

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

**PORT OF ASTORIA
WORKSHOP SESSION
PORT COMMISSION CHAMBERS
422 GATEWAY AVENUE, SUITE 100
ASTORIA, OR 97103**

Call to order

Chairman Mushen called the Workshop Session to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Robert Mushen, Bill Hunsinger, Steve Fulton, and Jim Campbell.
Commissioner Raichl was excused.

Staff present: Executive Director Jim Knight, Operations Manager Matt McGrath, Property Manager Shane Jensen, Airport Manager Gary Kobes, and Executive Assistant Judy Dodge Fattori.

Port counsel was not present for this session.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes/Additions

Requested additions to the agenda included:

Strategic Plan; Sea lion update; and the Vera Slough tide gate.

Commissioner Fulton moved to approve the agenda as revised. Commissioner Campbell seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Workshop – Set RFP Parameters for Restaurant & Chinook Building

Executive Director Jim Knight spoke to the Commission about the structure of the workshop, which would include presentations from the following: Property Manager Shane Jensen; Airport Manager Gary Kobes; and City of Astoria Community Development Director Kevin Cronin.

With the aid of PowerPoint presentations, Mr. Jensen and Mr. Kobes took turns speaking to the Commission about the current strategic plan, and the many considerations involved with an RFP; noting that the current strategic plan would need updating to include a development plan for the upland waterfront area.

Mr. Cronin spoke to the Commission about the importance of putting time and effort into the master planning process, and noted that the master and strategic plans can be updated as markets change.

Discussion followed regarding items such as: public access to development areas; parking and other challenges in development on the waterfront; public concern about safety issues with the condition of the restaurant building; and immediate needs versus long term goals.

The next step will be to discuss the information received at this workshop during the special goal setting workshop meeting on Tuesday, February 9, at 8:00 am. Mr. Knight provided the Commission with excerpts/highlights from the strategic plan for consideration during the upcoming meeting.

Additions Items

- **Sea Lion Update**
Commissioner Hunsinger spoke to the Commission about recently attending a meeting in Vancouver, where he spoke with several people; including biologists and representatives of the sport and commercial fishing industries, all of which were interested in the sea lion issue. Commissioner Hunsinger also noted that he would soon be meeting with 13 Senators from the Coastal Coalition in Salem, and would have an update for the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Fulton expressed his support for Commissioner Hunsinger's efforts, and noted the significant impact to local communities due to the overpopulation of sea lions.
- **Strategic Plan**
Commissioner Hunsinger expressed concern over scraping the current strategic plan and starting over, when the plan simply needs updating. Discussion followed regarding maintaining compliance with State requirements and updating the strategic plan in regard to restructuring the Port's loans with the State of Oregon.
- **Vera Slough Tide Gate**
Commissioner Campbell expressed concern over a tide gate at the airport not working correctly, and the amount of water that accumulates in the ground when it rains. He noted that corrective measures should be done before the base of the runways become jeopardized. Discussion followed regarding items such as: hiring a hydrologist or an engineering firm; and other issues that could cause a lack of drainage. Commissioner Campbell moved to direct staff to contact the City of Warrenton's engineers to ask for data regarding the levies at the airport. Commissioner Hunsinger seconded. Discussion followed regarding the type of information the Commission would like to obtain from the City of Warrenton, and extending an invitation to representatives from the City of Warrenton and CREST to give presentations to the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Consider Future Agenda Items

There were no items requested for future meeting agendas.

Commissioner Report

Commissioner Fulton reported on attending a CEDR meeting where he spoke about the sea lion issue; and also attended Astoria City Councilor Drew Herzig's community forum, where they spoke about traffic issues and impacts to Port property. He also spoke on the issue of the parking area for the pedestrian access path.

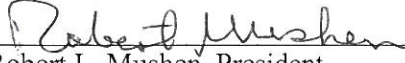
Next Meeting Dates

- Workshop Session – February 9, 2016 at 8:00 AM
- Regular Session – February 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM

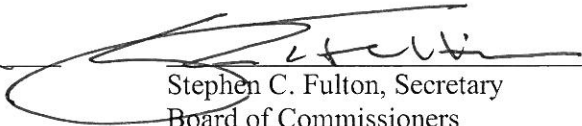
Adjourned

Chairman Mushen adjourned the Workshop session at 6:28 PM.

APPROVED:


Robert L. Mushen, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Stephen C. Fulton, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

Respectfully submitted by:
Judy Dodge Fattori
Executive Assistant & Board Secretary

3.16.2016
Date Approved