

Minutes from Petersburg Harbor and Ports Advisory Board Regular meeting Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Chambers.

1. ROLL CALL The meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin at 6:30pm.
Present: Board Members Martin, Spigelmyre, Knight, Murgas, Randrup and Cardenas and Liaison Newman.
Absent: Members Roberge, excused
Public in attendance: Jim Floyd, Cynthia Lee Mathisen
Zoom attendance: NA
Staff: Harbormaster Wollen, Director Cabrera, Ed Tagaban & Chief Kerr
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 21, 2024, regular meeting was approved as written.
3. AMENDMENT & APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Agenda was approved as written
4. PERSONS TO BE HEARD RELATED TO AGENDA:
Jim Floyd introduced himself as CEO/Manager of Hammer & Wikan Inc. and spoke in support of New Business Item B and asked the Board to continue serious responsible tourism discussions with American Cruise Lines.
5. PERSONS TO BE HEARD RELATED TO UNRELATED TO AGENDA: N/A
6. HARBOR MASTER REPORT: Report attached
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - A. **Marine Industrial Overlay:**
Member Murgas made the following motion, seconded by member Spigelmyre.
“The Harbor Board recommends the Assembly adopt the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 19, Zoning Regulations, of the Petersburg Municipal Code to establish overlay zones within Municipal Zoning Regulations, and to create a Marine-Industrial Overlay zone”
Chairman Martin opened the discussion allowing members to give opinion and ask questions of staff and interested parties. Member Knight inquired about the Fire Department’s use of property at the Scow Bay location and timeline for relocation if needed. Director Cabrera addressed concerns related to designated leased property lines. Motion carried 6-0.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. **Damaging Wake Issues:**
Chairman Martin opened the discussion allowing members to give opinion and ask questions of staff and interested parties. Chief Kerr addressed the procedure for enforcement of no wake within the Harbor and reported on conversations he had with USCG local enforcement of the Wrangel Narrows CFR speed limits of 7 knots and their inability to enforce unless there is damage that can be investigated and citation applied.
 - B. **American Cruise Lines Proposal:**
Chairman Martin opened discussion of review of the American Cruise Line proposal. Member Knight introduced a written statement outlining his thoughts for consideration (attached). Members discussed the

merits of fleshing out the proposal before coming to a decision. Member Knight made the following motion, Member Spigelmyre seconded.

“After reviewing American Cruise Lines letter of intent and proposal, the Harbor Board recommends the Assembly use Borough funds to jointly work with American Cruise Lines in development of conceptual drawings of the proposed project.” Motion carried 6-0.

C. Changes to Permanent Moorage:

Chairman Martin asked Harbormaster Wollen to introduce the draft ordinance amending Chapter 14.20 of the Petersburg municipal code, Municipal Harbors, to adopt provisions regarding inactive vessels. He then opened the discussion allowing members to give their opinion and ask questions of staff and interested parties. Member Spigelmyre raised concerns that these changes could negatively affect liveaboard customers. Member Knight asked questions about implementation timeline.

Member Murgas made the following motion, Member Randrup seconded the motion.

“The Harbor Board recommends the Assembly adopt the proposed draft ordinance amending chapter 14.20 of the Petersburg Municipal Code, Municipal Harbors, to adopt provisions regarding inactive vessels.”

Motion carried 6-0.

9. COMMUNICATION: N/A

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Member Murgas commented on the need to work with the Fire Department at Scow Bay, as this location affects insurance rates.

Chairman Martin expressed concern related to lack to parking for the North Harbor customers in regard to liveaboard vehicles using a large percentage of available parking spots.

11. ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Date Approved
