

City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:00 AM

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Marine Advisory Board

Roll Call

Present 4 - Board Chair Kevin Laughlin, Board Member Michael Grohman, Board Member John Renton, and Board Member Marvin Siple

Absent 3 - Board Member Deena Stanley, Board Member Francis Bugaj, and Board Member Rick Broom

Also Present 3 - Marine and Aviation Director Mike MacDonald, Marine and Aviation Division Manager Bill Hodgson, and City Clerk Specialist Dani DeBois

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of June 11, 2025, Marine Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Grohman moved to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2025 Marine Advisory Board meeting minutes as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda: None

4. New Business Items

4.1 Beach Marina Commercial Tenant Outreach Group Update

Tropic Boat Tours and Clearwater Ferry owner Trisha Rodriguez presented the forming of the Marine Tenant Association. Board Discussion ensued with recommendations and support.

4.2 Beach Marina Reconstruction Project Update

Public Works Engineer II Kelly Peterich presented on progress of the Beach Marina Reconstruction, reporting no problems and timely progression of all phases.

4.3 Harbor Marina Repairs Update

Mr. Peterich said the Harbor Marina repairs are almost ready to go out to bid and will most likely begin work in February 2026 with estimated completion in 2027.

4.4 Seminole Street Boat Launch Repairs Update

Mr. Peterich said the contractor is mobilizing next Monday and repairs will be completed in October. In response to questions clarifications were provided on the boat launch as well as the upcoming speed boat race.

5. Director's Report

Marine and Aviation Director Mike McDonald said Council has approved the first round of incremental rate increases per Board recommendations and shifting from the Passenger Count rate to the Per Foot rate. He said the county and state have approved a cumulative \$13.5 million in grants for the Beach Marina project.

6. Board Members to be Heard

The Board discussed the kayak launch area at Seminole Ramp and an additional area that could be utilized as such.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

Attest:

Chair, Marine Advisory Board

Board Reporter