

# HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2009  
6:30 P.M.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ald. Jason Sladky  
Jim Ruffolo  
Jack Resch  
James Anderson

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Huck, Harbor Master  
Jodi Scott, Secretary  
Jack Culley, Manitowoc Marina  
Valerie Mellon, Director of Public Works

## **Approval of the Minutes from January 29, 2009 Meeting**

J. Ruffolo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2009 meeting. J. Resch seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

## **Harbor Assistance Grant Proposal**

M. Huck informed the Commission that AECOM, a consultant from Green Bay, is requesting the city's support in their Harbor Assistance Grant application for repairing the dock wall in the area of the stone loading operation east of 16<sup>th</sup> St.

J. Ruffolo made a motion to support AECOM's application. J. Sladky seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

## **USACE Stimulus Dredging in Manitowoc Harbor**

M. Huck informed the Commission that the USACE was awarded stimulus funds for dredging and installation of a blue rail in the City of Manitowoc harbor. This is only informational as the project is located in the federal channel and therefore does not affect us. M. Huck gave the Commission a copy of the bid document that the USACE is using to solicit bids for the dredging to be done and blue rail to be installed. The dredging and installation of the blue rail is contained in one bid. J. Ruffolo suggested we make local businesses aware of this project to help them obtain this bid. McMullen & Pitz is the only local marine contractor in the area and are not equipped to build and install a rail; therefore they would need to outsource the building and installation of the blue rail. M. Huck commented that the Department of Public Works could do it. J. Sladky made the comment that he does not agree with the city bidding against private industry. M. Huck stated he will contact Eric Pitz for an update but reminded the Commission that we have no direct role in this.

## **Proposal for Solar Power at Marina**

An engineering firm approached Jack Culley to install photo cells on the roof top of the indoor storage building at the Manitowoc Marina for solar power. These panels would be for the Marina's use and would produce approximately one-third of their energy consumption. Since the building is city property leased by the marina, the city would not gain any direct benefit from this

therefore does not have a role in the financing aspect. M. Huck asked the City Attorney if the Marina could sublet the roof from the City and purchase the energy these solar panels would produce. This would seem to be permissible with the understanding that if the panels would be removed, the roof would need to be restored to its current condition. J. Anderson suggested making the public aware so they can compete against this company's proposal.

J. Sladky made a motion to recommend that the City Counsel grant permission to the Marina to solicit bids for the purchase and installation of solar panels from local companies. M. Huck seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

The Commission agreed to tentatively meet again on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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J. Sladky made a Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:46 p.m. J. Ruffolo seconded the Motion.

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MIKE HUCK  
Harbor Master