

# City of Clearwater

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**8:00 AM**

**Main Library - Council Chambers**

## **Marine Advisory Board**

## **Roll Call**

**Present** 4 - Board Member Michael Grohman, Board Member Marvin Siple, Board Member Francis Bugaj, Board Member Kevin Laughlin and Board Member Rick Broom

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Deena Stanley

**Also Present** 3 - Marine and Aviation Director Mike MacDonald, Marine and Aviation, Marine and Aviation Division Manager Bill Hodgson, 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 March 12, 2025, Marine Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Board Member Rugari moved to approve the March 12, 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 Discuss the 2025 Clearwater Marina Slips Rent Study

*Marine and Aviation Director Mike MacDonald said Walter Duke + Partners was hired to assess rates for the Clearwater Marina and the ideal billing approach.*

*Walter Duke + Partners representative Albert D. Ower gave a verbal presentation on the study and recommended rates. Discussion ensued regarding if raising the rates incrementally or at once would be most effective for both the City and the slip tenants.*

### **5. Old Business Items**

5.1 Beach Marina Commercial Tenant Outreach Group Update

*Tropics Boat Tours and Clearwater Ferry owner Trisha Rodriguez said the commercial tenant outreach group has been coordinating with the tenants to meet kiosk needs and discuss slab and kiosk options available to find the best fit for each tenant. In response to questions, Ms. Rodriguez said every business will have their own designated spot and the new kiosks will be able to be removed in case of*

*hurricanes.*

**5.2****Beach Marina Reconstruction Project Update**

*Public Works Engineering II Kelly Peterich said the construction is on schedule for the Clearwater Marina project. In response to questions, Mr. Peterich said the sidewalk obstruction would be removed in the next 6-8 weeks.*

**5.3****Harbor Marina Repairs Update**

*Mr. Peterich said the Harbor Marina's south side is in the permitting process for wave attenuators and the north side received the purchasing order to move forward with the design.*

**5.4****Waterway Marker Replacement Post Storm Update**

*Marine and Aviation Division Manager Bill Hodgson said the replacements of City owned waterway markers and positioning the markers in strategic visibility points is underway. The Board discussed different awareness levels of no wake / slow speed zones between local and commercial boaters as opposed to tourist boaters.*

**6. Director's Report**

*Mr. MacDonald said the Seminole Boat Ramp contract has been finalized with Tampa Marine Construction, estimated timeline of construction is 120 days. Discussion ensued regarding safety concerns with boats and recreational vessels launching from the same location of all sizes.*

**7. Board Members to be Heard**

*The Board discussed enforcement of regulations within Clearwater's popular boating areas. It was said that the most enforcement seen is on large holidays while other days it appears infractions are not pursued.*

**8. Adjourn**

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.*

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Chair, Marine Advisory Board

Attest:

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Board Reporter