

PORT COMMISSION MEETING– July 24, 2013

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

Present: Commissioners – Erickson, Tucker, Thompson
Executive Director – Crockett
Deputy Director - Pivarnik
Minutes – Nelson
Attorney – Lake
Excused: Auditor - Khile

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Crockett removed New Business, Item A – Lease Extension for Key City Fish (KCF), as requested by Johnpaul Davies of KCF. Mr. Davies asked for a postponement. Mr. Crockett added an Executive Session on Potential Litigation, duration of five minutes, no action.

Commissioner Erickson moved to approve the Agenda as amended.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (1:32):

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2013
- Approval of Public Workshop Minutes – July 10, 2013

Commissioner Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Not related to agenda) (1:52):

Port Townsend resident and former Port Commissioner, Bob Sokol, reading from his write-up, presented his opinions of the July 18, 2013 Marine Trades-sponsored political forum and an article published in a Sunday edition of the Peninsula Daily News on that forum.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update – Airport Runway & Taxiway Rehabilitation Project (5:19):

Mr. Crockett reported on the formal bid opening, which he conducted today at 1:00 PM. Three bids were submitted, all by contractors from Oregon. The low bidder is Metro NW out of Portland. Their bid came in at \$154,687.35, which is under the engineer's estimate. Mr. Pivarnik added their 3 Addendum bids totaled approximately \$90K in addition to the base bid. The Addendum items are dependent on FAA funding, which we should hear on within two weeks. Mr. Crockett added that when details have been finalized, staff would bring the contract to the Commission for approval. He said the airport will be shut down for about a five day period and after discussing with pilots and airport businesses, it would be best to close it Mon-Fri rather than over the weekend.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

B. Garbage Rates (9:19):

Mr. Crockett stated he and Mr. Pivarnik attended a meeting with County staff a month ago where the County informed them that they are proposing to increase rates 28% at the County Landfill. The proposal will be presented to the new Commission after the election. This would be the first increase in ten years if passed. Mr. Crockett referred to the chart developed by the Port's Environmental Compliance Officer Cairns and pointed out there would be an approximate increase paid by the Port of \$40K/year between 2012 and 2014.

Commissioner Erickson brought up the fact that some public drops off their household garbage in Port dumpsters and this needs to stop. Mr. Crockett has discussed this with Mr. Cairns who would like to explore the idea of finding a secure area to relocate the dumpsters. Commissioner Erickson said he would also like to see weather protection over the dumpsters. Commissioner Tucker added that maybe with the rate increase, the County would be able to provide more open days for the Hazardous Waste site.

C. Approval of Warrants (15:41):

Commissioner Tucker read the warrants, as presented:

Electronic Debit to Union Bank in the amount of \$9,058.10 for Washington State

Combined Excise Tax for June 2013

Warrant #051425 through #051443 in the amount of \$64,696.15 for Payroll and Benefits

Warrant #051444 through #051492 in the amount of \$519,120.85 for Accounts Payable
Warrant #051493 in the amount of \$1,697.50 for Accounts Payable
Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the warrants as presented.
Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. STAFF COMMENTS (20:02):

Attorney Lake announced that Kah Tai documents were recorded today.

Mr. Pivarnik stated he received a certified letter today from Integrated Marine, terminating their lease effective December 1, 2013. He added that he has spoken with three different parties who have expressed interest in the space.

Next, Mr; Pivarnik informed that the City is starting work on new Boat Haven street signage. He said the City would present options, but it will require a decision by the Port whether staff/Commission want one sign for the Port of Port Townsend, or have three individual signs, listing the Boat Haven, the Shipyard and the Industrial Park.

Mr. Crockett informed that there was a fire over the weekend in the kitchen at the Spruce Goose Restaurant. Only kitchen equipment suffered damage as the fire suppression system over the stove hood extinguished the fire. The restaurant will be closed up to two weeks for new equipment and linoleum flooring installation.

Lastly, he stated he would be attending the WPPA Economic Development seminar in Grand Mound in August and if any of the Commissioners wish to attend, to let Ms. Nelson know.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (24:52):

Rick Petrykowski, Taku Marine, asked for clarification on the garbage rate increase.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (26:53):

Commissioner Erickson explained he has been in further contact with Quilcene residents who are concerned about the pool formed by storms on the Quilcene beach. He said a resident asked about placing eco blocks around the stream to divert the stream back to the sea and using a backhoe. He asked that if the community couldn't perform the work themselves, what the cost would be for permitting. Mr. Pivarnik answered \$3-5,000 and about a four-month wait period for the permits. Mr. Crockett stated the Quilcene beach waters were tested by the Department of Health, who determined the waters pose no hazard to human health. This is also a salmon sensitive creek and the County would require a SEPA with a 30-day public comment period and a County permit, in addition to the required Federal permit. Commissioner Tucker questioned that since the pool is actually on DNR property, why can't the residents take this to the DNR?

Commissioner Erickson asked the other Commissioners what they would like him to take back to the Quilcene people.

After further discussion, Commissioner Tucker suggested to wait and see what the winter storms do to the pond, as they may eliminate it or change course, and then if it still exists, to apply for a permit in February or so. Commissioner Thompson agreed, stating it would be a good idea to see what Mother Nature has in mind.

X. NEXT MEETING/PUBLIC WORKSHOP: Next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 1:00 PM, with a 9:30 AM Public Workshop, in the Port Commission Building, 333 Benedict Street, Port Townsend, WA.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The regular session recessed into Executive Session at 7:07 PM to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (i), duration of five minutes, with no action.

XII. RECONVENING & ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:

The meeting reconvened and adjourned at 7:16 PM there being no further business to come before the Commission.

ATTEST:

Leif W. Erickson, President

David H. Thompson, Secretary

Stephen R. Tucker, Vice President