

Minutes of the Regular Wrangell Port Commission Meeting

Held September 1, 2022

Vice Chairman John Yeager called the Regular Port Commission meeting to order at 6:03p.m. June 2nd, 2022, via Borough Assembly Chambers

PRESENT: Yeager, Buness, Roppel, Morrison

ABSENT: Martin

Harbormaster Steve Miller was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval minutes from meeting June 2nd, 2022

M/S: Buness/Morrison to approve the minutes, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE/PERSONS TO BE HEARD -

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

The summer season is almost to a close as traffic and services have slowed down which is normal for this time of year. There have been two new hires to the harbor as Jacob Allen has been added to new security and Andrew Eyon as Temp. Administrative Assistant. Steve Miller Stated he has been looking into the security System that Sitka and the Wrangell Ferry Terminal have been using. It is wireless, directional, 4 plex, pan zoom, with quality pictures with months of recording, that include cloud-based storage.

Cruise Ship Season is Almost over and next year is looking even better than this year, Passenger Warf counts coming soon. MSC. Has also slowed down 2-4 ships a week. New netfloat at shoemaker is great, almost all harbor lines are painted. New railing at reliance and the railing around the crane needs replaced, estimated shut down a week to replace. Buness asked of "Chains" refer to packet photo- Morrison asked about Johnson's work at Heritage, Miller response the project is accepted with promise to repair the issues(ie,drain)

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Morrison- Nothing to add. Roppel mentions other communities port development, tying into potential Mill lot usage. 6:20 Martin joined, impressed by Hoonah's Cruise Ship facility and tying in potential Mill lot usage for expansion. Yeager adds that bigger ships in communities push small ships out and that is something to keep an eye on. Buness has nothing to add. Yeager has nothing more to add except a good job to the harbor crew.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS –

10a Channel Construction Inc. Request to lease six acres of City & Borough of Wrangell Property Shown on Exhibit A 6-mile Mill property.

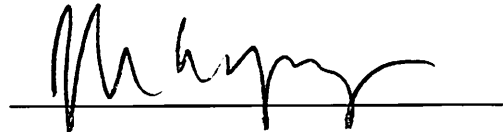
M/S: Morrison/Buness motion moves to Recommend. Motion approved to discuss.

Roppel thinks we should explore more application uses for land and who might want to develop. Buness wants to know the city wants in its entirety for the property and if deals with the waste stream, that she is open to the possibilities. Morrison wants to know what the options on the lease are, and options for the rest of the property. Buness wants to know the demand changes on scrap metal and how it could fluctuate. Yeager adds that they are in an agreement that a more detailed business plan is needed and interested in city managers input or ideas. Also curious about lease details. Roppel believes this land is meant for community development. Martin Interested in other projects for property. Motion to recommend to approve denied unanimously on the grounds they require more detailed information. Morrison suggests comparing short- and long-term leases to potentially compromise

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS –

The next Regular meeting October, 6th 2022

Regular meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

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