

MINUTES
MAY 20TH, 2014

PORT OF ASTORIA
REGULAR SESSION
PORT COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Call to Order

Chairman Campbell called the Regular Meeting to order.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Jim Campbell, Bill Hunsinger, and Steve Fulton.

Commissioners not present: Jack Bland.

Staff present: Interim Director Mike Weston, Finance Manager Colleen Browne.

Also present: Port Counsel Edward Trompke.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes/Additions

Interim Director Mike Weston noted that the Commission might want to remove items 4 and 5 until a full Commission is present.

Commissioner Campbell requested the addition of Letter of Resignation as item 3A under New Business. Commissioner Fulton moved to remove agenda items 4 and 5 from New Business and add item 3A, Letter of Resignation, to New Business. Commissioner Hunsinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – for items not on the agenda (out of agenda order).

- Pat O’Grady, Astoria, OR

Mr. O’Grady expressed concern that the local media is presenting inaccurate information in their newspapers regarding the Port of Astoria and the Port’s Commission.

Special Presentations

N/A

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Fulton moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Hunsinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the events calendar and the status of revenue from the Marina.

Public Hearings

N/A

New Business

3A Letter of Resignation and Declaration of Commission Vacancy

Commissioner Campbell presented to the Commission a Letter of Resignation from Commissioner Jack Bland. Commissioner Campbell read the letter of resignation to the Commission and those assembled.

Commissioner Fulton moved to accept the letter of resignation from Commissioner Bland. Commissioner Hunsinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fulton moved to declare Commissioner Bland's seat vacant. Commissioner Hunsinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fulton recommended that staff update the advertisement for the commission position to read 2 positions open.

Staff was directed to make the appropriate changes to the advertisement for the vacancies on the commission.

3B NTP Sewer Project

Interim Director Mike Weston explained to the Commission that the sewer lift station is failing and threatens the loss of sewer services to the NTP facility. He further explained that the Washington Group has elected to make the needed repairs, and that the Port of Astoria will be allowed to repay via increased rent payments over the useful life of the lease, which goes through 2019.

Mr. Weston will continue to investigate the matter, per Commission direction.

Public Comment – for items not on the agenda

N/A

Commissioners/Director Reports

- Commissioner Fulton noted to the Commission that the Port of Astoria should respond to a recent letter from the Mayors of Seaside, Cannon Beach, and Gearhart, and to address their concerns as noted in that letter.

Commissioner Fulton moved to authorize the Chairman and the Interim Executive Director to work with the Mayors of Cannon Beach, Seaside and Gearhart regarding their concerns with the business activities of the Port of Astoria and to use their discretion to best represent the Port of Astoria. Commissioner Hunsinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Interim Director Mike Weston explained to the Commission that there has been some problems with the lines handling for the cruise ships and would like a request for proposal to select a new service provider.

The Commission requested this matter be presented at a time when a full Commission is present.

Good of Order – (Commission Direction)

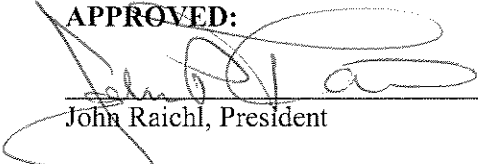
- Commissioner Fulton commented on the training meeting with the Oregon Special Districts Association, which the Commission attended the day before. He noted that the meeting was quite informative and that the information gained from this meeting should assist the Port of Astoria Committees, Commission and staff in dealing with issues that surround operating a public special district, such as the Port.

Next Meeting Dates

- Special Session Meeting June 3rd, 2014 at 6:00 PM
- Regular Session Meeting June 17th, 2014 at 6:00 PM


Adjourned

APPROVED:



John Raichl, President

ATTEST:



Stephen C. Fulton, Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:
Judy Farfan, Administrative Clerk

7/15/14

Date Approved