



**MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2019**

**PORT OF ASTORIA
PUBLIC HEARING
PORT ADMIN BUILDING
#10 PIER 1, SUITE 209
ASTORIA, OR 97103**

Call to Order

President Spence called the Workshop Session to order at 4:00pm.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Frank Spence; Dirk Rohne; Robert Stevens; Jim Campbell; and Bill Hunsinger.

Staff present: Executive Director Jim Knight; Director of Finance Will Isom; Interim Director of Operations Susan Transue; and Executive Assistant Judy Fattori.
Port Counsel was Eileen Eakins for this session.

Public Hearing: Strategic Plan Update with Mary McArthur

With a PowerPoint presentation and a handout of the slides, Ms. McArthur began the review of the draft strategic business plan for the Port, noting that much of the content of the strategic plan came from insight and recommendations from the ad hoc Finance Advisory Committee and the Airport Advisory Committee.

Ms. McArthur began with an overview of the state of the Port Astoria. This included a look at the central waterfront; shipping terminals-log exporting; seafood processing; cruise lines; the Astoria Regional Airport and the Skipanon Peninsula.

Ms. McArthur then took a covered the strengths, weaknesses, and threats in these areas with a situational analysis.

The following areas were also covered:

- Critical Issues: Maintenance/rehabilitation of Port infrastructure and Port Finances;
- Port Principles, Policies and Procedures; and
- Action Plans for Port finances and infrastructure; and the Astoria regional airport.

The presentation ended with the strategic business plan's mission; vision, public input and next steps.

Ms. McArthur suggested that the Port consider the draft document an interim strategic business plan, and narrow their focus to the next 2 to 4 years concentrating specifically on financial stability, the rehabilitation and repair needs of the failing infrastructure and regaining the trust of the public; noting that this foundational work would need to be done prior to focusing on other plan issues.

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Public Comment on the Draft Strategic Business Plan

Lianne Thompson, Cannon Beach, OR

Ms. Thompson noted her respect for Mary McArthur and her work, and urged the Commission to work toward the good for its district and to be the economic engine that Clatsop County needs.

Jan Mitchell, Astoria, OR

Ms. Mitchell urged to Commission to make a commitment to adhere to the strategic business plan.

Chris Connaway, Astoria, OR

Mr. Connaway asked that the Commission take a look at other successful small ports.

Pam Wev, Astoria, OR

Ms. Wev expressed concerns regarding the selling of Port properties, and other issues that need to be addressed by the Commission.

Chester Trabucco, Seattle, WA

Mr. Trabucco spoke about leadership and best practices; noting that the public cares and wants to be involved.

Dave Harlan, Salem, OR

Mr. Harlan spoke on the State's view noting that the State has no desire to take over the Port of Astoria, however, the State is concerned. He also noted that there may be another round of ConnectOregon Grant funding in the not so distant future.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Campbell voiced concern regarding DEQ restrictions and requirements regarding in-water-work and materials for maintenance and repairs.

Commissioner Stevens expressed appreciation to the public in attendance for their input and noted the hard work ahead for the Port.

Commissioner Rohne spoke about commitment to the strategic plan being the number one short term goal of the Port, and expressed appreciation to the public for their participation.

Commissioner Hunsinger expressed concern regarding the Port putting money toward the airport which loses money consistently, and not spending money on the East End Basin which has the potential to bring in money.

Commissioner Spence expressed appreciation to the public for participating, and spoke on the Uniontown Reborn Master Plan and the Port's involvement in future development in the area.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Budget Adoption Hearing – June 18 at 4:00 PM.
- Regular Session – June 18, 2019 immediately following the Budget Adoption Hearing.
- Workshop Meeting – July 2, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

Adjourned

President Spence adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

APPROVED:



Dirk Rohne, Board President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Frank Spence, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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

August 20, 2019

Date Approved by Commission