Coastal Waters Commission
Minutes of the meeting on December 3, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM in the council chambers. Those in attendance were: Chair James Katz, Vice Chair James Henderson, Tom Cassamassa, and Carl Lagerstrom. John Nickerson, Roberts Steeves, and Steve Reese notified that could not attend. Council Liaison not present. DPW Asst. Director Eric Gates in attendance.

1. The minutes of the November meeting were not available for review.

2. Eric Gates presented an update on the pier renovation project. There was much discussion of the process being used to replace the fender piles. While it was stated that splicing the piles was not the solution the commission had hoped for, it was necessary to keep the budget for the renovation with reason currently over by $20,000.

3. The harbormaster reported on the vandalism at the pier and that a suspect had been identified and the police have been notified. James Henderson made a motion, seconded by Carl Lagerstrom that the remaining low resolution cameras at the pier be replaced with new high resolution units. Motion passed unanimously.

4. The proliferation of signs at the pier was discussed. Eric Gates reported that the city is working on code changes to address this issue. There was discussion of the desire to have uniformity and a designated area for the merchants and business who use the pier to display advertising.

5. There was much discussion about the proposed changes to Chapter 118 the commission is hoping to present to the council in January. The harbormaster had a list of items which were all discussed and forwarded to Secretary Steeves for inclusion in the proposed changes.

6. A motion was made by James Katz, seconded by Carl Lagerstrom, that if the Marine Unit for the Fire Department is acquired, the commission help fund some equipment items for the vessel not to exceed $8,000.00. Approved unanimously.

7. Setting of the next meeting was for Jan. 7 at 7:00PM. Motion to adjourn by James Katz, seconded by James Henderson, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.