PIERS, HARBORS & LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wall at 6:04 p.m.


Approval of Minutes from October 23, 2014 meeting as distributed
Kordus/Wall motion to approve minutes from October 23, 2014 meeting as distributed. Unanimously carried.

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes. None.

Harbormaster’s Report
Harbormaster Gray gave an update on the lakefront revenue. The Boat Launch has revenues of about $36,000 which is up 4% over what was planned. The upper Riviera has revenues of about $140,000 which is up as well. Catering has brought in revenues of nearly $31,000 which will make the plan for the year.

Discussion/Recommendation 2015 Buoy and Slip Rates
Harbormaster Gray discussed how buoys are a challenge and that people are requesting slips over buoys. The City should look into any advantage to lowering the cost of buoys and raising the price of slips. Alderman Chappell asked if there would be room for more slips. City Administrator Jordan stated that the west side would be difficult. There may be a possibility on the east side by Flat Iron Park. The DNR would have to approve any additions.

Kordus/Chappell motion to maintain the current buoy and slip rates for 2015. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Hedlund voting “no.”

Discussion/Recommendation on concerns raised by Riviera Tenants
Brad Lochowicz of Seymore, Kremer, Koch, Lochowicz & Duquette LLP spoke on behalf of the Carlson family. The Carlsons are very concerned about the allegations against them and that these allegations are public knowledge. The family was also not aware that there was going to be testimony taken from complainants at the last meeting. Attorney Lochowicz is not sure the lease was violated to begin with. He and the Carlson family are hopeful and willing to do anything it takes to resolve this matter. He feels the same allegations made against the Carlsons are being practiced by other shop owners and this may be a type of school yard battle. He is unaware if the motivation behind all of this is just competition for sales or shop space. City Attorney Draper stated that perhaps a solution would be to restrict what people sell or perhaps someone would need to go. Attorney Lochowicz presented a few resolutions to keep the Carlsons in business and reiterated the family’s willingness to work with the City toward a proper resolution. Alderman Wall stated that the committee has a good understanding of what took place and can close the item for the commission. They will need to come up with a resolution to this at a later date to decide what is best for everyone.

Discussion of agenda items for next meeting
The Committee will discuss the beach house locker fees on the next agenda.

Adjournment
Chappell/Kordus motion to adjourn at 6:32. Unanimously carried.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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