



***Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives***

Dennis Mahoney, Chair

Raven Matherne, Vice Chair

**Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** This meeting was held remotely.

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Mahoney, Vice Chair Matherne and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Policar, Saftic and Wallace. Excused was Rep. Pratt. Also present were Reps. McMullen and Sherwood; Dana Lee, Law Department; Mark McGrath, Director of Operations, Jennifer Williams, Parks & Facilities Bureau Chief; Laurie Albano, Parks & Recreation Supervisor; Ken Smith, Terry Conners Rink; Laura Burwick, Special Assistant to the Mayor; and Lou Ursone and Ted Udain, Curtain Call Theater.

Chair Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1 <a href="#">PR30.045</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Amending Chapter 84 of The Code of Ordinances, "Boats" to Require a Permit Prior to Using City-owned Boat Slips. 04/28/20 – Submitted by Law Department 06/16/20 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 8-0-0	<b>APPROVED 8-0-0</b>

Chair Mahoney opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Lee explained to the committee that the purpose of the permit is specifically to permit docking of a boat in a city-owned slip. A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Mahoney, Matherne, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Policar, Saftic and Wallace in favor).

2. <a href="#">PR30.051</a>	REVIEW; of Terry Conners Fee Increases 2017 to present, Revenue and Expenses 2017 to present; and Comparison to Competitive Rinks Fee Schedules. 06/03/20 – Submitted by Rep. Mahoney 06/16/20 – Held in Committee 8-0-0	<b>REPORT MADE</b>
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Ms. Burwick reviewed the attached [historical analysis](#) with Committee members. She noted that the 2021 expectations assume the proposed rate increases and do not assume a Covid situation. The largest revenue change is due to the ice rental increase.

Committee members questioned the overhead assumptions, the provision of free rink time to the high schools, and whether the costs would be the same if the rink were privatized. Ms. Burwick then reviewed the [future capital expenses](#) with the Committee. The capital expenditures for 2021 are already approved and bonded. Based upon these projections, the rink will require a cash flow of \$243,000 to meet its [projected debt service obligation](#) in 10 years. There is currently \$471,000 bonded and available for the rink, but it is not being used until a decision is made about the rink's future.

3. [PR30.049](#) RESOLUTION and Public Hearing; Approving Fee Increases for Terry Conners Ice Rink **APPROVED 8-0-0**  
06/02/20 – Submitted by Mayor's Office  
06/16/20 – Approved by Committee, as amended,  
7-1-0

Chair Mahoney opened the public hearing. Mr. Vergera and Mr. Kapasouros spoke in support of the proposed increases and proposed further increases for non-resident ice rental. A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Mahoney, Matherne, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Policar, Saftic and Wallace in favor).

4. [PR30.048](#) APPROVAL: Amended and Restated Ethel Kweskin Theater Operation Agreement. **APPROVED 8-0-0**  
05/18/20 – Submitted by Mayor's Office  
06/30/20 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
07/09/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance  
06/16/20 – Held in Committee 8-0-0

Committee members discussed the proposed agreement with Mr. Lee and Mr. Ursone. Mr. Lee stated that the Board of Finance had reduced the \$80,000 stipend for 2021 to \$75,000 and that change will be made to the agreement. The main changes are increases to the stipend by \$5,000 every 2 years and an extension of the term by 10 years. Mr. Ursone stated that the theater has been able to raise ticket prices no more than 10% in any year and \$35 is the current price. A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Mahoney, Matherne, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Policar, Saftic and Wallace in favor).

5. [PR30.052](#) REVIEW; Process Followed Requiring Beach Stickers for Czekik Marina Park. **REPORT MADE**  
07/08/20 – Submitted by Rep. McMullen

Rep. McMullen stated that he put this on the agenda because this item never came before the Board of Representatives and the Charter requires the Board to participate in fee increases. He does not believe the City followed the required process. Mr. Lee stated that the current language is not ambiguous and there is currently no requirement that the Board of Representatives approve making the lot a permit parking lot. This only requires approval of the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Director of Operations. Committee members discussed whether the Commission followed the appropriate process and whether the Commission would be able to hold a public hearing on this matter as was done with Riverbank Park by the Board of Representatives. Chair Mahoney will reach out to the Commission regarding holding a public hearing. Mr. Lee noted that the Board could change the language of the ordinance to create a

requirement for Board approval.

Chair Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).