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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 12, 2019

To: Mayor Kabat and Common Council Members

From: Jay Odegaard

Re: Municipal Harbor Funding Update

In 2017 resolution 17-1482 approved \$1,450,000 from General Fund Reserves for the rebuilding and modernizing the La Crosse Municipal Harbor located at 1500 Joseph Houska Drive. The refurbishing included installing a redesigned pier system consisting of non-skid aluminum decking and commercial grade truss frames with foam filled floats. The project also included new gangway access points, new electrical and water services, and a modern waste pump-out system. In addition, prohibited personal property was removed from the grounds along with raising condemned buildings. Updates brought the harbor to full compliance with federal, state and local regulations.

The reconfigured layout and design of the harbor moors 185 boats, ranging in size from 16' through 58', for the 2019 season. As of November 1st, the harbor has 70+ vessels on the waiting list.

Current construction includes the bath/shower facility to be completed for the 2020 Season. Also scheduled for the 2020 Season are parking lot improvements and a picnic area.

As per the resolution, an initial fund transfer of \$145,000 was completed in November 2019 to reimburse the General Funds Reserve. Transfers of \$145,000 will continue annually until the General Funds Reserve has been reimbursed in the amount of \$1,450,000 as originally approved.