

MINUTES
JUNE 17TH, 2014

PORT OF ASTORIA
REGULAR SESSION
PORT COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Call to order

Commissioner Fulton, as Chairman, called the Regular Meeting to order.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Steve Fulton, John Raichl, and Robert Mushen.

Commissioners not present: Jim Campbell and Bill Hunsinger.

Staff present: Interim Director Mike Weston, Finance Manager Colleen Browne and Administrative Clerk Judy Farfan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes/Additions

Commissioner Raichl requested that the Airport Advisory Committee Report be added to the agenda. This item was placed under New Business.

Commissioner Mushen moved to approve the addition of Airport Advisory Committee Report to the agenda. Commissioner Raichl seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jack Bland, Gearhart, OR

Mr. Bland spoke to the Commission about the Executive Director Job Description. He expressed concern regarding the job requirements on page 3, noting that requiring land use planning experience could reduce the likelihood of quality candidates for the position.

Special Presentations

Washington Development Group

Washington Corporations Director, Asset Management Johnna Eisenmann and Facilities Manager Bill Lanch presented their findings on the Tongue Point Lift Station repair issue to the Commission. Items discussed during the presentation included the hiring an engineer for the project; trench and sewer lines; and the possibility of obtaining funding for the project through DEQ or the EPA.

Consent Calendar

Financials for May were not available for this meeting; however the May vouchers were present for approval.

Commissioner Fulton requested that the approval of the available minutes be postponed until the full Commission is available.

Commissioner Raichl moved to approve the consent calendar without the available minutes. Commissioner Mushen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

N/A

New Business

1. Committee Assignments

This item was not discussed and will be added to the next Regular Session agenda, pending review by a full Commission.

2. Request from Tiki Charters

Richard "Oly" Olson, of Tiki Charters, wrote a letter to the Commission about issues and conditions at the location of his business at the West End Basin. Mr. Olson's presentation to the Commission included issues such as excessive utilities, sanitation problems, and the need for a public restroom in the area.

Commissioner Fulton recommended that staff investigate and return to the Commission with a report.

3. Airport Advisory Committee Report

Henry Balensifer, Chairman of the Port's Airport Advisory Committee, presented the Commission with a report of the committee's findings regarding the need for a fixed-base operator for Astoria Regional Airport. Some of the services an FBO could offer to the airport are fueling; transient tie-down and pilot services; and transient hangar service.

The Airport Advisory Committee's recommendation to the Commission was to have staff develop a request for proposal for fixed-base operator to provide those services.

Discussion followed regarding the report items.

Interim Director Mike Weston will review the committee's report and return to the Commission with a formal report.

Old Business

4. Executive Director Job Description

Interim Director Mike Weston presented the Commission with the Executive Director Job Description to acquire approval from the two new Commissioners.

Mr. Weston noted that staff has already posted the advertisement with the recommended media. The advertisement will run through July 15th, 2014.

Commissioners/Director Reports

- Commissioner Mushen reported to the Commission about recent meetings with Mayor Don Larson of Seaside and Mayor Diane Widdop of Gearhart. He noted that they discussed possible ways the Port can assist south county communities, and he will be speaking with the Seaside City Manager in regard to how the Port can best help the Seaside airport.
- Commissioner Raichl reported to the Commission about a recent tour of the Port properties which he took with Interim Director Mike Weston. He noted that there are a lot of facilities to maintain, and the Port should look into what areas it can keep in good repair, and which areas will need other considerations.
- Commissioner Fulton reported to the Commission that he had recently attended Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici's open house in Gearhart. He noted that with the signing of the water resources bill, the Army Corp of Engineers will be transferring the Hammond Marina to the City of Warrenton. He also spoke with the Congresswoman about the Warrenton Levy issues.
- Commissioner Raichl reminded the Commission that the Coast Guard will soon be having a change in command, as Sector Commander Captain Jones will be retiring. He would like for a representative from the Port to attend the ceremony, which will be on June 27th, at 11:00 am.

Commissioners/Director Reports (Continued)

- Interim Director Mike Weston announced that he will be doing a Port Report which will be broadcast through KMUN, as well as other channels. He will also be holding a coffee hour on July 2nd, from 9am – 11am, in the Port office building, suite 209.

Good of Order – Public Comment for Items not on the agenda.

Henry Balensifer, Vice-Mayor City of Warrenton, OR

Mr. Balensifer extended an invitation for the Interim Executive Director to speak on his radio show at any time.

Jack Bland, Gearhart, OR

Mr. Bland spoke to the Commission in reference to an editorial in the Daily Astorian (6/16/14), which mentioned the DaYang Lease. Mr. Bland noted that the DaYang Lease is an important issue that the Port Commission needs to address.

Chris Connaway, ILWU Local 50, Astoria, OR


Mr. Connaway explained why he is against the Bornstein and DaYang leases. He noted that tariffs from cargo bring revenue to the Port, and that leasing space to processors would not be a significant source of tariff revenue.

Next Meeting Dates

- Budget Committee Meeting – June 19th, 2014 at 12:00 PM
- Special Session Meeting – June 30th, 2014 at 9:00 AM
- Regular Session Meeting – July 15th, 2014 at 6:00 PM

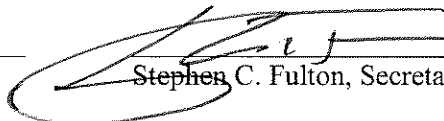
Adjourned

APPROVED:



John Raichl, President

ATTEST:



Stephen C. Fulton, Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:
Judy Farfan, Administrative Clerk

7/15/14

Date Approved