



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
HARBOR COMMISSION**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**April 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCrea called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

- Merit McCrea, Chair
- Betsy Cramer, Vice Chair
- Seth Anderson
- Michael Hanrahan
- Michael Nelson
- Adam Stanowick
- John Stedman

Commission Liaisons Present:

- Mike Jordan, City Council Liaison (Attended remotely)
- Lesley Wiscomb, Planning Commission Liaison (Attended remotely)

Staff Present:

- Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
- Brian Bosse, Waterfront Business Manager
- Erik Engebretson, Harbor Operations Manager
- Brian Adair, Waterfront Facilities Manager
- Jeanette Prusinski, Administrative Supervisor
- Angela Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to speak

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approval Of The Minutes**

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission waive further reading and approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting of March 17, 2022.

Motion:

- Commissioners Cramer/Nelson to approve Minutes

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

2. **Director's Report**

- Return to In-Person Meetings Discussion
- Harbor Commissioner Ethics Training
- Tentative Agenda Items For Future Meetings

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- April 21, 2022 report prepared by the Waterfront Director

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire
- Members of the public: Anna Marie Gott, Mary Turley

3. **Facilities Management Report**

- Facilities Current Projects Status Report

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- April 21, 2022 report prepared by the Waterfront Facilities Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Facilities Manager Brian Adair, Director Mike Wiltshire
- Members of the public: Anna Marie Gott

4. **Harbor Operations Report**

- Gray Whale Sighted In The Harbor
- Harbor Operations Staffing Update
- Harbor Patrol Blotter
- Upcoming Waterfront Events Reminder

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- April 21, 2022 report prepared by the Harbor Operations Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Harbor Operations Manager Erik Engebretson

NEW BUSINESS

5. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Recommendation

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission:

- A. Receive a staff presentation on the Waterfront Department's proposed Fee Changes for Fiscal Year 2023;
- B. Recommend a late fee visitor slip payment increase from \$5 to \$10 per day;
- C. Recommend a skiff row permit fee increase from \$200 to \$250 per year;
- D. Recommend a marina gate key purchase increase from \$7 to \$10, and fob increase from \$12 to \$15;
- E. Recommend a cruise ship passenger fee increase from \$7 to \$10;
- F. Recommend a Waterfront hourly parking rate increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per hour;
- G. Recommend a non-surrendered ticket fee increase from \$20 to \$45 per occurrence;
- H. Recommend a Stearns Wharf hourly parking rate increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per hour;
- I. Recommend a non-surrendered ticket fee increase from \$20 to \$30 per occurrence;
- J. Recommend a boat trailer without time dated ticket fee increase from \$40 to \$65 per occurrence;
- K. Recommend a Catamaran Beach permit increase from \$200 per year to \$250 per year;
- L. Recommend a West Beach Outrigger permit increase from \$275 to \$300 per outrigger, per year;
- M. Recommend a West Beach Outrigger rack/rack permit fee increase from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per year;
- N. Recommend a bike locker fee increase from \$100 to \$125 per year; and
- O. Forward a recommendation to City Council for approval of the Waterfront Department's proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget and incorporation into the City budget process.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- April 21, 2022 report prepared by the Waterfront Business Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Business Manager Brian Bosse, Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire

Motion:

- Commissioners Cramer/Stanowick to approve the staff recommendations

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

6. Funding Request From Commercial Fishermen Of Santa Barbara

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission:

- A. Review and discuss an outside funding request in the amount of \$50,000 from the Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara; and
- B. Take action to support or deny the request. If in support, identify a funding source within the Waterfront Department budget and forward a recommendation to City Council to fund the request.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- April 21, 2022 report prepared by the Waterfront Business Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Business Manager Brian Bosse, Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire
- Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara: Chris Voss
- City Council: Councilmember Mike Jordan
- Planning Commission: Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
- Members of the public: Jaime Diamond, William Nash

Motion:

- Commissioners Stedman/Nelson to split the staff recommendations by supporting the Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara, but ask Waterfront staff to come back to Harbor Commission at a future meeting with more details on where possible funding could come from to support the funding request.

Commissioner Stedman withdrew his motion.

Revised Motion:

- Commissioner Stedman/Nelson to support of the Commercial Fishing of Santa Barbara and its collective.

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

RECESS

8:08 p.m. – 8:18 p.m.

7. Proposed Assignment Of Lease Agreement No. 27,073 – Chomp On The Rocks, Located At 113 Harbor Way

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission review and recommend City Council approve the assignment of Lease Agreement No. 27,073 from Waterfront Food Group LLC, to Co-Owners Ms. Amy Rose, Mr. Bryan Deminie, and Mr. Dennis Longaberger, for Chomp On The Rocks, located at 113 Harbor Way.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- April 21, 2022 report prepared by the Waterfront Business Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Business Manager, Brian Bosse
- Members of the public: William Nash, William Rehling

Motion:

- Commissioners Anderson/Hanrahan to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

8. Proposed Assignment Of Lease Agreement No. 23,328 – Salty At The Beach, Located At 113 Harbor Way

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission review and recommend City Council approve the assignment of Lease Agreement No. 23,328 from Waterfront Food Group LLC, to Co-Owners Ms. Amy Rose, Mr. Bryan Deminie, and Mr. Dennis Longaberger, for Salty at the Beach, located at 113 Harbor Way.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- April 21, 2022 report prepared by the Waterfront Business Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Business Manager, Brian Bosse
- Members of the public: William Rehling

Motion:

- Commissioners Hanrahan/Stedman to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

9. Cruise Ship Discussion

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission further discuss the impacts of the return of the cruise ship program and take action as necessary.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- April 21, 2022 report prepared by the Waterfront Director

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire
- Members of the public: Benjamin Pitterle

Discussion:

- Commissioners heard a brief presentation by Waterfront Director Wiltshire. Director Wiltshire stated this was an item added to the Harbor Commission Agenda at the request of Commissioners Cramer and Hanrahan to allow the Harbor Commission to discuss cruise ships and take action if necessary.

Motion:

- Commissioners Hanrahan/Cramer to create a Cruise Ship Ad Hoc Committee to better understand the economic, health, and environmental impacts of the cruise ships that visit Santa Barbara.

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

10. Commission Committee Assignments

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission review and update, as necessary, membership on various Harbor Commission Committees, per the Board of Harbor Commission Rules adopted September 16, 2010.

Motion:

- Commissioners Stanowick/Hanrahan to fill the Commission Committee Assignments as noted below

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

BUDGET

- Seth Anderson
- Betsy Cramer
- Adam Stanowick

CHARTERING & BUSINESS ACTIVITY PERMITS

- Michael Nelson
- Merit McCrea

COMMERCIAL FISHING

- Michael Hanrahan
- Michael Nelson
- John Stedman

CRUISE SHIP

- Seth Anderson
- Betsy Cramer
- Michael Hanrahan

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SELECTION

- Merit McCrea
- Michael Nelson
- Adam Stanowick

SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION PLAN

- Betsy Cramer
- John Stedman

SLIP ASSIGNMENT POLICY

- John Stedman, Chair
- Michael Nelson

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Director Wiltshire welcomed back the Harbor Commission to their first in-person meeting since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Stanowick thanked the public for their written and oral public comments to the Harbor Commission.

Commissioner Cramer thanked the Waterfront staff for working to make a hybrid meeting with both in-person and virtual participation possible. Chair McCrea agreed with Commissioner Cramer's comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

- Commissioners Stedman/Hanrahan to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote