

Port Commission Minutes for Monday, April 15, 2002 City Hall Conference Room – 7:30PM

A quorum was established at 7:36PM, so Vice-Chairman Allen DeSousa called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Leary
Suomela
Rodgers
Yager
DeSousa

Also in attendance – City Manager Bob Herron

M/M Yager, Rodgers to approve the April 15, 2002 minutes – all in favor

M/M Rodgers, Yager to approve the agenda as posted with postponement of YKHC item – all in favor

Port Director's Report by City Manager Bob Herron

Howard Elliott & Joanne Gallart due back to Bethel in the first week of May 2002.

City Manager & Mayor Rodgers have not yet talked to Crowley about the dock crane. City Manager to call in the AM April 16th to arrange that discussion.

Old Business:

A. "Kids Don't Float" YKHC – YKHC's representative not available – postpone until next meeting.

B. Corps Project

City Manager explained to the Commission that the emergency seawall project above Brown's Slough slated to go to bid this year, Alaska COE designed, Pacific COE Hawaii approved, was denied by the Under Secretary of the Army (Headquarters COE). "Shelved for a least one year" was the comment from Alaska COE. Stated reason from HQCOE was that the federal appropriation has not come through yet. To say that Senator Stevens is "disappointed" is very mildly stated and he continues to work on the issue.

New Business:

A. Maritime Security

Reviewed the "Maritime Alert" paper from the City Attorney's office in Washington, DC.

Commission discussed the realities from a rural Alaska perspective and directed the Port Department to monitor this issue and to contact the Coast Guard in Anchorage when Howard & Joanne return to work.

B. Senate Bill 111

Discussed the history of the City Dock and the amount of maintenance dollars the City vs. the State has contributed to the dock since its construction. The Commission supports the resolution and requests the opportunity to comment during the development stages of the agreement between the City & DOT for the deferred maintenance revenue. The Commission is optimistic this legislation will become a reality.

Discussion:

Members Comments:

Yager – Requested that sloped seawall area between the end of the piped seawall and the pipe and rock storage area be a Discussion Item on the next agenda.

Suomela – Status of the dock crane? Commission & City Manager gave brief description to the member about the City's effort to secure a permanent crane for the dock.

Leary – Spring is here, action on the dock with crews preparing boats. This generated a discussion about River Watch by the Division of Emergency Services.

Rodgers – Per the earlier discussion about the seawall above Brown's Slough, the member shared a related concern about the area above the fish plant. After discussion, the Commission directs the Port Department to monitor the area of the seawall immediately upstream from the fish plant for sink holes and unusual activity similar to the occurrences to the above Brown's Slough seawall areas.

DeSousa – Shared information about the CAP.

Next scheduled meeting – May 20, 2002
M/M Rodgers, Leary to adjourn at 8:25PM – all in favor.

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