

Minutes Des Moines City Council Municipal Facilities Committee – 12/02/2021

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Matt Hutchins, Assistant Attorney
Jodi Grager, Admin Asst II

Guests: Councilmembers Traci Buxton and JC Harris

Members of the Public: Bill Linscott

Meeting called to order: 3:00 pm on December 2, 2021 via Zoom

Agenda

1. Approval of 07.29.2021 Minutes
2. Marina Update
3. CIP Project Updates

Meeting:

1. The 07.29.2021 Municipal Facilities Minutes were approved as submitted.
2. COO Dan Brewer described the progress on the Marina Redevelopment. The City has been looking at dock replacement recommendations. It is possible there will be a presentation to the full council in the next month. Work on preliminary layout models with the marina orientation has begun. This will assist in supplying economic data before going into the next level of design with dock replacements. Once a layout is confirmed, staff will seek council confirmation in order to move forward with permitting. COO Brewer discussed some challenges:
 - Allowable percentage of docks which can be covered
 - Agencies involved in permitting
 - Eel grass discovery
 - Financing in place to start with replacing 2-3 docks
 - Adjusting the plan as necessary in the next stage
3. City Engineer Andrew Merges presented and reviewed the Capital Project Update (Attachment #2). Highlighted projects include:
 - Marina Dredging – Waiting on permitting approval and working within the fish window that closes in February

- Marina Fuel and Electrical Upgrade – Starting next week, fuel access will be shut down for about two weeks
- Marina Guest Moorage Power Upgrades – Waiting on materials which are scheduled for delivery in late December/early January
- Marina Dock Replacement – No significant update until after the RFQ

The Committee discussed the future of electrical powered boating, the Cecil Powell Park improvements, and progress on the Fishing Pier and new restroom building.

COO Brewer stated that another issue may be necessary for this committee to consider, regarding the growing pains at City Hall. The lack of space is a long term concern, and a structural investment into the current building may not be the most efficient use of funds. It was suggested that this item be added to the 2022 Work Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jodi Grager, Public Works Admin Asst