



HARBOR COMMISSION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Minutes

October 6, 2021

1:30 PM

Coastal Gateway Building

3900 Avila Beach Drive, Avila Beach, CA 93424

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE / PUBLIC COMMENT

Call to Order: President Blecha called the Meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Commissioners Present Jim Blecha, Mary Matakovich, Bob Vessely, Drew Brandy

Commissioners Absent: Bill Barrow

Staff Present John D'Ornellas, Interim Harbor Manager; Kristen Stout, Business Manager

Legal Counsel Present Jeff Minnery

Public Comment: President Blecha called for public comment on items not on the Agenda, of which there were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Ad Hoc Committee Report - Harbor Manager Recruitment: Discuss Committee report on Harbor Manager recruitment; provide direction to staff.

Interim Harbor Manager John D'Ornellas presented the Staff Report and answered questions of the Board.

President Blecha called for Public Comment of which there was none.

The Board reviewed the proposed Harbor Manager Recruitment Packet and provided direction on the following key items: Qualifications, Compensation, Recruitment Process, minor changes to the Harbor Manager Recruitment Supplemental Questionnaire, and the Interview Process.

B. Email and Electronic Communication Policy: Review language/draft email policy. Provide direction for incorporating language into District policy 3095, Internet and Email Use, and bring complete amendment back to the Commission in the future for adoption.

Interim Harbor Manager John D'Ornellas and Legal Counsel Jeff Minnery presented the Staff Report and answered questions of the Board.

President Blecha called for Public Comment of which there was none.

It was a consensus of the Board to have Legal Counsel Jeff Minnery separate *District Policy 3095 – Internet and Email Use* into two separate policies – Internet Use and Electronic Communications use.

C. District Employees' Role as a COVID-19 Essential Worker: Review and discuss options for recognition of work completed during the Pandemic; provide direction to staff.

Interim Harbor Manager John D'Ornellas and Business Manager Kristen Stout presented the Staff Report and answered questions of the Board.

President Blecha called for Public Comment of which there was none.

There was a consensus of the Board to approve the implementation of the 3-day COVID-19 Fatigue Leave Time Off for full-time, benefited staff that is currently employed at the District and was in the employ of the District from March 2020 to September 2021. This item will be brought back at a future Harbor Commission Meeting for final approval.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Vesseley explained that the California Public Utilities Commission is concerned that once the power plant closes down, there may not be enough power to power the state.

Interim Harbor Manager John D’Ornellas notified the Board that on October 27th, Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg will meet with our staff regarding the offshore wind farms project and the information will be brought to the Board as as a future agenda item.

Business Manager Kristen Stout announced to the Board that there is a workshop on the Harford Pier Site Plan update presentation scheduled for Thursday, October 14th (also Committee Meeting day) from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The consultants have the survey results tallied to present to the Board.

Commissioner Matakovich shared that she took a tour with the AVAC group of Avila Point and they’re looking at providing a park, residential area, a couple of tanks. The highlight of AVAC was that the Avila Plan is on hold, the document is not acceptable as presented. The Supervisor will come back with specific areas to be developed separate from the whole plan. They received pages and pages of changes from various agencies. They will address the water, climate change, evacuation plan, traffic, circulation, vacation rentals, and Harbor Terrace. The goal is to work on these hot topics and then to work on the plan as a whole.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Jim Blecha, President

Attest: _____

Bob Vessely, Secretary