

MINUTES
PORT OF ASTORIA
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 31, 2005
PORT COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Chairman Jim Bergeron called the Special Meeting to order and took roll call.

Commissioners present: Jim Bergeron, Dan Hess, Glenn Taggart, Larry Pfund and Don McDaniel.

Staff present: Peter Gearin, Rita Fahrney and Port Attorney, Heather Reynolds.

Others present: Jeff Nelson, Jay Bornstein.

RESOLUTION 2005-31 GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION – PARK MEDICAL BLDG. Peter Gearin advised this is a resolution granting a tax exemption for the Park Medical Building. While this exemption was approved at the Regular Meeting, staff has since been advised it needs to be submitted in the format of a resolution. Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve Resolution 2005-31. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. Commissioners Bergeron, Hess, McDaniel and Pfund voted yes. Commissioner Taggart voted no. Motion carried with majority vote.

CONSIDER APPROVAL – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH O.D.O.T. FOR GRANT, RIVER FRONT WALK EXTENSION AND PUBLIC PARK FACILITY – PIER THREE. Peter Gearin explained the commission, in a previous meeting, approved in principal for staff to seek a Transportation Enhancement Grant for the River Front Trail for the port properties. This grant is for \$732,000 and includes funds for constructing walkways and shared-use paths on pier one, pier three and Portway Street which will include restpoint/viewing shelters and parking. A condition of the grant is that the Port must have control of the property on pier three that is now D.S.L. property. The Port has submitted to D.S.L. a request for a long-term lease. This is now being processed. The Port needs to have formal approval of the award of the grant funds before the process can move forward. Mr. Gearin explained the funds will provide for preliminary design and engineering. A pedestrian fishing dock at the end of the path will also be looked at.

Commissioner McDaniel inquired how the match funds required by the Port will affect the Port's cash flow. Peter Gearin responded the match is \$83,000. Staff believes the project would be appropriate to request funds from the Urban Renewal District account. The City of Astoria will also be involved with the design. Other possible funding options will be sought. Commissioner McDaniel noted NOEA/Col-Pac might be a source for funding assistance.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the Local Agency Agreement for the Transportation Enhancement Program Project Grant. Commissioner Pfund seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Commissioner McDaniel requested an update on funding for the Warrenton sewer system. Peter Gearin replied he met with Ed Madere regarding the sewer system at the airport. It is old and overtaxing Warrenton's sewer pumps. They will be discussing options, the need to identify the problem, how to fix it and how to pay for it.

Peter Gearin reported on the M.S.R.C. dock repairs. Materials totaled \$38,000 - which is less than the \$100,000 originally estimated. Excess pile caps from the Bornstein project are being used.

O.E.C.D.D. will be holding a meeting in Astoria on September 15th. The Commission will be invited to attend a dinner. The attendees will also tour the construction projects occurring in the area with the financial support of O.E.C.D.D.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.