

PORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING – Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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 Petranek, Hasse and Hanke
Executive Director Eron Berg
Director of Capital Projects and Port Engineer Matt Klontz
Capital Projects Manager Dave Nakagawara
Capital Projects Administrator Natalie Toews
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders

I. CALL TO ORDER (Rec. 00:09:32)

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

II. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: DEBRIEF SPECIAL MEETINGS WITH COUNTY AND PUD (Rec. 00:01:54)

Commissioners and Staff summarized the challenges and opportunities in working with the PUD and Board of County Commissioners following the joint meetings. With the new PUD management, there might need to be clarification in planning projects whether the Port is a partner or a customer and make specific requests to the PUD Commission. As a customer, the Port would likely be paying more for its projects.

The Port appreciated the historical context from Josh Peters and the County's willingness to partner, including contributing to an economic development plan. There was some interest in talking with the city about industrial development potential off the Rainier Street corridor. An outstanding issue is whether there is sufficient land that is appropriately zoned to support the community needs. The County was receptive to exploring the impervious surface limits, reduction in buffers, and increase in building size. The county is focused on Port Hadlock and Glen Cove.

III. RATE OPTIONS (SEASON LENGTH, WINTER USE, TIMING) (Rec. 00:53:00)

Harbormaster Kristian Ferrero led a discussion of revenue opportunities and setting rates for the 2027 budget cycle. Discussion centered on increasing winter guest monthly traffic, such as advertising and linking to local events and activities through Camp Life and Boat Geek on the Port website, and planning for wifi and a roof antenna for better fiber connection and removing the Direct TV option. There was discussion about options for RV improvements and reconfigurations as well as limitations in the Shoreline Master Program.

Regarding Boat Haven Marina, City Dock and Union Wharf, ideas were to adjust recreational guest monthly rates and explore generating revenue at City dock for its necessary repairs. Union Wharf rates and 40 dockings at \$2,000/night although the request from ACL was for 57. There was support for raising the nightly rate at Union Wharf. Long shoreman protest appears to be in response to AC

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (Rec. 00:57:45) - None

V. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 00:58:41)

At 11:10 a.m., the meeting adjourned there being no further business before the Commission.

ATTEST:



Carol L. Hasse, Secretary