

**KENAI HARBOR COMMISSION  
AUGUST 6, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.  
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CHAIR CHRISTINE HUTCHISON, PRESIDING**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hutchison called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Hutchison led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**b. Roll Call**

Roll was confirmed as follows:

Commissioners present: Chair C. Hutchison, M. Dunn, G. Greenberg, B. Peters

Commissioners absent: Vice-Chair N. DuPerron, J. Desimone, C. Crandall

Staff/Council Liaison present: Public Works Director S. Curtin, City Manager P. Ostrander,  
Council Member B. Molloy

A quorum was present.

**c. Agenda Approval**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Greenberg **MOVED** to approve the agenda and Commissioner Peters **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

**2. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joshua Garvey, Kenai Lands End Resort CEO spoke in support of the Kenai waterfront properties for sale and the economic opportunity for the City of Kenai. A handout for Kenai Landing Economic Feasibility, Industrial Transportation and Repair Hub was provided and discussed. A draft resolution was presented to the Harbor Commission for review to bring the matter forward to the Kenai City Council for further consideration.

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY**

**a. July 9, 2018**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Peters **MOVED** to approve the meeting summary of July 9, 2018 and Commissioner Greenberg **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. **Discussion** – No Wake Signage

Concern was expressed with the lack of No Wake signage posted. Locations for signs was discussed and it was recommended to address this more thoroughly with City Council. Further discussion was combined with the New Business Item A.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Discussion** – July 27 Tour of the Dipnet Fishery

The July 27 Boat Tour of the Dipnet Fishery was well received. It was clarified that time was limited before Dipnet season to have no wake signage details thoroughly reviewed by all impacted parties, approved and posted. The signage approved by Administration and City Council included wake warnings to cover properties and other specific areas of the river. It was suggested that the topic of No Wake Signage be revisited this winter with the inclusion of user groups, and discuss the feasibility of a No Wake zone in the personal use fishery. Concern was expressed about how it could affect the viability of that fishery significantly enough where many users may come back stating they cannot fish there effectively if the entire area is No Wake. No Wake signs at the mouth of the river to protect properties was supported by Administration but enforcing safety on the river and maritime rules on the river was not a responsibility of the City of Kenai.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Dunn **MOVED** to continue discussion of No Wake signage, refine the focus to preservation of property and present to City Council early next year; Greenberg **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

b. **Discussion** – Kenai Waterfront Properties for Sale

The properties for sale were reviewed by the Commission.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Dunn **MOVED** that Administration review the Kenai waterfront industrial properties for sale, feasibility and marketing, and provide a recommendation to the Harbor Commission; Greenberg **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

**7. REPORTS**

- a. **Public Works Director** – Curtin provided additional comments from the Dipnet Fishery boat tour, further noting that NOAA Beluga Whale signage was posted and City Dock repairs were pending. City Manager Ostrander provided an update and discussed the loss of revenue from the Dipnet fishery this year.

- b. **Commission Chair** – It was noted the Harbor Commission Sub-Committee meeting was tomorrow, August 7 at 6:00 p.m.
- c. **City Council Liaison** – Council Member Molloy reported on the August 1 Council Meeting actions, as provided in the packet. He noted the success of the magnetic beach sweepers, and that Administration was participating in the review and coordination of Hazard Mitigation Plans borough-wide.

8. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION** – September 10, 2018

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Commissioners expressed gratitude for the presentation and information on the Kenai Waterfront Properties.

10. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Garvey thanked the Commission and Administration for their time, the discussion and interest in the presentation.

11. **INFORMATION ITEMS** –

- a. Sub-Committee Meeting Summary of June 26, 2018

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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