

**CITY OF BETHEL**  
**Port Commission**

**Regular Meeting of October 27, 1997**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was convened at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Richardson at the Port Office, Bethel, Alaska.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Grifka, Richardson, Rodgers, DeSousa.  
Absent excused: Chris, Wieble, Leary

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/M by DeSousa to approve the minutes of May 19, 1997. 2nd by Grifka. Motion passed unanimously.  
M/M by Rodgers, 2nd by DeSousa to approve the minutes of the special Commission meeting of July 28. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/M by Rodgers 2nd by Grifka to add barge encroachment to agenda. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously. M/M by DeSousa 2nd by Rodgers to approve agenda as amended. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**V. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Greydanus had submitted his written report.

**VI. Council rep. report.**

Tundy Rodgers reported that he will be sworn in as Council member at next Council meeting.

**VII. Comments of Commissioners**

Grifka none.

Rodgers none

DeSousa inquired about the parts for the boat harbor phones. Reported that Hal Jones had high praise for Port Attendants this fall.

Richardson stated he would like the life rings along the seawall secured better to deter theft and vandalism in the future. Would like to utilize different finger float pattern to accommodate more boats. Buster stated he would get price quotes on plastic floats from Inlet Salmon this winter.

**VIII. People to be heard**

None

**IX. Old Business**

None

**X. New Business****Item A: Commercial operations on Dock. (Leary)**

M/M by Rodgers, 2nd by DeSousa to table item until next meeting since Leary was absent. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item B: Establishment of seawall maintenance fund. (DeSousa)**

DeSousa stated that the City is required by the Corps to establish a seawall maintenance fund for future deferred maintenance. DeSousa proposed to dedicate 2 cents a gallon from the fuel thru-put revenue into a special fund set aside for deferred maintenance. DeSousa proposed to review fund after three years.

After further discussion, M/M by DeSousa, 2nd by Rodgers for the Port Director to work with Administration to develop a resolution to present back to the Commission for recommendation to Council. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item C: Small boat Harbor Maintenance. (DeSousa)**

DeSousa stated that he felt that both the launch ramps at the harbor needed attention. DeSousa felt that the South ramp should be replaced with concrete slabs like the North side. DeSousa stated that the north ramp should be extended further into the water. Greydanus stated that he would get price quotes for concrete slabs and the cost for shipping. Greydanus would report at next meeting.

Rodgers questioned about the City's portion of dredging out the Small Boat Harbor. Rodgers wanted a recommendation to Council from the Commission on this issue. Greydanus and Grifka reported that they would work together to determine the feasibility of whether Public Works can perform this work or whether it should be contracted out. There was concern whether the City could get the backhoe out to the site. Greydanus and Grifka will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

**Item D: Barge encroachment (Rodgers)**

Rodgers stated that he was concerned that Crow's barge was blocking the winter access trail. Greydanus reported that the Transportation committee referred this matter to the Port Commission. Greydanus stated that he did not feel the barge would block winter access. Greydanus stated that Crow moved the barge on his own. Greydanus stated that he felt that he did not have any jurisdiction to have the barged removed because it was moored in a State navigable waterway. Greydanus felt that as long as it was not blocking a navigable waterway, the City had no jurisdiction. Greydanus stated that he would contact the Coast Guard to determine jurisdiction. M/M by Rodgers 2nd by Grifka for the Port Director to request to J.B. Crow that he place markers on the barge warning people of its' presence. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

M/M DeSousa for adjournment 2nd by Rodgers. Voice Vote Motion passes.

Passed and Approved This \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

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Buster Richardson, Chairman

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Stuart Greydanus, Port Director