



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

1st Reading for the City Council Meeting of December 12, 2017
2nd Reading (Tabled) for the City Council Meeting of January 16, 2018
2nd Reading for the City Council Meeting of January 23, 2018

DATE: November 10, 2017
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Ordinance creating restrictions for Barge Dock Parking

CAPTION:

Ordinance adding Chapter 53, Section 178 "Barge Dock Parking" to the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to prohibit parking at barge dock from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.; and providing an effective date, for severance, for penalty and for publication.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to create restrictions on the Barge Dock to manage after-hour access.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

There is a long-standing issue on Shoreline Boulevard regarding vehicles with after-market modifications creating negative tourist experiences for the hotels along Shoreline and physical damage to city property. The common perception is that there is speeding and street racing however, a speed trailer and three-week street racing operation conducted in 2016 found that there was not flagrant illegal activity occurring. Staff has worked with Shoreline stakeholders for the past year to develop solutions that address the specific issues impacting each of the stakeholders. This item addresses one of those specific issues, abuse of the Barge Dock.

The Barge Dock at the end of Shoreline Boulevard provides parking for the American Bank Convention Center and Art Museum of South Texas. After the regular hours of operation, the Barge Dock is sometimes utilized for activities not intended. As a result, the Art Museum of South Texas incurs damage on a regular basis, including broken windows, false security alarms, and tire burns. Since this damage occurs after hours, it is difficult to catch those responsible.

After evaluating options, it was determined that gates could be installed to limit vehicular access to regular business hours. An ordinance is needed to create enforceable restrictions to vehicular access. Signage will also be installed. The vehicular restriction is

proposed from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM*. The Barge Dock will still be accessible by foot to those who utilize the structure for nighttime fishing. The Art Museum of South Texas and SMG will still be able to utilize the Barge Dock for special event parking.

The Barge Dock also serves as a component of the Seawall Protection System, funded by the Type A Seawall Sales Tax. Currently there is a project in the works for improvements to the Barge Dock that will protect the integrity of the structure and address maintenance issues. Additional improvements, such as wheel stops, will be added in this capital project.

Note *: The 1st reading of this ordinance was for a 6 PM to 6 AM limitation, but following feedback after the 1st reading, staff has loosened the restriction from 6 PM to 10 PM.

ALTERNATIVES:

Staff considered including the gates as part of the Type A Seawall project, but delays in the timeline created need for the gates and curfew to move forward in advance.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Not Applicable.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Police, Legal, Traffic Engineering

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2017-2018	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget			
Encumbered / Expended Amount			
This item			
BALANCE			

Fund(s):

Comments: Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance – Barge Dock Vehicular Curfew

Presentation – Barge Dock Issues