

MINUTES
JUNE 3RD, 2014

PORT OF ASTORIA
WORK/SPECIAL SESSION
PORT COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Call to order

Chairman Campbell called the Special Meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

Commissioners present after election: John Raichl and Robert Mushen.

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

Also present: Port Counsel Ron Guerra.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes/Additions

Interim Director Mike Weston noted that the agenda had been updated as follows:

1. The Washington Group presentation was deleted from the agenda.
2. Order of the Commission interviews and the DaYang Seafood presentation were changed.

No other changes or additions were made to the agenda.

Public Comment – for items on the agenda except public hearings.

Larry Pfund, Gearhart, OR

Mr. Pfund expressed concern over Port traditions and policies not being followed. He also noted certain areas to which the Commission could give more attention, such as to the State of Oregon, the Port's tenants, and the Port's Master Plan.

Ric Gerttula, Astoria, OR

Mr. Gerttula spoke about an article in the Daily Astorian in which the selection of Commission candidates was compared to construction bidding and noted that the commission appointment is public, and the public should know the details in both cases.

Dan Hess, Astoria, OR

Mr. Hess expressed concern about the lack of advertisement for the commission seats with local media. He also noted that the names of the candidates should have been made public earlier in the process.

Jack Bland, Gearhart, OR

Mr. Bland spoke about the guest editorial by Chairman Campbell in the Daily Astorian regarding the financial position of the Port of Astoria. He questioned why, if the Port is financially stable, funds earmarked for contamination clean-up would be necessary for completion of the Pier 2 project.

Chris Connaway, President ILWU Local 50, Astoria, OR

Mr. Connaway commended Chairman Campbell on his letter published in the Daily Astorian regarding the Port of Astoria's financial position. He also referenced a letter to the Daily Astorian from Mr. Bill Cook. Mr. Connaway also expressed his opinion that the Port will succeed, despite past financial errors.

Work Session

Commission Interviews

Commissioner Campbell explained the interview process to the candidates and those assembled. The following candidates were asked a series of questions by Commissioner Fulton:

- John Raichl
- Mark Mead
- Le Roy Hackett
- Robert Shortman
- Robert Mushen
- Frank Spence
- Russ Earl

Mr. Earl withdrew during the first round of questioning, as he believed that South County was sufficiently represented in other candidates present.

Commissioners' Campbell, Hunsinger, and Fulton each had the opportunity to ask additional questions of the candidates.

Commissioner Fulton moved to nominate John Raichl to fill position 5 on the Port of Astoria Commission. Commissioner Hunsinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

John Raichl was sworn in by Port Counsel Ron Guerra and immediately took possession of his commission seat.

The Commission offered the remaining candidates another opportunity to speak on their behalf for position four.

Commissioner Fulton moved to nominate Robert Mushen to fill position 4 on the Port of Astoria Commission. Commissioner Raichl seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Mushen was sworn in by Port Counsel Ron Guerra and immediately took possession of his commission seat.

The Commission took a brief recess.

Commissioner Campbell called the meeting to order.

Special Presentation

DaYang Seafood

CEO and President of DaYang Seafood Chih Yuan Wang gave a presentation to the Commission on the company's plan for expansion on Pier 2, which would include 40,000 square feet of cold storage. Mr. Wang spoke about the volume of seafood processed currently, the benefits of cold storage, and the opportunity for international trade at the Port of Astoria. He would like to see the expansion project completed by summer 2015.

Discussion followed regarding location options for the cold storage building, other products possibilities for the cold storage facility and the Port's role in the expansion project.

The Commission requested DaYang Seafood's business plan for review prior to the next Regular Session on June 17th, 2014, and Mr. Wang stated that they would have it the next day.

New Business

1. Clatsop County Letter of Support

Clatsop County Manager Scott Somers requested that the Commission approve a letter of support for the nomination of the North Coast Business Park in Warrenton, as a Regionally Significant Industrial Area. He explained the meaning of a RSIA designation, and also noted several benefits for local communities as well as future employment potential.

Discussion followed with regard to zoning types, qualifications for RSIA designation, and the proximity to the Port's business park at the airport.

Clatsop County Letter of Support (continued)

Commissioner Fulton moved to approve the signing of the Letter of Support. Commissioner Mushen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Lower Columbia Solutions Group (LCSG) – Proposed Governance Agreement, April 2014

Interim Director Mike Weston presented the Commission with a draft version of the proposed governance agreement, for consideration and review by the Commission. The draft covers the LCSG background, governance and decision making structure, membership, and the agreement portions.

Old Business

N/A

Good of the Order

- Commissioner Fulton directed staff to arrange a tour of the Port facilities for the new Commissioners as soon as possible and to introduce them to the Port tenants. Also, the President of the Budget Committee John Lansing suggested that the new Budget Committee members take the tour as well.
- Commissioner Fulton requested that the solicitation for Executive Director be re-opened. Commissioner Fulton moved to re-open the advertisement for the Executive Director of the Port of Astoria and to direct Personnel Manager Colleen Browne to contact previous applicants and give them 3 options: to leave application as previously submitted; resubmit the application; or withdraw the application. Commissioner Raichl seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The advertisement is to use the same format and media outlets as the previous solicitation.
- Commissioner Campbell suggested that the new Commissioners meet with the Mayor of Gearhart.
- Commissioner Fulton expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Campbell for the letter posted in the Daily Astorian on behalf of the Commission in regard to the Port's financial state.

Public Comment – for items not on the agenda.

• Ninette Jones, Portland, OR

Ms. Jones expressed concern that the sea lions are being pushed off the docks and questioned why the Port does not accept assistance from the public, as purchase of haul-outs for the sea lions has previously been offered. She also noted that there is an opportunity for the Port to improve their image and increase tourism.

Stacey McKenney, Astoria, OR

Ms. McKenney, in support of the sea lions, inquired about the Port's plan for the docks, and if the tape on the dock will be removed. She further asked the Commission about the haulout that is currently there in the basin, and if the Port will submit a bill for the haulout which has been offered. Ms. McKenney noted that it is not right to eradicate one species for the Port's financial gain.

Commissioner Fulton suggested that the Port contact various agencies regarding the sea lion situation in an attempt to collect information and ideas on how to move forward with this issue. He also noted that staff should bring a resolution or staff report to the Commission.

• Veronica Montoya

Ms. Montoya expressed concern about the sea lions being tortured during branding.

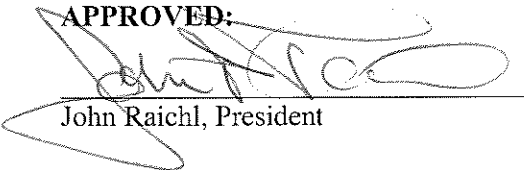
Commissioner Hunsinger explained that the brands are a tracking device used in a study by the ODFW and the federal government, and that the Port has no control over the issue.

Next Meeting Dates

- Quarterly Budget Meeting – June 10th, 2014 at 12:00 PM
- Quarterly Budget Meeting – June 12th, 2014 at 12:00 PM
- Regular Session – June 17th, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Adjourned

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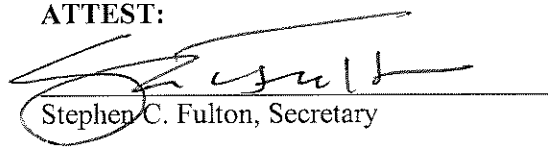
John Raichl, President

Respectfully submitted by:
Judy Farfan, Administrative Clerk



Date Approved

ATTEST:



Stephen C. Fulton, Secretary