

PORT COMMISSION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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

Present: Commissioners Hanke, Hasse and Petranek  
Executive Director Eron Berg  
Deputy Director Eric Toews  
Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson  
Harbormaster Kristian Ferrero  
Director of Capital Projects and Port Engineer Matt Klontz  
Lease and Contracts Administrator Heron Scott  
Capital Projects Administrator Natalie Toews  
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders  
Via Zoom: Attorney Seth Woollen

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Rec. 00:00:00)

Commissioner Petranek called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Rec. 00:01:30)

There were no changes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL (Rec. 00:01:40)

Emeliano Mareno urged Port action on behalf of the Artful Sailor, marine trades, pedestrians, and bicyclists at Point Hudson over the growing safety concerns, volume, and speed of traffic, and hostility around interactions on Jackson Street.

Kate Olbrecht shared concerns about Point Hudson and requested more signage about the speed limit, one-way street, and increased enforcement.

Jana Allen expressed appreciation for installation of new speed bumps and she observed increased traffic. More signage at the beginning of the turn would be appreciated.

Tom Heil, with his 34ft trimaran, spoke about the fee increase in yard scheduled for January. Previously, the Port gave an extension of the previous rate and he requested an extension.

Robert Frank provided written concerns regarding closure of the heavy haulout due to paving occurring as part of the stormwater project completion.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: TOUR OF BUILDING 2/JUNIOR OFFICER'S QUARTERS (430 Hudson St) (Rec. 00:12:15)

At 1:15 p.m., the Commission meeting went into recess for a public tour of the remodeling the Port has done of the Junior Officer's Quarters (Building 2).

At 1:39 p.m., the Commission meeting reconvened.

V. CONSENT AGENDA (Rec. 00:13:24)

A. Approval of Workshop and Business Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2026 and Special Meeting Minutes May 19-21, 2026

B. Approval & Ratification of Warrants

Warrant #072012 through #072047 in the amount of \$60,566.30

Warrant #072048 through #072049 in the amount of \$23,105.05

Warrant #072050 through #072053 and electronic payments in the total amount of \$167,877.66

Warrant #071923 in the amount of \$1,045.73 is declared void

Electronic Debit in the amount of \$16,094.98

Warrant #072054 through #072056 in the amount of \$347,597.35

Electronic Debit in the amount of \$11,102.58

Warrant #072057 through #072080 in the amount of \$68,073.96

Electronic Debit in the amount of \$267.00

Warrant #072081 through #072107 in the amount of 158,052.71

Electronic Debit in the amount of \$37.00

Electronic Debit in the amount of \$492.75

Warrant #072108 through #072114 and Electronic Payment in the total amount of \$283,175.79

Warrant #072115 through #072152 in the amount of \$492,075.64

C. Resolution 881-26 Authorizing Sale of Vessel – Dauntless (Conn)

D. Authorize the Executive Director to Develop and Implement a Formula for Pricing Fuel for Retail Sale at the Jefferson County International Airport.

Unanimous approval of the Consent Agenda as written. There was a brief discussion of a future opportunity to make Motor Gas available at JCIA fuel facility.

VI. SECOND READING - None

VII. FIRST READING – None

VIII. REGULAR BUSINESS (Rec. 00:17:18)

A. 2027 Budget Schedule and Process

Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson briefed the Commission on the revised budget schedule.

**Unanimous approval of motion to adopt the alternative 2027 Budget Proposed Schedule.**

B. Harbormaster Report

Harbormaster Kristian Ferrero presented his report. In reviewing the decrease in Boat Haven transient moorage traffic, some discussion ensued about fuel cost increases.

C. April Year to Date 2026 Financials

Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson presented the financial report. She fielded questions, including several about the targeted reserve balances.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS (Rec. 01:05:00)

Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson relayed that she and Kristian Ferrero have worked to install Park mobile signage to collect more ramp fees. The signage is resulting in more fees being paid at Gardiner, Mats Mats, and Hadlock.

Harbormaster Kristian Ferrero reported that temporary tie ups at Union Wharf have been converted to electronic parking.

Lease and Contracts Administrator Heron Scott reported on lease extensions being negotiated and building lease availability. Puget Sound Express has expressed interest in leasing the Sail Loft Armory Building.

Matt Klontz reported on the following projects: Point Hudson roof replacement, 3-day closure to complete paving in front of the 300-ton haulout, the stormwater system becoming operational, JCIA fuel tank installation, fuel operation completion targeted for early July, and pavement starting next week. July 7 at 11 a.m. is the ribbon cutting event for the stormwater project completion.

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (Rec. 01:21:00)

Commissioner Hanke commented that the Port website Upcoming Events might be used to announce more events such as Boat Haven paving. When asked about the Elmore status, Deputy Director Eric Toews provided a detailed report. Some discussion then ensued about ideas for how to proceed with the disposition of the vessel, including salvaging pieces and parts. Ian Weedman is working on a vessel that will be embarking on a nine-month circumnavigation of the globe

Commissioner Hasse appreciated the new speed bumps on Jackson at Point Hudson. The Marine Resources Committee heard a report by Heidi Eisenhour about minimizing response time to address derelict vessels. A vessel turn-in program (VTIP) event will be hosted in the area. She attended the WPPA Skamania seminar and was concerned about the promotion of nuclear power and concern about managing the nuclear waste. She shared the idea that Willapa Bay was at one time generating revenue from their dredging equipment.

Commissioner Petranek attended a WPPA EDC meeting and the economic value of dredging. Shipbuilding and maritime manufacturing were also topics of discussion. At the federal level

there is a maritime action plan. The ports report was also informative (Port of Anacortes dock replacement). A KPTZ *Working Waterfront* interview yesterday featured Aimee Schaab of the vessel Norsel.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT (Rec. 01:44:00)

Dave Griswold of PT Shipwrights Coop expressed concern about business impacts of the stormwater paving construction timeline.

Thomas Heil noted that he and another vessel appear to be co-located in one spot in the 300-ton yard and asked if the rate charged might be reduced to reflect the situation.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Rec. 01:47:00)

At 3:14 p.m. recessed into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for consideration of a site selection of acquisition of real estate purchase or lease if likelihood that disclosure would decrease that price.

At 3:35 p.m. the Commission came back into open session.

XIII. NEXT PUBLIC WORKSHOP & REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (Rec. 01:48:25)

Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 5 p.m. Intergovernmental Collaborative Group Special Meeting.

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. regular workshop and 1 p.m. business meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 01:50:00)

At 3:37 p.m., the meeting adjourned there being no further business before the Commission.

ATTEST:

  
Carol L. Hasse, Secretary