

PORT COMMISSION SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING – March 13, 2019

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met in special session at the Quilcene Community Center, 294952 US Hwy 101, Quilcene, WA

Present: Commissioners –Putney, Hanke & Tucker
Interim Executive Director Pivarnik
Auditor Berg
Deputy Director Toews
Minutes – Nelson

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Putney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Hanke moved to approve the Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Quilcene resident Ray Canterbury thanked the Commission and staff for bringing the Port meeting to Quilcene. He also thanked Commissioner Putney for attending the Linger Longer Committee meeting earlier this week.

(Items III and IV were read out of order, as the audience situated itself.)

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Regular Business Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2019

B. Approval of Warrants

Warrant #060269 through #060282 in the amount of \$61,133.71 for Payroll & Benefits

Electronic Payment in the amount of \$84,754.05 for Payroll & Benefits

Warrant #060283 through #060334 in the amount of \$123,742.47 for Accounts Payable

Electronic Debit in the amount of \$3,917.04 for WA State Dept. of Revenue Excise Tax
Return for February 2019

Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Hanke seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS (not related to agenda):

Connie Gallant commented on the Coast Seafoods lease.

V. SECOND READING (Action Items):

A. Parking Resolution No. 697-19 (00:09:00):

Mr. Pivarnik explained this item was a First Reading item at the last commission meeting, where the Commission asked for a change to the language. This is a resolution to authorize escalating fees to Port patrons who have failed to make initial payment for their parking spot at the Boat Haven boat ramp and Point Hudson facilities. First occurrence fee is \$30 and the fee for two or more occurrences is \$100.

Commissioner Hanke moved to adopt Resolution No. 697-19 as presented.

Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. FIRST READING (Discussion Only):

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Quilcene Presentation and Opportunity for Public Input (00:09:31):

Mr. Pivarnik explained to the crowd that the Port was in Quilcene to provide facts, as rumors have been making the rounds. He reported to the crowd that the Commission has not made any decisions. He explained the Port's Mission Statement; to serve all Jefferson County residents -maintain facilities, encourage economic vitality, provide access to Port properties and protect environmental heritage. He stated we are starting with a clean slate and this is the first step in the process.

Mr. Pivarnik listed things the Port is not considering, including selling all the Port's Quilcene properties and reinvesting Quilcene sales proceeds into Port Townsend facilities. He stated staff is recommending selling most of the property Coast Seafoods presently occupies to Coast. He explained sales proceeds would be reinvested into the Quilcene facility and a Quilcene Reserve Account would be established. Also, not being considered is eliminating shoreline access, selling the marina, most uplands, the swim beach.

He stated the Port is not proposing expansion of the Coast Seafoods footprint. He added the Coast lease is good through 2039.

He reminded the Port is here to state our points and to listen to community input.

He then outlined choices: No action – not a good choice. He reported the Port is losing money in Quilcene and cannot afford to maintain the marina, floats, etc. He reminded this was predicted during the 2012 Port meeting in Quilcene. Second option - sell land to Coast and reinvest in the Quilcene facility. Staff would recommend establishment of a Quilcene Reserve Account, where funds would be applied towards the marina, restrooms, park facilities and operations.

Mr. Pivarnik reported currently the Port brings in \$132,000 in annual revenue and spends \$154,000 annually, leaving a \$22,000 annual loss.

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC:

The following people provided input:

Herb Beck, Connie Gallant, Pam Petranek, Kit Kittredge, Keith Meyer, Joel Kawahara, Kevin Reede, Ron Hayes, Chris Llewellyn, Linda Herzog, Bob Lunsford, Clark Hallan, Kim McCullough, Mike Ryan, Ray Canterbury, Roger Sorenson and Anne Ricker.

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS (01:16:00):

Mr. Toews stated he forwarded the Commission's motion to the FAA on the timing of the Phase III Runway Rehabilitation project. The motion communicates to the FAA the desire to obligate grant funds to the Port in 2019, which would allow the Port to move forward with preconstruction submittals, and then delay construction work until spring of 2020. Mr. Toews reported it looks like there is a good chance of achieving this objective.

Ms. Berg briefed on the January Financials and a reminder of the transition to a cash reporting basis.

Mr. Pivarnik reported he and Commissioner Tucker would meet with Jamestown Tribal Chairman Ron Allen later this week to discuss how the tribes and the Port can work together.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (01:19:45):

Commissioner Hanke spoke about the many comments tonight. He talked about the Port facilities in Quilcene – the beaches, the yard, parking areas, restrooms, the marina and the boat ramp. He believes there is a way to get through the issues and stated to the crowd the importance of being involved.

Commissioner Tucker commented on boat ramps, and the expense of maintaining facilities, which he said is frustrating and takes time, but he is excited by the comments made tonight.

Commissioner Putney thanked all for coming out and spoke about the importance of coming to Quilcene to discuss matters. He informed that he would be attending an NODC Broadband meeting, the Maritime Heritage roundtable, and a tribal collaboration meeting.

X. NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING:

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the Port Commission Building, 333 Benedict St, Port Townsend.


XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

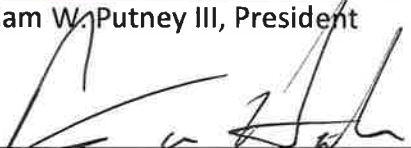
The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm there being no further business to come before the Commission.

ATTEST:


Stephen R. Tucker, Secretary



William W. Putney III, President



Peter W. Hanke, Vice President