

PORT COMMISSION MEETING – September 28, 2011

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met in regular session in the Commission Chambers, 375 Hudson St, Port Townsend, WA

Present: Commissioners –Thompson, Erickson, Collins
Executive Director – Crockett
Auditor - Taylor
Attorney Lake - Goodstein Law Group
Minutes – Nelson

Excused: Deputy Director - Pivarnik

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was amended to reflect the addition to New Business, **Item C-Wild Olympic Campaign.**

Executive Director Crockett called for Executive Session to discuss a real estate/possible litigation matter, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(b)(i), with no decision and duration of approximately 20 minutes.

Commissioner Collins moved to approve the Agenda as amended.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (1:20):

- A. Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2011
- Approval of Workshop Minutes – September 14, 2011
- Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2011

Commissioner Collins moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Erickson seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Not related to agenda):

None

(Mr. Crockett suggested the meeting begin with New Business, Item A. Sustainable Communities, so that the speaker on this subject, Sam Gibboney, could make her presentation first.)

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sustainable Communities Regional Planning (1:46):

Sam Gibboney, consultant for Cascade Land Conservancy, explained the background on the HUD grant for Sustainable Communities they are applying for and added they are looking for partners. After speaking, she asked the following questions: 1) is the Port of Port Townsend willing to join this consortium by writing a letter of support? 2) Would the Port have a match to put in – not a cash match but an in-kind match?

Discussion ensued. Mr. Crockett and the Commissioners spoke of their concerns and asked questions.

Commissioner Collins suggested discussing this issue later on in the meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2012 Operating/Capital Budget 33:12):

Mr. Crockett explained the budget needs adopting by December, and a Public Hearing on the Budget is scheduled for October 26, 2011.

A lengthy discussion occurred, including talks of drawing down the Boat Haven renovation fund, revenues, expenses, rate increase formulas, etc.

Commissioner Collins asked Mr. Taylor to prepare a spreadsheet on the moorage rate increase that was drafted by Commissioner Collins and Mr. Pivarnik, showing a \$.01/ft. increase on top of the base rate, in order to compare it to the 3% increase as listed in the Draft Budget.

B. 75-Ton Travelift Pier Project (1:23:42):

Mr. Crockett provided an update on the project awarded to Orion Marine Contractors. Signed documents that are required in the contract were received from Orion today, so Mr. Crockett sent Orion the Notice to Proceed letter this afternoon.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sustainable Communities Regional Planning (continuation of earlier discussions) (1:24:49):

After considerable discussion the Executive Director recommended to “wait and see” and to not join the consortium at this time. He believes it would be wise to speak with other Port districts on this subject.

The Commission declined to take action at this time.

B. Approval of Warrants (1:29:59):

Commissioner Thompson read the warrants, as presented:

Electronic Debit to Union Bank in the amount of \$9,653.96 for Washington State
Combined Excise Tax Return – August 2011

Warrant #047419 through #047447 in the amount of \$44,217.21 for Payroll

Warrant #047448 through #047451 in the amount of \$18,082.51 for Payroll Benefits

Warrant #047452 through #047500 in the amount of \$58,378.48 for Accounts
Payable

Commissioner Thompson moved to approve the warrants as presented.

Commissioner Erickson seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. Wild Olympic Campaign (1:31:05):

Commissioner Erickson brought this campaign to Mr. Crockett's attention. The campaign's effort is to purchase private property around Olympic National Park in order to make it unavailable for commercial and forestry activities. Commissioner Erickson is concerned of possible job loss in Jefferson County that could be an effect of this effort.

VII. STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Crockett suggested inviting the consultants hired by the Port of Port Angeles, who conducted a study evaluating potential economic impacts of the Campaign on Clallam and Jefferson Counties, to speak to the Commission. He added that we could plan this for the October 12, 2011 Public Workshop and to invite staff from the City, the County, and EDC to attend.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1:36:47):

Dave Griswold, Port Townsend Marine Trades Association, asked when the ground would be broken on the 75-ton Travelift pier and whether Jefferson Street would be partially closed off.

Rick Petrykowski, Port Townsend Marine Trades Association, asked if the road would be ballasted. He also asked how rate increases were figured based on the CPI, and had a question on the 3% marine trade contribution.

George Yount explained he listened to a talk to the Jefferson County Democrats put on by the Wild Olympic Campaign. He encourages speakers from the Wild Olympic Campaign be invited to the Workshop to present their side.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (1:47:10):

Commissioner Collins was surprised to read about the possible disbanding of the Jefferson Co. Pilots Association and their decision to instead, reorganize.

He briefed on the Joint Elected Economic Strategy group and the meeting scheduled for this Friday with local business people.

Commissioner Erickson discussed the informative Washington Public Ports Assoc. Trade & Economic Development Seminar held in Wenatchee. He spoke of some of the positive success stories presented by other ports.

Commissioner Thompson asked if work had been completed yet outside of Port Townsend Aircraft Services.

X. NEXT MEETING: Next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 1:00 PM, with a Public workshop preceding at 9:30 AM in the Port Commission Chambers, 375 Hudson St, Port Townsend.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The regular meeting recessed into Executive Session at 8:34 PM to discuss real estate and possible litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (b)(i) with no decision, and duration of approximately 20 minutes. (At 8:55 PM, Mr. Crockett checked outside and found no one waiting for the reconvening of the meeting. At 8:59 PM he checked again and found no one waiting.)

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting reconvened and adjourned at 9:00 PM there being no further business to come before the Commission.

ATTEST:

David H. Thompson, President

John N. Collins, Secretary

Leif W. Erickson, Vice President