



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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August 2, 2005

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a permit, and any amendments, with American Catamaran Charter Services, LLC, through December 31, 2008, with two three-year options to renew, at the sole discretion of the City Manager. (District 2)

DISCUSSION

Rainbow Harbor was officially opened approximately five years ago, and since that time, the City has entered into a number of permits with commercial vessel operators. A number of the original permits have expired or are set to expire in the upcoming year. In an effort to gauge the demand for commercial dock space in Rainbow Harbor, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to 47 commercial vessel operators. Twelve responses were received, and of the 12, eight were operators currently operating in Rainbow Harbor seeking extended contracts and/or expanded business lines. Of the four that were not current operators, one has purchased an existing Rainbow Harbor operation and is currently operating under that existing permit. The requested new permit would accommodate one of the three remaining respondents. The Marine Bureau has determined that the American Catamaran Charter Services, LLC, operation would complement the current operations in Rainbow Harbor. They are interested in providing up-scale charter service from Rainbow Harbor. The vessel is a 58-foot luxury catamaran capable of carrying up to 15 passengers. The proposed business includes short sail charters (one to three hours) and longer-range, multi-day charters for small groups. The proposed permit terms and conditions are as follows:

- Premises: Commercial dock space as assigned by the Marine Bureau.
- Permitted Uses: Charters of 15 passengers, or less, which are pre-sold and not sold on an individual ticket basis.
- Dock Fee: \$12.70 per linear foot of dock space, per month, or the Rainbow Harbor dock rate established by City Council.
- Commercial Fee: 8 percent of gross revenue from Permittee's Long Beach operations, with a minimum of \$250 per month.

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- Maintenance: The City will be responsible for all routine dock maintenance.
- Utilities: The Permittee will pay all costs associated with the utilities at the site.
- Insurance: Evidence of general liability, automobile, property and workers' compensation insurance naming the City as an additional insured will be required as directed by the City's Risk Manager.
- Term: August 15, 2005 through December 31, 2008, with two three-year options to renew, at the sole discretion of the City Manager.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Charles Parkin on July 25, 2005, and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 25, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 2, 2005, to enable the Permittee to begin operating in Rainbow Harbor for the fall and holiday seasons.

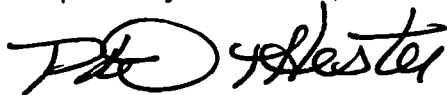
FISCAL IMPACT

Estimated annual revenue in the amount of \$15,000 per year, which was calculated based on the dock fee plus minimum commercial fee, will accrue to the Tidelands Fund (TF) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER