

PORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING – Wednesday, May 10, 2023

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met in workshop session at the Point Hudson Pavilion Building, 355 Hudson Street, Port Townsend, and also online via Zoom.

Present: Commissioners Hanke, Hasse and Petranek
Executive Director Eron Berg
Port Recorder Sanders

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

Commissioner Petranek called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

A. Presentation/Update from the Northwest Maritime Center (Rec. 00:02:00)

Chief Executive Officer Jake Beattie gave a presentation focused on the NWMC maritime school educational program. He talked about the desire for a campus expansion as well as opportunities for utilizing the space at The Landfall lot.

There was Commission interest in the make up of the partners for the Maritime High School and a desire for the creation of a website or clearinghouse where connections and links to the marine trades industry can connect students with jobs. Teaching students about local trades and alerting them to internship opportunities in the City might give them a pathway to return to the community. The cantilever esplanade might also be a future topic for joint discussion.

B. Discussion With Economic Development Council (Rec. 01:00:37)

Executive Director Cindy Brooks discussed their goals, programs, and strategic planning efforts. Business Advisor Douglas Hammel described functional issues at the EDC and other businesses for which he has experience and provides support and advice.

Commission discussion included the shortage of commercially-available properties for business retention and expansion.

C. WPPA Governance and Management Guide – Chapter 4 Port Administrative Functions (Rec. 01:37:10)

Commissioner Hasse led a discussion of the chapter. Discussed was the structure of the finance director and auditor position and the process for searching for a new Finance Director.


Commissioner Hanke left at 11:35 p.m.

II. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 02:16:12): The meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m., there being no further business before the Commission.


ATTEST:



Peter W. Hanke, Secretary



Pamela A. Petranek, President



Carol L. Hasse, Vice President