

PORT COMMISSION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – Wednesday, February 26, 2025

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met for a regular business session at the Point Hudson Pavilion Building, 355 Hudson Street, Port Townsend, and also online via Zoom.

Present: Commissioner Petranek with Commissioners Hasse and Hanke attending virtually  
Executive Director Eron Berg  
Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson  
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders  
Via Zoom: Attorney Seth Woolsen

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Rec. 00:00:15)  
Commissioner Petranek called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Rec. 00:01:09)  
There were no changes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL (Rec. 00:01:26)

Dave Luckenbach provided written comment regarding the North Boatyard Expansion suggesting landscaping and greenery be added to the fencing.

Marie Pahlmeyer provided written comment to encourage that winter moorage tenants be offered parking space as part of their moorage fee in the Cupola parking lot to reduce parking impacts in other areas.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (Rec. 00:02:15)

A. Approval of Workshop and Business Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2025

B. Approval & Ratification of Warrants

Electronic Debit in the amount of \$65.15 and \$16,973.61

Electronic Debit in the amount of \$13,069.03

Warrant #069803 through #069833 in the amount of \$94,509.89

Warrant #069834 in the amount of \$10,609.00

Warrant #069835 through #069837 and electronic payment in the total amount of \$143,305.86

Warrant #069838 through #069872 in the amount of \$187,158.04

**Unanimous approval of the Consent Agenda as written.**

V. FIRST READING – None

VI. SECOND READING - None

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS (Rec. 00:02:50)

A. 2025 Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters Conference

Commissioners referenced the staff memorandum on contracting with Puget Sound Express to charter a vessel for the conference.

Commissioner Hanke recused himself from the vote on this item, although he noted that the discussion about using the boat occurred with Sarah Hanke. He will, however, be piloting the vessel on April 16.

**Unanimous approval of motion to authorize staff to contract with PSE to charter Saratoga for use during the PCC conference on April 16<sup>th</sup> with Commissioner Hanke abstaining.**

VIII STAFF COMMENTS (Rec. 00:05:38)

Executive Director Eron Berg updated and discussed with the Commission the situation with the Point Hudson sunken vessel 57' *Goldfinch* Albin trawler. The vessel owner's insurer has denied coverage for the pollution cleanup costs that recovered 900 gallons of fuel. They also denied responsibility for the costs of removing the vessel from the marina. Staff was commended for their timely action and continued work with DNR and the Port's insurer to see what can be done to remove the vessel as quickly as possible.

Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson noted that in speaking with staff on the Point Hudson scene, they were grateful for their training. The IT transition from Olympic Education Service District (OESD) to the PUD is occurring over the month of March.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (Rec. 00:17:25)

Commissioner Hasse reported on the good ICG meeting last week and their work on common efforts. The Climate Action Committee is providing input on City and County comprehensive plans. She spoke about her Hawaii whale-watching trip and noted humpback whale research is only about 50 years old.

Commissioner Hanke shared humpback whale information he has read by John Calambokidis of Cascadia Research. He was impressed by the quick efforts to respond to the sinking vessel and getting the booms in place to contain the spill.

Commissioner Petranek reported on the great presentation by Cindy Brooks from the EDC at the ICG meeting. With her upcoming departure, the EDC Board is looking for a successor director. She noted for Commissioner Hasse that a food resiliency group still exists but now functions under the Climate Action Committee.

X. NEXT PUBLIC WORKSHOP & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (Rec. 00:23:58)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Workshop and at 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting at the Pavilion Building & via Zoom

Wednesday and Thursday, March 26/27 from 10 a.m.-3p.m. Port Commission Retreat at the Aero Museum Library

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Rec.00:24:50)

At 6:00 p.m. the Commission recessed into executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to Review the Performance of a Public Employee with no action to follow and expected to return at 6:15 p.m.

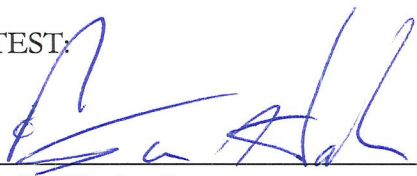
At 6:15 p.m., the Commission came back into open session and extended the meeting for another ten minutes until 6:27 p.m.


At 6:27 p.m., the Commission came back into open session.


XII. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 00:30:00)

At 6:28 p.m., the meeting adjourned there being no further business before the Commission.

ATTEST:

  
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Peter W. Hanke, Secretary

  
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Carol L. Hasse, President

  
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Pamela A. Petranek, Vice President