

PORT COMMISSION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – Wednesday, April 23, 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 Hasse, Petranek and Hanke
Executive Director Eron Berg
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders

Via Zoom: Attorney Seth Woolsen

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Rec. 00:00:00)
Commissioner Hasse called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Rec. 00:01:10)
There was an addition of a brief executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for consideration of site selection or acquisition of real estate purchase or lease if likelihood that disclosure would increase price with no action to follow.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL (Rec. 00:02:00)

Chris Hanson of the Port Townsend Silent Flight Association defended concerns about the impact on birds in their flight of model planes on the Short Farm. As members of the American Model Airplane Association they abide by rules and do no harass birds. He distributed reports/studies about radio-controlled aircraft and birds.

David James commented in writing about the boat yard expansion and urged considering more parking at the north end to eliminate some constraints on the marina.

Steve Hampton of the Rainshadow Bird Alliance wrote about the impact of flying model planes on birds.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (Rec. 00:09:30)

- A. Approval of Workshop and Business Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2025
- B. Approval & Ratification of Warrants
 - Warrant #070074 through 070104 in the amount of \$429,995.45
 - Warrant #070105 through #070114 and electronic payment in the total amount of \$156,681.11
 - Electronic Debit in the amount of \$40,640.16
 - Electronic Debit in the amount of \$7,063.77
 - Electronic Debits in the amounts of \$72.45 and \$17,515.21
 - Warrant #070115 through #070147 in the amount of \$312,713.98
- C. Resolution 842-25 Authorizing Sale of Vessel – Sundance (Dronkert/Alki Runner LLC)
- D. Approval of Update to the 2025 Committee Assignments
- E. Yackel Scuba Services, LLC, d/b/a Octopus Gardens Diving – Boat Haven Land & Building Lease
- F. West Sound Maritime, Inc. – Point Hudson Building Lease (Sail Loft)

Unanimous approval of the Consent Agenda as written.

V. FIRST READING – None

VI. SECOND READING - None

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS (Rec. 00:09:47) - None

VIII STAFF COMMENTS (Rec. 00:09:51)

Executive Director Eron Berg announced the Port will be honored with the WPPA 2025 Community Outreach award for the Point Hudson breakwater project. At last week's Pacific Coast Congress, there was great attendance and many positive comments about the harbor tour. At the event, the Port also received a Harbor Achievement Award for the breakwater replacement project. Budget writers are putting together final numbers before Sunday's end of the legislative session, including the capital budget.

Peninsula Daily News reporter Paula Hunt did a tour and a subsequent story about OSP in Sequim about their strap-making manufacturing business. It is the company for whom Kendrick is sourcing straps for the new travelift due to arrive the third week in May. He requested authorization for out-of-state travel for this trip to see the travelift. There was some discussion of options for the existing travelift from continuing to use for a while to retiring the equipment.

Unanimous approval for authorization for Eron Berg, Trevor Manners and Justin Taylor to travel to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin to tour the travelift facility.

The PUD published a press release on their upcoming project to remove poplars beginning in May. Signs were installed at Boat Haven entrances alerting travelers that there is no through traffic for three months during the stormwater improvement project. Two positions are open: Customer Service Representative and Lease and Contracts Administrator.

Port Recorder Joanna Sanders noted the next meeting of the ICG is now officially rescheduled from Thursday, May 15 to Monday, May 12 at 5 p.m.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (Rec. 00:28:10)

Commissioner Petranek reported the EDC will be interviewing Director candidates and giving them a tour of the boat school, foundry, and boatyard. She read positive feedback from Spike Africa's owner about the recent KPTZ interview. The PCC harbormaster tour will be the feature of the next *Our Working Waterfront*. She will visit the model airplanes in action at their existing site. She relayed a positive Farmers Market experience between a boat school student and another student from Montana who were both buying fish. She recognized the importance of the open County Administrator position. Panel interviews begin April 30th to be followed by a community open house. Eric Toews will participate.

Commissioner Hanke announced he will miss the May 7 Port Commission Meeting due to travel.

Commissioner Hasse reported that the Climate Action Committee workgroup is working on the climate element that will go to the City and County. They also heard from Steve King about the City's street reduction strategy. She appreciated the PCC event and presentation by Canadian Trevor Burgess and the company called Volt Safe about electrical pedestals and safety improvements. She also attended Bent Jespersen's celebration of life who died at age 89. A premiere Canadian wooden boatbuilder, he was also one of the first to receive the Wooden Boat Festival lifetime achievement award.

X. NEXT PUBLIC WORKSHOP & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (Rec. 00:47:00)

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Workshop and at 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting at the Pavilion Building & via Zoom

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Rec.00:47:23)

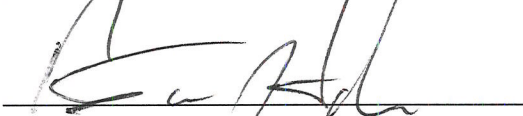
At 6:20 p.m., the Commission announced a recess into executive session for 5 minutes expecting to return at 6:25 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for consideration of site selection or acquisition of real estate purchase or lease if likelihood that disclosure would increase price with no action to follow.


At 6:25 p.m., the Commission came back into open session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 00:48:41)

At 6:27 p.m., the meeting adjourned there being no further business before the Commission.

ATTEST


Peter W. Hanke, Secretary


Carol L. Hasse, President


Pamela A. Petranek, Vice President