



City of Manitowoc HARBOR COMMISSION

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June 30, 2021

To: Mayor and Common Council

From: Harbor Commission

Subject: Budget for Harbor and River Improvements

Dear Mayor and Common Council:

At the June 29, 2021 Harbor Commission meeting, the Commission voted 6 – 0 respectfully requesting that the Mayor and Common Council allocate \$100,000 into the 2022 budget to address Harbor and Manitowoc River improvements such as public safety, additional dock space, improved signage and general maintenance. They also recommended that any monies not spent in 2022 be placed into an account that carries over into subsequent years up to a maximum of \$250,000. The money could be used for any water, harbor, river, or shoreline related project that may need to be addressed by the City. The Commission felt that with the increased popularity of Manitowoc's water activities by citizens and visitors, investments are needed to improve the user's experience along Manitowoc's water front.

The Commission created a list of projects that they feel will improve the Harbor and River areas helping Manitowoc attract more visitors and users into the downtown.

- Improve safety issues
 - o Paint, sign, improve escape ladders
 - o Increase # of Life buoys
 - o Other safety enhancements
- Enhance and increase the amount of temporary mooring and docking locations. No overnight stays, these boaters would go to the Marina.
 - o City Hall was a top priority
 - o River Point
 - o Expand dock area in between 8th Street Bridge and the Submarine
 - o Add dock near N. 9th Street abutting the River
 - o Manitowoc River areas east of both the Submarine and Briess Grain elevator

- Improve Safe Harbor areas along upriver City owned river front property's. Locations up river from 10th street bridge are preferred locations for safe harbor because the area is protected from easterly winds and waves.
- General maintenance
 - o Repair sheet wall and caps
 - o Repair erosion along sheet walls
 - o Fix existing whaler systems (wood that runs along sheet wall used by docked boats)
- Improve signage
 - o Provide awareness as to where the wake / no-wake areas are
 - o Post locations for public docking
 - o Replace or update depth gauges
- Construct additional kayak/canoe launches

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paul Braun
Harbor Master