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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code, Section 16.08.910, related to the marina slip waiting list administrative fee, which requires that this fee be paid annually for pending boat slip applications. (Districts 2, 3)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine operates and maintains the largest municipally-owned marina system in the nation. The City of Long Beach (City) marina system is comprised of Alamitos Bay Marina, Long Beach Shoreline Marina and Rainbow Harbor Marina. Combined, all three marinas have approximately 3,842 boat slips for recreational, private and commercial use. The prime location where Long Beach is situated offers practically perfect sailing conditions year-round. Boats in the marinas are protected by an offshore breakwater and by a natural south-facing bay. These occurrences, as well as optimal conditions, make the City's marinas very attractive to boaters. As a result, the slips are near, or at capacity every year.

The Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC), Section 16.08.910, relates to the waiting list administrative fee for a boat slip within the City's marinas. Currently, the LBMC dictates a one-time administrative fee be paid to be placed on the waiting list. The proposed change would reflect current practice, which requires that this fee be paid annually for pending boat slip applications.

The revenue from the administrative fees for pending boat slip applications is used to offset administrative time spent by staff to maintain and coordinate the waiting lists. The shift to collect the fees annually has expedited and accelerated the processing of applicants, resulting in shorter waiting lists. This is due to the fact that some undecided individuals are deterred from placing their names on a waiting list knowing that they will be charged an annual administrative fee to remain on the waiting list.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Robin Zur Schmiede on May 19, 2016 and by Budget Operations Administrator Grace Yoon on May 24, 2016.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 14, 2016, to incorporate these changes to the Long Beach Municipal Code and Fee Revenue Entry Database for Fiscal Year 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact or local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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