

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

**STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 22.A.
REQUEST FROM WEIRS BEACH PEDAL BOATS TO
OPERATE A PEDAL BOAT BUSINESS USING THE CITY DOCKS
AND SPACE ON THE BOARDWALK IN WEIRS BEACH**

Discussion: The City Manager’s office was contacted in July, 2022 by Charles Carey regarding his proposal to operate a family friendly paddle boat attraction from the Weirs docks

At their October 24, 2022 meeting the City Council voted to schedule a Public Hearing. That Public Hearing was held earlier in this evening’s meeting. Per Section 229-3.C. of the City’s Code (attached), the City Council may lease public dock space to a commercial enterprise. Prior to entering into such a lease, at least one Public Hearing is required.

Please refer to the attached information describing the proposal, photos of the types of paddle boats that would be used, and a map showing the location of the designated areas for both the smaller children’s boats and the larger boats. A small EZ-Up type canopy/tent would be set up on the Boardwalk to sell tickets, and would be taken down each evening.

Shipping time for the pedal boats can range anywhere from 12 to 20 weeks; if approved, Mr. Carey would plan to begin operation of the business in the summer of 2023.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff Recommendation:

This report submitted by: Kirk Beattie, City Manager

Proposed motion:

“I move to approve the request from Weirs Beach Pedal Boats to operate a pedal boat business using the City docks and space on the Boardwalk in Weirs Beach as presented.”