RESOLUTION NO. 788-23

A Resolution of the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, SEEKING SMALL SHIPYARD GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT ACQUISITION OF A NEW 300-TON MOBILE TRAVEL LIFT TO SUPPORT BOAT HAVEN HAUL OUT OPERATIONS, ASSURING THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH ALL UNDERSTANDINGS AND ASSURANCES OF SUCH GRANT AGREEMENT AND ASSURING FURTHER THAT LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND AUTHORIZED.

WHEREAS, the Port of Port Townsend is a municipal corporation established in 1924 under Title 53 of the Revised Code of Washington; and

WHEREAS, under RCW 53, the Port of Port Townsend is responsible for developing and maintaining infrastructure that fosters economic development, providing transportation facilities that support commerce and communities within Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, under RCW §53.08.020 the Port of Port Townsend is specifically authorized to construct, purchase, acquire, lease, maintain and operate air transfer and terminal facilities subject to all applicable state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port Townsend considers it to be in the best interests of the public to apply for financial assistance through the Maritime Administration (MARAD) of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Small Shipyard Grant Program to partially fund acquisition of a new 300-ton mobile travel lift to support Port operations at Boat Haven;

WHEREAS, the total cost for acquisition, delivery and on-site set up of a new 300-ton mobile travel lift is estimated to be \$2,306,025; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this equipment appears to be eligible for funding support via a 2023 USDOT/MARAD Small Shipyard grant, with MARAD responsible for a fifty percent (50%) share (\$1,153,012.50), and the Port responsible for a fifty percent (50%) share (\$1,153,012.50), respectively;

WHEREAS, the proposed 2023 grant agreement for USDOT/MARAD Small Shipyard grant financial assistance imposes certain obligations and conditions upon the applicant Port, and requires the Port to provide certain specific assurances, among them the availability of sufficient funds for its portion of the capital acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS, as of January 31, 2023, the Port had reserved and unreserved cash balances in excess of the amounts necessary to meet its grant match share, and therefore, has the funds available to proceed with this capital acquisition if successful in obtaining MARAD funding support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port Commission of the Port of Port Townsend, as follows:

- 1. Port Executive Director, Eron Berg, or his designee, is authorized to execute and file such documents with USDOT/MARAD as may be necessary for the application and award of a Small Shipyard grant to assist in funding the acquisition of a 300-ton mobile travel lift to support the Port's Boat Haven haulout operations. This authorization expressly includes all applicable Certifications and Assurances for Small Shipyard grant program recipients.
- 2. Any MARAD Small Shipyard grant assistance received will be used for direct costs associated with acquisition of the 300-ton mobile travel lift referenced above

- 3. Upon consultation with the Port's Director of Finance and Administration, the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend has concluded, and hereby assures MARAD, that local matching funds are available and have been authorized for the above-referenced capital equipment acquisition.
- 4. This Resolution becomes part of a formal application to the MARAD for Small Shipyard grant assistance.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of February 2023, by the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the Seal of the Commission duly affixed.

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Petranek, President

Carol L. Hasse, Vice President

Peter W. Hanke, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Port Attorney

