

Agenda Statement

Meeting Date: August 19, 2026
To: City Council
Through: Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager
From: David Borg, Harbormaster
Agenda Item: Non-Code Ordinance 2026-006



BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:

The Harbor Department is requesting approval to install a chain-link fenced enclosure around the harbor dumpster east of the Harbor Store. The enclosure will create a defined, secure, and orderly waste area that improves site appearance, reduces windblown debris, discourages unauthorized dumping, and helps limit wildlife and pest access to refuse. Because this location is visible and regularly used by harbor staff, vendors, waste haulers, and the public, fencing will support a cleaner and safer working environment while keeping the dumpsters accessible for daily operations and collection services. The fence will include an option for privacy screening, two 4-foot pedestrian doors for staff access, and one large 16-foot gated opening to allow safe and efficient access for dumpster service, pickup, snow removal, and maintenance equipment. Due to the rising incidents of bear encounters and bears actively dumpster diving, and the risk of conflict between bears and humans, the Harbor finds this issue to be an immediate need. The Code requirements for competitive sealed bids will not allow staff to immediately address the danger of bears in the harbor, and the Administration recommends an alternative procurement process based on solicitation of competitive price quotes as provided in this action. Harbor staff reached out to three businesses for pricing on the proposed fencing project. Two businesses submitted bids, while the third business was non-responsive. This process provides competitive pricing information for the proposed work and supports moving forward with the project using the available bid information.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Legislative Priorities:	☐	☐	☒
2. Comprehensive Plan: 2.1.1 <i>Develop waste management plan</i> ; 3.1.3 <i>Improve safety within Harbor</i> ;	☒	☐	☐
3. Whittier Code:	☐	☐	☒
4. Other: <i>Address Council and Port & Harbor Commission concerns regarding bear/human interaction and safety in the community</i>	☒	☐	☐

FISCAL NOTE: Funding for the proposed chain-link fenced enclosure will come from Harbor Reserve Funds in the amount of \$9721.99.

ATTORNEY REVIEW: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of the quote from Maisey Fence LLC in the amount of \$9721.99 for the proposed chain-link fenced enclosure.