

PORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING – Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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 Petranek, Hasse, and Hanke
Executive Director Eron Berg
Deputy Director Eric Toews
Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson
Director of Capital Projects and Port Engineer Matt Klontz
Harbormaster Kristian Ferrero
Lease & Contracts Administrator Sue Nelson
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders
Via Zoom: Attorney Seth Woolsen

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Rec. 00:00:00)
Commissioner Hanke called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. STRATEGIC PLAN PROCESS AND TIMELINE (Rec. 00:01:14)

Deputy Director Eric Toews explained various options for a stakeholder process to review and provide input on plan updates. There was Commission support for a staff-led stakeholder group, not selected by the commission, as well as a public workshop during their review timeline to solicit additional input. The committee work would begin before the end of year, beginning their meetings after the first of year, and then concluding in February followed by a public workshop to culminate into a final stakeholder discussion with a formal recommendation to the Commission afterwards.

Staff responded to questions about the representative group in the selection process and the potential desire for broader discussion, as part of the Commission retreat tentatively set for March 20/21. Issues the Commission asked to consider broadening in a minor strategic plan update were acknowledgement of the housing crisis and members could also be asked to reading the current Comprehensive Scheme, 100-Year Port history book, and the strategic plan.

III. SHORT FARM UPDATE (Rec. 00:30:14)

Executive Director Eron Berg and Deputy Director Eric Toews reported on following: well issues, water use agreement for farm users, additional barn demolition/wood reclamation, interest in temporary housing, utility work, access routes, continued work on the house for renting, leases and license agreements in process, and gained knowledge by the Port on usability of the land. A nonprofit entity may be interested in a land lease.

Discussion by the Commission centered on well testing, lease options, including irrigation for leases, leasing the main house, and potential for solar panels as creek shading, as well as water policy on creek use.

IV. COMPREHENSIVE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (10 YEAR USACE MAINTENANCE PERMIT) (Rec. 00:53:00)

Executive Director Eron Berg led a discussion of the CRAMP permit and timeline to develop a list of projects over the next four months. This permit would get the Port through Section 7 and list projects with both positive and negative environmental impacts and funding needed. Additional potential projects noted were the removal of Benedict Spit, a graving dock operation on the west end, and a sea plane dock downtown. The Commission noted that continued community access is important.

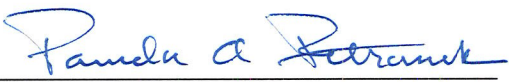
Director of Capital Projects and Port Engineer Matt Klontz reviewed floating docks, breakwater replacement, and potential old ferry dock creosote pile removal at Tyler Street. The CRAMP would also state a preference for replacement with concrete floats. There was Commission support for the listed projects and discussion of ideas. Another suggested project was consideration for a speed reduction in the bay.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Rec. 01:53:00)

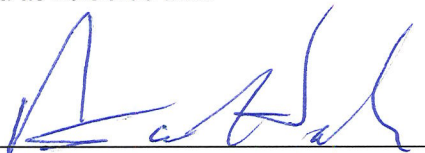
There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 01:30:00): the meeting adjourned at 10:56:00 a.m.


ATTEST:



Pamela A. Petranek, Secretary



Peter W. Hanke, President



Carol L. Hasse, Vice President