

PORT COMMISSION PUBLIC WORKSHOP – November 9, 2022

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met for a Public Workshop
Point Hudson Pavilion Building, 355 Hudson Street, Port Townsend

Present: Commissioner Petranek
Commissioner Hasse
Commissioner Hanke
Executive Director Berg
Operation Manager Sparks
Recorder Sanders

I. CALL TO ORDER: (Rec. 00:00:00)

Commissioner Petranek opened the Workshop at 9:30 a.m.

II. AGENDA: (Rec. 00:01:25)

City of Port Townsend Community Wellness Center Special Presentation

Executive Director Eron Berg introduced this item recognizing the importance to the Port and marine trades of teaching local water safety, including swimming or diving. The Port is being asked for financial support of roughly \$5,000.

City Manager John Mauro addressed questions. There was recognition of the broader community funding needed to build out the infrastructure.

Carrie Hite, City Director of Parks and Recreation Strategy, presented the project purpose, background, timeline, community outreach, involvement, project phases, and recommendation for partners. She solicited feedback on the process.

Questions from the Commission: suggestion to collaborate with the Northwest Maritime Center on hosting safety-at-sea or able-bodied seaman classes. There was interest in facility size and location as well as models used in Sequim Aquatic Recreation Center (SARC 25,000 sq. ft. parks and recreation service area) and Port Angeles' metropolitan parks district. When looking at other models, Ms. Hite referenced Lynnwood, Federal Way, Vancouver, and Colorado as well as federal, state grants, and private funding options. The metropolitan parks district (MPD) is a tool authorized in Washington State to support parks and recreation. If a boundary is drawn differently than the district, then a voted body must be elected to run the MPD. Otherwise, the City and County could run the MPD. There were also questions about whether the MountainView building might be repurposed.

Ms. Hite noted that the City is creating a financial sustainability task force. The matter would also be discussed through the Intergovernmental Collaborative Group (ICG). When asked about the City's existing \$2 million in bonds on the pool leasehold improvements, City Staff noted that much is still on the table, including the Golf Course and MountainView conversations. The School District has voiced their support on planning for the MountainView campus.

Next steps would be to solidify the interlocal agreements with jurisdictions and partners.

III. ADJOURNMENT: (Rec. 00:50:00)

The Workshop adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

ATTEST:



Peter W. Hanke, Secretary



Pamela A. Petranek, President



Carol Hasse, Vice President