

Port of Anacortes
Regular Commission Meeting
May 21, 2009

The Port Commission of the Port of Anacortes held its regular business meeting and work/study session at 7:00 P.M. on the evening of May 21, 2009. This was a regularly scheduled Commission Meeting held in the Commission Meeting Room of the Port Main Warehouse Building, 1st & Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, Washington.

In Attendance: Commission President Rubin, Commission Vice-President Mooney, Commission Secretary Niver, Commissioner Hopley and Commissioner Short.

Also in attendance: Executive Director Hyde, Director of Finance & Administration Johnson, Marina Manager Fowler, and Administrative Coordinator Lindsey.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 P.M. Commission President Rubin called the regular meeting of May 21, 2009, to order and welcomed all in attendance.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Executive Director Hyde introduced Mr. Mark Bunzel, speaking on behalf of the Anacortes Futures Project committee, who presented the Futures Project to the Commission. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the approved version of these minutes. Committee members include Bunzel, Pam Allen, Kirk Kennedy, Mike Trafton, Steve Wilhoit, and Patti Anderson, all of whom having put in many volunteer hours over a two-year period in gathering information and developing the Futures Project.

Mr. Bunzel responded to questions from the Commission and thanked them for the opportunity to bring them the presentation.

Commissioner Rubin was joined by all on the Commission in thanking the committee and praising their work o behalf of the Anacortes community.

The Futures Project will hold public meetings on the committee's findings, dates to be determined.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Rubin opened the floor for public comment pertaining to items on the regular agenda. Hearing no one with a desire to address the Commission, the floor was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Rubin read the titles of the action items on the consent agenda: Adoption of Resolution No. 1201 – Approving Interlocal Agreement for Federal Agency Permitting Support by and between the Port of Tacoma and the Port of Anacortes, and Resolution No. 1202 – Rescinding Resolution No. 1151 – Commission compensation. He requested a motion for approval.

Commissioner Mooney moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Commissioner Short seconded the motion. Commissioner Rubin called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

STUDY SESSION

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Discussion Item: Negotiating Authority for the Executive Director -

Commissioner Rubin noted that at the Commission's March 5, 2009 regular meeting, Commissioner Short had made a motion, which was subsequently passed by the Commission, to give more negotiating power to the Executive Director. At a later discussion between he and Commissioner Hopley, it became apparent that there was some uncertainty regarding how this action affected lease rates and negotiations. He opened the floor for discussion among the Commission.

Commissioner Short explained that the intent of the motion and action taken was to allow the Executive Director the authority to negotiate the best lease possible and then bring that information to the Commission for approval.

Discussion ensued as to whether the action on March 5th superseded Resolution No. 726, which is a policy guidance document for the Executive Director and his authorization by the Commission, who set policy, among which are the parameters for lease negotiations and rates of return.

Executive Director Hyde noted that the Commission had not rescinded Resolution No. 726, considering that resolution to still be an active policy document.

Members of the Commission expressed an interest in having questions about the March 5th action reviewed by legal counsel. Director of Finance & Administration Johnson concurred, noting that from his perspective the Commission did supersede a policy but did not rescind the resolution. Director Johnson will have the matter reviewed by Port counsel.

Discussion Item: "Good of the Order"

Commissioner Mooney wished to examine the parking rates charged at the Anacortes Airport, which he considered to be too high. Commissioner Rubin noted that the Commission had delegated parking rate setting to the Executive Director.

Executive Director Hyde noted that the Port has leased a portion of the parking area to San Juan Airlines who in turn collect for parking in that leased area. There has also been a decrease in air traffic at the airport with fewer flights, accounting for fewer cars parking there.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Hyde noted that the next Project Pier 1 community tour was scheduled for June 8th. Those wishing to attend should meet outside of the Dakota Creek Industries business office on the corner of 4th Street and Q Avenue at 4:00 p.m.

Executive Director Hyde announced that the Cap Sante Boat Haven summer concert series will begin on July 24th. The Port has decided to purchase tickets to present to tenants and prospective tenants as promotional hosting to maintain and attract new businesses to the Port, show casing Port facilities, allowed under the Revised Code of Washington. Director Johnson explained that promotional hosting is a special statutory authority expressly allowed only for Ports. The dollar amount for the tickets is within the Executive Director's authority.

The Port is still receiving positive feedback from hosting the Trawlerfest event, which is now the largest in the United States.

Commissioner Mooney praised Marina Manager Fowler and Port staff for their efficient handling of such a large event.

The Waterfront Festival was also a large success. 354 tickets were sold for the kickoff dinner on May 15th where the Port presented partner awards to Dakota Creek Industries for economic development, to the Department of Ecology for their strategic contributions to the Port's environmental cleanup efforts, and to Marc Estvold and to MAKERS Architecture & Urban design for providing extraordinary customer service for the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Thousands of people attended the Festival on May 16th & 17th at the Boat Haven, with a highlight being the "quick and dirty" boat race competition.

Other upcoming events include the Port's Relay for Life team's hosting of a masquerade ball on May 22nd and the Anacortes Workboat Races planned for July 18th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Commissioner Rubin reviewed the Commission's upcoming meeting schedule. The Commission will hold a retreat on May 29, 2009 at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center. The next Regular Port Commission meeting will be June 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The next Regular Port Commission Work/Study Session will be held on June 18, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Executive Director Hyde reported that the Anacortes Planning Commission has before it some proposed initiatives that would encumber the Port, especially at the Marine Terminal. He has been attending the meetings, with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Rubin opened the public comment period for items not on the regular agenda. Hearing none, the public comment period was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Short moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Rubin. Commissioner Rubin called for the vote on the motion which carried unanimously, and at 8:33 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Keith Rubin, President

Pat D. Mooney, Vice-President

Ray Niver, Secretary

Steve Hopley, Commissioner

William L. Short, Commissioner

Julie Johnson Lindsey, Administrative Coordinator
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