

**PIERS, HARBORS & LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wall at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call.** Present: Aldermen Hedlund, Wall, Kordus, Chappell and Hill. Also Present: City Administrator Oborn, Harbormaster Gray, Mayor Connors

**Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2015 as distributed.**

Kordus/Hedlund motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes.**

Ken Martzke, Owner of Lake Geneva Boat Line, spoke on the state of his pier. Mr. Martzke feels it is in a state of disrepair. He was hoping to have the pier replaced.

Mike McHale, spoke on behalf of Nina's Popcorn about the issues he has been having with other tenants at the Riviera.

Vivian Smith, Owner of Accessories for Less, stated she received a letter regarding occurring at the Riviera. Ms. Smith noted she has not been a part of these issues and would not like to be brought into it just because she is operating in the same building.

Iwona Gogolewski, Owner of the Riviera Beach Shop, explained she was dumbfounded by the letter she received. She stated she is not a part of the ongoing issues between other tenants at the Riviera.

Sarah Hill, 1024 George Street, explained her comments at the last meeting were made as a member of the public, not as an Alderman. Ms. Hill stated she has no interest in getting into an ongoing debate on the issue of what is happening between the tenants at the Riviera. She clarified all leases are two year leases, so there is no long-term commitment made.

Sal Kaniuk, N6818 Daisy Road, Elkhorn, WI, discussed his displeasure with one of the tenants at the Riviera.

Therese Poetzing, Owner of Nina's Popcorn, discussed her frustration with the situation between the tenants at the Riviera.

**Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Chuck Gray noted beach revenue has been low; although, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was the second best day for revenue in beach history. Due to where Labor Day falls, the season will have an extra week. Mr. Gray stated weather permitting, he is optimistic they can make up the revenue. Alderman Hill asked City Administrator Oborn if there is a resolution to the recent customer service complaints. Mr. Oborn stated it has been discussed and the issues will continue to be worked on.

**Discussion/Recommendation on installation of signage at the west pier stating that dogs must remain on leashes**

Alderman Chappell stated there has been concern about wet dogs on the pier. People let their dogs jump off the pier and run back which makes it wet and people have been slipping. It is recommended there been a sign on the entrance to the pier that relates to the pier rather than the current sign that states that dogs must be leashed when they are outside of the water. Alderman Wall read a previous ordinance stating owners shall be responsible for the control of their dogs at all times the dog is off its leash and is in a designated swim area.

Dog owners and dogs shall yield to all people utilizing the ramps for their dinghies and kayaks and yield to water crafts accessing or exiting the lake through the designated dog swim areas. Alderman Kordus stated he does not have a problem with putting up another sign. He feels it should already be clear they need to be on a leash outside of the water. Alderman Hill thanked the Mayor for finding the existing resolution. She stated she is not sure the signage will actually be followed, and thinks the existing signage is sufficient.

Chappell motioned to install a sign stating dogs must remain on leashes while on the pier. Motion failed due to lack of second.

### **Discussion/Recommendation on rates for the Riviera Ballroom**

Harbormaster Gray provided information regarding other wedding venues in the area. The Riviera's rates are within the same range for most of the competition. The current Riviera rental rate is \$1,500 for a resident on the weekend and \$2,000 for a non-resident on the weekend. The weekday (Monday through Thursday/non-holiday) rate is \$500 regardless of residency. The non-profit rate is \$400, which includes weekends during the off season. Mr. Gray explained how the preferred vendor list works. The list contains caterers, bar service providers and rental companies. Ms. Hill asked if insurance and liability or servers licenses are needed. Mr. Gray stated server licenses are not needed as the alcohol is not served, it is given away. Alderman Hedlund asked when the last time the rate had been increased. Mr. Gray explained it was in 2008. Ms. Hill feels the Riviera should be supporting itself with regard to maintenance and upkeep. It pays for itself. She asked how the City will move forward to make sure the venue remains self-sustaining and that the monies will go back into supporting that. She wants to justify the rate increase. Mr. Oborn explained the funds all go into the Lakefront Fund.

Kordus/Hill motion to raise the rates across the board for private rentals by \$500 effective January 1, 2016. Alderman Hedlund feels the rates should be raised more. Mr. Oborn suggested recommending rates for 2016 and 2017. Alderman Chappell asked if the reservations for 2016 will be excluded from the price change. Alderman Kordus stated they are already under contract. Unanimously carried.

Hill/Hedlund motion an amendment to raise the fee to \$2,500 for resident weekend and \$3,000 non-resident weekend effective immediately for new Riviera bookings. Unanimously carried.

### **Discussion of agenda items for next meeting**

Alderman Hedlund would like to discuss Mr. Martzke's issues with his pier. Alderman Wall added he would like to discuss maintenance issues. Mayor Connors added staff should look at all of the piers, not just one. He also suggested reviewing the leases for the Riviera.

### **Adjournment**

Hill/Hedlund motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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