

# City of Clearwater

*City Hall  
112 S. Osceola Avenue  
Clearwater, FL 33756*



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, March 30, 2016**

**2:30 PM**

**Special Meeting - FWC Florida Boating Improvement Grant**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

## Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Mayor George N. Cretekos, Councilmember Doreen Caudell, Councilmember Bob Cundiff, Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton and Councilmember Bill Jonson

**Also Present:** William B. Horne II – City Manager, Jill S. Silverboard – Assistant City Manager, Pamela K. Akin - City Attorney, Rosemarie Call - City Clerk, and Nicole Sprague – Official Records and Legislative Services Coordinator

*To provide continuity for research, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.*

### *Unapproved*

#### **1. Call to Order – Mayor Cretekos**

*The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. at City Hall.*

#### **2. Citizens to be heard re items not on the agenda – None.**

#### **3. City Manager Reports**

- 3.1** Authorize the Marine and Aviation Director to apply for and administer the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) Grant on behalf of the City of Clearwater, establish a new Capital Improvement Project, Seminole Boat Ramp Improvements (315-93425), authorize a mid-year amendment transferring initial funding of \$100,000 from General Fund Reserves, and adopt Resolution 16-10.

The Marine & Aviation Department desires to apply for a FWC FBIP Grant to make much needed improvements to the Seminole Boat Ramp parking lot.

The Seminole Boat Ramp is an 8-lane public boat ramp with parking consisting of 118 truck/trailer spaces and 41 single car spaces, which includes 2 ADA accessible parking spaces. The Seminole Boat Ramp is one of the largest boat ramp facilities in the area. It is located less than 10 minutes from Clearwater pass, providing quick access to the Gulf of Mexico. The boat ramp is so popular, despite having so many parking spaces; it still reaches capacity on weekends. Due to the extensive use, the parking lot is in need of milling and repaving to repair extensive cracking and potholes.

Proposed improvements would include milling and repaving the existing asphalt boat trailer parking lot and pavement striping estimated at a total cost of \$248,103.00. The parking lot is currently in poor condition. In the past, the Department has annually patched potholes and applied seal coatings to the

parking lot for a temporary fix. With the extensive use, the asphalt in the parking lot is crumbling and there is widespread cracking with increasing potholes in size and number. Milling deep enough to stabilize the underlayment and repaving the parking lot would greatly improve safe public access removing significant tripping hazards and frequent pothole development.

This project ties into the North Marina Master Plan. If the project is awarded, the City has agreed to provide a \$100,000.00-match to the grant for necessary landscaping and irrigation, which would be funded through General Fund Reserves as necessary or appropriate and budgeted for the specific purpose delineated. The only necessary permit is a general City of Clearwater construction permit. The City Resource Committee approved applying for the grant funding on March 24, 2016.

Adoption of Resolution 16-10 will authorize the Marine and Aviation Department Director to apply for and administer the FBIP Grant on behalf of the City.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

A mid-year budget amendment will provide a transfer of \$100,000 from General Fund Reserves to capital improvement project 315-93425, Seminole Boat Ramp Improvements to fund the initial cash match for this project.

**USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:**

Funding for this contract will be provided by a mid-year budget amendment allocating General Fund reserves in the amount of \$100,000 to capital improvement project 93425, Seminole Boat Ramp Improvements. A net total of \$1,543,646 of General Fund reserves has been used to date to fund expenditures in the 2015/16 operating budget. The remaining balance in General Fund reserves is approximately \$30.2 million, or 24.2% of the current General Fund operating budget.

*Marine and Aviation Director Bill Morris said the estimated total cost for landscaping and irrigation is \$102,268.65.*

*In response to questions, Mr. Morris said the project will encompass the parking area and the apron in front of the ramps. The parking area needs to be properly stabilized. The proposed visual enhancements to the area are part of the ULI plan and include landscaping borders and walkways. The enhancements for the grass lot and a cueing area as recommended by the ULI study will not be part of this project. The entire parking area will be milled. The grant application is due tomorrow; the grant award is expected to occur within three months. Mr. Morris said staff will come before Council with a grant agreement if awarded.*

**Councilmember Hamilton moved to authorize the Marine and Aviation Director to apply for and administer the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) Grant on behalf of the City of Clearwater, establish a new Capital Improvement Project, Seminole Boat Ramp Improvements (315-93425), authorize a mid-year amendment transferring initial funding of \$100,000 from General Fund Reserves. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**Resolution 16-10 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Caudell moved to adopt Resolution 16-10. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretkos, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff, Councilmember Hamilton and Councilmember Jonson**

**4. City Attorney Reports – None.**

**5. Closing comments by Councilmembers (limited to 3 minutes) – None.**

**6. Closing Comments by Mayor – None.**

**7. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.*

Attest

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Mayor  
City of Clearwater

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City Clerk