



Port of Brownsville

Minutes of Study Session

22 June 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Allen Miller called the study session to order at 4:30 PM. In attendance were Commissioner Bob Kalmbach, Port Manager Jerry Rowland, and Assistant Port Manager Gregg Faulkner. Commissioner Jack Bailey had an excused absence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made to approve agenda as written. Motion seconded and approved two for one absent.

REVIEW 2011 TARIFF

a. Proposed changes to base moorage rate.

Port Manager stated that the base moorage rate had not been raised in the last two years, however, the Port had asked for and received the authorized 1% increase to the levy rate. This increase is accumulative which means that in fact over the two year period the Port received approximately a 2.34% levy rate increase over the last two years. Because of this increase to the levy rate and the fact the Port is planning some major construction in the future it was felt that in order for both the tenants and constituents to share equally a 2.34% increase to the base moorage rate should be included in the 2012 tariff. This change would bring the base moorage rate for boats to \$3.835 per foot. Boathouses, Trimarans and catamarans would be \$0.27362 per square foot.

b. Proposed changes to utilities.

Port Manager reviewed the anticipated increases to Electricity and Sewer charges. To cover these anticipated increases it was determined that a .0478% increase was needed to cover electricity and a .02% increase would be needed to cover sewer charges. There are no anticipated changes to water and garbage at this time.

c. Other proposed changes.

The following changes to the 2012 tariff were recommended:

1. Guest moorage rates should increase to .65 cents per foot per day.
2. Boat Ramp fees should increase to \$5.00 per launch and the annual pass increase to \$30.00.
3. Commercial use ramp permit fee should increase to \$125.00 per six month period.
4. The fee for motor homes and camper trailers should be \$12.50 per day.
5. The rental fee for the upper park and pavilion should increase to \$50.00

There were no other recommended changes.

Commissioner Kalmbach asked if there were any public comments. Ned Cook requested that the Commissioners consider the need for a moorage increase before passing a rate increase. Commissioner Kalmbach thanked him for his input.

CLOSE MEETING / ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn Study Session. Motion seconded and passed two for one absent.

Meeting adjourned 5:51 PM.

President/Commissioner

Secretary/Commissioner

Commissioner

Recording Secretary