

**MINUTES OF THE  
HARBOR AND WATERWAYS BOARD MEETING  
DESTIN CITY HALL, JANUARY 11, 2021 - 5:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The City Attorney called the Destin Harbor and Waterways Board meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021 at Destin City Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Member Present:**

Richard Hoey  
Jim Green  
Guy Tadlock  
Bill McKissick  
John Stephens

**Members Absent**

Casey Jones

**Staff:**

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk  
Traci Goodheart, Planner  
Louis Zunguze, CD Director  
Himangi Mutha, Planner  
Daniel Butler, Planner  
Donald Smith, City Engineer  
Steven Bauman, City Attorney

**3. CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN NOMINATIONS:**

*Chairman:*

**Motion to nominate Board member Hoey as Chairman was made by Board member McKissick with Board member Green providing the second. A roll call vote of 5-0 was taken and the motion passed.**

*Vice Chairman:*

**Motion to nominate Board member Green as Vice Chairman was made by Board member Tadlock with Board Hoey providing the second. A roll call vote of 5-0 was taken and the motion passed.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

➤ **September 28, 2020**

**Board member Green moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2020 minutes as corrected with Board member Tadlock providing the second; the motion passes with a 5-0 vote.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Ted Martel who is a general contractor and installs docks and seawalls from Panama City to Pensacola, spoke of how he is concerned that a lot of the docks are not being built to the specifications for storms. And asked if there are specifications in place that they must be built to.

He spoke of how there was so much dock debris that he has witnessed along the coast after Hurricane Sally, that he questions their quality.

Mrs. Goodhart assured Mr. Martel that all docks built since her tenor of being employed with the City have. She also informed him that they have to be built in accordance with the Code requirements of Section 11.05 Marina Siting. And that she will get with the Building Dept to find out their criteria and bring back her findings at their next meeting.

Board member Tadlock asked if the owner pulls the permit, do they still have to have a licensed general contractor for the project construction. According to Mrs. Goodhart, yes, they must have a licensed general contractor for the project.

**Motion by Vice Chairman Green to request for staff to investigate the design and material standards in construction practices to improve structural integrity and weatherability of docks. Board member Stephens provided the second. A roll call vote of 5-0 was taken, and the motion passed.**

**6. Sunshine Law/Public Records Presentation – Kyle Bauman**

The City Attorney presented the members with Resolution 19-27 which was adopted by Council as well as a short Power Point Presentation and a Sunshine Law Handout and touched briefly on each important item. Noting that they all should be using their City of Destin email addresses for all city business. And if they get an email to their personal email account to just forward it to their city email address so that it can be captured and searchable. He also covered social media comments and likes and how now that they are a public official, they are responsible to keep those Under the Sunshine as well.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **823 Cross Street –**

Mrs. Goodhart explained the project details to the board and how the request meets all the requirements of the code as well as the 25-foot riparian setback, was a self-certification by the property owner at the State and Federal level and staff recommends approval.

Board member Green asked why they were still reviewing these types of projects noting that he thought they already changed the section of the code to allow staff to review them prior to going to City Council. According to Mrs. Goodhart, the ordinance was sent back to the staff level by the Local Planning Agency, so it is still being worked on prior to going before Council for their approval. And until the changes are made to the Land Development Code, they will continue to come before them for their recommendation to City Council.

**Board member Green made the recommended motion that the Harbor and Waterways Board recommends City Council approve the request for a single-family marine construction project located at 823 Cross Street, subject to the applicant meeting all applicable Federal, State, and City permit requirements. With Board member McKissick providing the second. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 5-0.**

➤ **944 Bambi Drive –**

Mrs. Goodhart explained that the project details to the board and that the request meets all the requirements of Article 11.03 in the code and the contractor provided the Florida Department of Environmental self-certification. However, the Army Corps of Engineers approval must first be obtained prior to permit issuance, but staff does recommend approval of this single-family marine construction project request, subject to the applicant meeting all applicable federal state and city permitting requirements.

Chairman Hoey opened the discussion and Vice Chairman Green made the recommended motion, **that the Harbor and Waterways Board recommends City Council approve the single-family Marine construction project located at 944 Bambi Drive subject to the applicant meeting all applicable Federal, State and City permit requirements. Board member Tadlock providing the second.**

In discussion, the Chairman spoke of how they have always predicated the final permitting taking place prior to construction for anyone placing a single piling in the ground and how they may see more of these type requests when the paperwork is not in order. **With no further discussion, the Chairman called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.**

➤ **952 Bambi Drive –**

Mrs. Goodhart explained the project details to the Board members and how this project request meets all the requirements of Article 11.03 of the Code, as well as meeting the required 25-foot riparian setbacks. Additionally, the contractor provided the Florida Department of Environmental self-certification, which included the Army Corp of Engineers and staff recommends approval.

**Vice Chairman Green made the recommended motion for the Harbor and Waterways Board recommends City Council approve the request of the single-family marine construction project located at 952 Bambi Drive subject to the applicant meeting all applicable Federal, State and City permit requirements. Board member Stephens provided the second. A roll call vote of 5-0 was taken and the motion passed.**

## 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

### ➤ Livery Vessel Rental Video

Board members McKissick and Stephens both briefly discussed being involved in separate water safety videos that are being produced for people who rent vessels to watch prior to renting vessels and going out on the local waterways.

Mr. Zunguze also spoke of a video that the city is working on in conjunction with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department. The City Attorney advised that Board member McKissick and Board member Stephens separately share what information they have with staff.

Mr. Zunguze informed the members that staff has the OCSO video scheduled to be shown at the January 19, 2021 City Council Meeting. And he will also schedule it to be shown to this board at their next meeting.

### ➤ Harbor Capacity Study

Mr. Zunguze informed the members that the study is scheduled to begin in the harbor in March in conjunction with the Army Corp. of Engineers to study three specific areas:

- Recreational/Leisure Industry
- Economic Vitality in the Harbor
- Environmental Health of the Harbor

He explained further that staff is in the final stages of surveying requirements of the study for the Harbor that will be turned over to the ACOE and staff will be providing them with the updates as they proceed. As well as the Harbor Capacity Study Committee will be assisting with the study.

Board member Stephens asked how long the study is anticipated to last. According to Mr. Zunguze it will be throughout the spring and summer peak tourist season.

Mr. Zunguze introduced his two new staff members Don Smith, City Engineer and Himangi Mutha, City Planner.

## 9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

**Board member Tadlock:** Asked staff if the abutter letters that are sent out for Marine Project Requests are sent Certified or Registered Mail. According to Mrs. Goodhart, they are just sent regular mail. Board member Tadlock suggested that they strongly consider sending them out

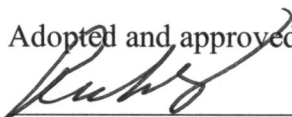
Certified or Registered so there is a record of the letters being received by the adjacent property owners. Mr. Zunguze stated that he would take that suggestion under consideration.

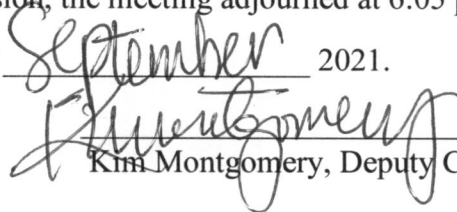
**10. MEETING DATES: February 22, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021.

  
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Richard Hoey, Chairman

  
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Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk