

Agenda Statement



Meeting Date: October 21, 2025
To: City Council
Through: Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager
From: David Borg, Harbormaster
Agenda Item: Demo East Finger Pier, City Dock

BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:

In 2021, the City Council approved funds to have CRW conduct an engineering assessment of the Whittier Harbor City Dock. The city dock's primary use was as a boatlift and crane dock. The concern at the time was that the dock had become a liability due to age, structural condition, and deferred maintenance items. Secondly, the boat lift required extensive repairs and before investing in repairs, the question remained, was the dock still safe for operations of the 30-ton boat lift. The engineering report found the City Dock's load rating was reduced to 10 long tons or 20,000lbs and that significant repairs needed to be made prior to continuing use as a travel lift access dock. With this information in mind, the Council made the difficult decision to discontinue the use of the City Dock. The Travel Lift was decommissioned and later sold at auction.

One of the components of the City Dock is the small finger pier to the east of the main dock. This finger was designed to hold the opposing side of the travel lift. With the lift no longer in operation, there is no longer a need for this obsolete piece of infrastructure. Phase III requires the removal of old wood piles and the driving of new steel piling in the vicinity of Whiskey and X-ray floats. Harris Sand & Gravel has concerns about the construction barge accessing the fairway between Whiskey and X-rays floats with the finger pier where it currently occupies. Harris has provided a quote in the amount of \$36,300.00 to demolish and dispose of the finger pier. This would not only allow our contractor unobstructed access to the fairway but would also remove old non-essential infrastructure and create more room for future vessel access along the currently inaccessible east side of the City Dock. The cost savings are further enhanced by the fact that the contractor is here with the equipment and personnel already mobilized. Permitting is in place for the pile removal.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Legislative Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Whittier Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FISCAL NOTE: Funding will be allocated out of the Harbor Reserve Funds.

ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes No Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of this resolution.