

PORT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING / PUBLIC FORUM – Friday, May 6, 2016

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met in special session at the Commission Building, 333 Benedict Street, Port Townsend, WA

Present: Commissioners – Hanke, Tucker & Clinefelter
Auditor - Berg
Minutes –Nelson
Attorney – Goodstein

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Hanke called the special meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

II. PUBLIC FORUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES:

Ms. Berg explained the candidate forum format.

Panel members included former Mayor and Townsend Bay Marine owner David King, Jefferson County Chamber Director Teresa Verraes, local volunteer Bill Putney, Gordon Neilson who represented the tribes and the marine trades and local Quilcene volunteer/activist Linda Herzog. Executive Director Candidates included Josh Peters, Sam Gibboney and Greg Englin.

Following the question and answer session, Commissioner Hanke thanked the candidates, the panel members and the audience. He announced the meeting would recess into Executive Session to decide if they would need to bring the candidates back into the room for more questioning, and decide if there would be action. The meeting recessed into Executive Session at 11:56 a.m., possible action and duration of fifteen minutes, with possible extension.

III. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting recessed into Executive Session at 11:56 AM, returning with possible action and duration of fifteen minutes, with a possible extension, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (g).

At 12:15 p.m., it was announced to the waiting public the session would be extended another half-hour.

IV. RECONVENING OF REGULAR SESSION:

The regular meeting reconvened at 12:46 PM.

Commissioner Hanke explained in the Executive Session, more questions were asked of the candidates (each candidate was called in, one at a time, during the session). He announced there would be no decision today, as the commission would like to invite the public to contact each of them over the weekend to express their views. Commissioner Hanke then invited questions/comments from the audience. Audience members who spoke included Peninsula Daily News reporter Charlie Bermant, The Leader editor Scott Wilson, Bertram Levy and Karen Gale.

V. NEXT SPECIAL MEETINGS/PUBLIC WORKSHOP:

Monday, May 9, 2016: Special Public Workshop at 9:30 AM, Special Commission Meeting, at 1:00 PM in the Commission Building, 333 Benedict Street, Port Townsend, WA.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The Special Meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM with no further business to come before the commission.

ATTEST:

Brad A. Clinefelter, Secretary

Peter W. Hanke, President

Stephen R. Tucker, Vice President