups bring revenue to Lido Marina Village and was hoping the decision would be made to continue with the raft ups as they generate funds for the community. Mr. Marshall concluded by stating that he is not a fan of the dye tablet testing either, as 99 percent of boaters are responsible boaters.

In response to Mr. Marshall's comment regarding the no rafting rule, Commissioner Kenney stated it would apply to the west anchorage only. Boaters will continue to have the option of using the east anchorage for rafting.

Motion: Commissioner Avery made a motion to adopt the rules already in place for the east anchorage and to implement new no raft-up rule for the west anchorage. Commissioner Kenney seconded the motion, which carried with 5 ayes and 1 no by Commissioner Stapleton. Approved

7) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Blank reported that the Marine Committee met last month with three of the commissioners in attendance. Mr. Blank reported that the meeting was very successful and concluded by stating that the committee was very well represented at the Marine Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Kenney reported that the SUP operations and safety study is well underway. 20 rental operators have been identified and the committee is in the process of meeting with each one of them. Mr. Kenney reported that several of the rental operators were at the meeting held on May 3, 2016 and good discussions were held regarding rental operations not just for the SUP, but other types of boats as well. Mr. Kenney concluded by stating that he hopes to have enough data collected by next meeting to receive feedback and recommendations.

Chair Girling reported that he was in attendance at the Marine Committee meeting and was asked to present at the next meeting. Chair stated that the meeting topic was an annual one which dealt with issues relating to the safety of the harbor. Chair Girling also had the pleasure of speaking at the AOCYC meeting as well as presenting to Mr. John Marshall's group a few weeks prior.

Harbor Resources Manager, Chris Miller, reported that as part of being proactive for year 2016, post cards regarding the upcoming sea lion season were mailed out last week to all mooring permittees and to waterfront homeowners

8) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH COUNCIL LIAISON ON HARBOR RELATED ISSUES - None

9) **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH HARBOR RESOURCES MANAGER ON HARBOR RELATED ISSUES** – None

10) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS OR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH COUNCIL LIAISON OR HARBOR RESOURCES MANAGER** – None

11) **COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)**

Commissioner Kenney requested that the current status of the RGP 54 permits be placed on the agenda for discussion. Mr. Kenney stated that at the next meeting, he will provide a brief update on what has transpired to date, as well as the desire to hold a discussion relating to how to obtain a permit moving forward.

Commissioner Blank requested to have vessel updates placed on the agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Stapleton requested to have a report presented regarding day moorings and Corona del Mar.

Commissioner West requested to have the channel fix markers listed as an agenda item for discussion.

Chair Girling commented that he works with Mr. Miller on gathering topics to be placed on the agenda and encouraged the Commissioners to contact him or Mr. Miller regarding any other topics they would like to have added to the agenda.

12) **DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 8, 2016** – No discussion

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Harbor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next Harbor Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.