

PORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING – Wednesday, September 10, 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 and Hanke (Virtual), Commission Petranek (Excused)
Executive Director Eron Berg
Deputy Director Eric Toews
Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson
Director of Capital Projects and Port Engineer Matt Klontz
Capital Projects Manager Dave Nakagawara
Projects Administrator Natalie Toews
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders

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

Commissioner Hasse called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (Rec. 01:30:00)

Joe Hoffman spoke about the recent difficulties his father has had in mooring his dinky in the undesirable moorage. He expressed concern with changes to policy that resulted in moving the boat and compromising his father's ability to safely access his vessel.

Ronald Hoffman spoke about the difficulty getting into the space where his boat was and the movement of his boat due to a change in policy.

III. 2026 BUDGET – COUNTY ASSESSOR PRESENTS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND IDD TAX LEVY. (REC. 00:09:44)

Jeff Chapman and Lauralee Kiesel of the Jefferson County Assessor's Office reviewed Port levy and IDD levy estimates. At the Commission's request, Mr. Chapman agreed to forward to Port staff the spreadsheets of valuations for Port properties, particularly at JCIA, Point Hudson, and Boat Haven.

IV. 2026-2030 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW (Rec. 00:23:32)

Director of Capital Projects and Port Engineer and engineering staff provided a project-by-project review of changes to the CIP. At the September 24 meeting, staff will have more specific project information for the Commission, including timing and plans for 2026.

Commissioners had questions regarding the Port's financial commitment to the Sims Gateway Project. Staff noted the project will cost \$1.9 million, including the City's share. The Port contributed \$1.3 million. Staff also responded to questions about added Stormwater project costs related to hitting the water main. Pertaining to the rerouting of the Puget Sound Trail, a commissioner suggested electrical update in the yard as an urgent need. Another suggestion was to collaborate with tribes on adding a carving shed or long house at Point Hudson.


V. 2026 BUDGET – DISCUSS POTENTIAL AND KNOWN ISSUES, GOALS AND ASSUMPTIONS (Rec. 01:35:05)

This item was deferred to the regular business meeting September 10, 2025 at 1 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 01:37:00)

At 11:06 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