

PORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING – Wednesday, November 12, 2025

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

Present: Commissioners Hasse, Hanke, and Petranek
Executive Director Eron Berg
Deputy Director Eric Toews
Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson (virtual)
Harbormaster Kristian Ferrero
Operations Manager Chris Sparks
Capital Projects Administrator Natalie Toews
Lease and Contracts Administrator Heron Scott
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders

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

Commissioner Hasse called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

II. UNION WHARF USE BY AMERICAN CRUISE LINES (REC. 00:00:20)

Executive Director Eron Berg reviewed his detailed memorandum of issues, background, discussion topics to date, and fiscal impact.

Natalie Maitland of PT Main Street presented their survey results.

Commissioner comments were as follows: Union Wharf is not on the IDD levy to do list, nor one of the main Port features. The Port should prioritize C/D dock replacement. Investing in the wharf infrastructure is crucial. There are difficulties getting impartial survey data.

Mitigation of wear and tear on Union Wharf and possible protection by dolphins. Until the installation of dolphins, the Port might limit visits to one a week or not exceed 40. Concerns include light, noise, diesel pollution, garbage, tour bus carbon footprint, and unauthorized use of transit stops. Positive economic benefits are seen by some business and others see them as a nuisance. Income to the Port supports Union Wharf maintenance and may discourage bigger cruise ships from visiting. There are benefits to the Northwest Maritime Center similar to the Jefferson County Historical Museum.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Rec. 01:45:58)

Written Comment submitted by: Ashlyn Brown Joni Blanchard, Melissa Moller, David King and Annette Huenke.

In-Person Public Comment from: Ashlyn Brown, Kristin Meira of American Cruise Lines, Jeannine Kempees of About Time, Pete Langley, Musa, Tara McCauley of the Jefferson County Historical Society, Clayborn Burleson, David King, Joni Blanchard, Shelly Leavens of the City of Port Townsend, and Bob Maginnis.

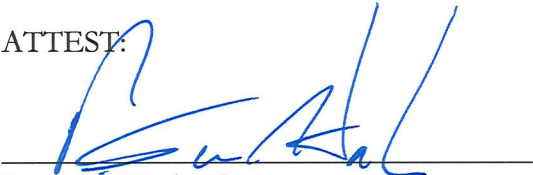
Kristin Meira of ACL spoke about their community engagement and contributions to area marine trades, partnering on infrastructure costs, touring ideas, respect and commitment to Port Townsend, and no request for exclusive use. She addressed questions from Commissioners regarding a grant for carbon credits, funding assistance, possible partnership with Jefferson Transit, size and class of ACL vessels, and questions about mitigating dock impacts in southerly winds.

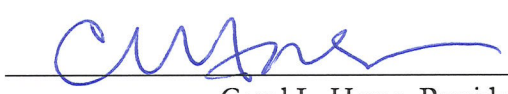
Harbormaster Kristian Ferrero addressed questions and Commissioner continued to discuss rate card changes as well as other visiting vessels such as Zodiac and Adventuress.

IV. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 01:52:45)

At 11:48 a.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