

Port of Anacortes
Regular Commission Meeting
July 2, 2009

The Port Commission of the Port of Anacortes held its regular business meeting at 7:00 P.M. on the evening of July 2, 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 Engineering Elsner, Director of Finance & Administration Johnson, Director of Operations & Facilities Hachey, Marina Manager Fowler, Engineering Intern Fakkema, and Administrative Coordinator Lindsey.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 P.M. Commission President Rubin called the regular meeting of July 2, 2009, to order and welcomed all in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

SPECIAL GUEST

Executive Director Hyde introduced Engineering Intern Rebecca Fakkema, an Anacortes resident, currently majoring in Civil Engineering at Washington State University. Ms. Fakkema is working with Port staff on the former Scott Paper Mill site environmental clean-up for the summer and will provide a report to the Commission detailing her internship at the August 6, 2009 regular meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Rubin called for any objections to the consent agenda, noting he was not present for the meetings of June 4 and June 18. Commissioner Hopley noted he was not present for the June 12 and June 18 meetings and would not be signing them. Hearing no objections to the consent agenda, Commissioner Rubin read the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting/Commission Retreat of May 29, 2009, Regular Meeting/Executive Session of June 4, 2009, Special Meeting/Executive Session of June 12, 2009, and Regular Meeting Work/Study Session of June 18, 2009; Approval of Vouchers No. 6-1 through 6-162 totaling (\$1,173,875.96); Approval of the May 2009 Treasurer's Report totaling \$12,440,763.03; and an action item for Authorization of pre-construction elements for repair of the fire suppression system in Warehouse 10, Project # PROP-02, including design, engineering, conditions assessment, specifications, drawings and design approval by the City. Commissioner Rubin called for a motion for approval. Commissioner Hopley moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Short seconded the motion. Commissioner Rubin called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

Approving the City of Anacortes Planting of Eelgrass at the Fidalgo Bay Eelgrass Mitigation Site under the current Interlocal Agreement –

Executive Director Hyde introduced Director of Engineering Elsner who reviewed the item for the Commission and provided background information about the eelgrass mitigation site, which was created by a joint effort between the Port and the City of Anacortes in 2007 as required mitigation for impacts to eelgrass resulting from dredging ship basins for Project Pier 1. The City holds the lease on the aquatic land from the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Port pays the City an annual payment for use of the leased acreage. The Port currently has an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Anacortes for the cooperative use of facilities, personnel, technologies, equipment and engineering services.

Director Elsner explained that to compensate for the impacts to eelgrass from the City's proposed Flounder Bay/Skyline Marina dredging project, the City proposed to plant approximately 7,500 eelgrass turions at the Port's existing eelgrass mitigation site in Fidalgo Bay. To compensate the Port for the reduction in acreage credits that the Port has available to offset impacts of future projects, the City will complete approximately 1.4 acres, well above their requirements, of the mitigation site that was not completed when the site was first constructed due to unanticipated settlement of the sediments. The City will place approximately 10,000 cubic yards of dredged material from the Flounder Bay/Skyline Marina dredging project at the Fidalgo Bay site. This added area will eventually be planted with eelgrass by the City, resulting in more credit availability for the Port for future mitigation. The Port will monitor both Port and City eelgrass at the site, as required by the DNR.

After a brief discussion in which Director Elsner provided clarification on the areas in question, and eelgrass plantings, Commissioner Rubin called for a motion. Commissioner Mooney moved to approve the City of Anacortes planting of eelgrass at the Port's Fidalgo Bay eelgrass mitigation site under the current Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Short seconded the motion. Commissioner Rubin called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

Construction Authorization for former Scott Paper Mill Site Cleanup Project – Phase 2, Project #ENV-01B: Pier 2 Material Handling Facility Prep Work -

Director Elsner briefed the Commission on this action item, which requested Commission authorization to construct a sediment handling/storage facility on Pier 2 for processing dredged sediment from the former Scott Paper Mill site. Director Elsner explained that the Phase 2 construction for the cleanup includes shoreline remedial excavation and offshore contaminated sediments dredging. Approximately 47,000 cubic yards of contaminated dredge material will be removed. The Port will use the Pier 2 facility to temporarily store and characterize the sediments prior to disposal at appropriate locations, a requirement of the Port's Consent Decree. The Port solicited quotes for a 120' x 260' canopy which will partially cover the processing area. The cost of the canopy, approximately \$884,000 will be reimbursed to the Port from the settlement with Kimberly Clark, and cost recovery from the Department of Ecology and the AIU insurance policy.

Director Elsner noted the canopy would be obtained using a lease purchase arrangement. At the end of the lease period, the Port can purchase the portable structure, which is built to withstand 100 mile per hour winds and has a snow load capacity of up to 25 pounds per square foot.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Rubin called for a motion. Commissioner Hopley moved to authorize a construction budget totaling \$884,633 to complete construction elements associated with the Pier 2 Material Handling Facility for the former Scott Paper Mill Cleanup Project – Phase 2, Project #ENV-01B. All costs will be paid from the Environmental Fund and cost recovery proceeds will be applied back to the Environmental Fund. Commissioner Mooney seconded the motion. Commissioner Rubin called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Rubin noted that some organizations hold an orientation for candidates prior to elections and requested input on such an idea from the Commission. During discussion, the Commission raised points regarding whether such an orientation would involve members of the Commission or the Executive Director, whether it was appropriate for all candidates to meet together, whether Port resources should be used if such an orientation were held, and if such a request should come from the candidates, rather than be suggested by the Port. With three incumbent candidates for the November election, such an orientation would be considered a Commission meeting, since three current Commissioners would be present.

Executive Director Hyde will keep the Commission updated regarding any further development of an orientation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Upcoming Events

Executive Director Hyde reviewed upcoming events. The 1st Annual Anacortes Workboat Races committee will hold their next meeting on July 6, 2009 at the Port's main warehouse at 5:00 P.M.

Commissioner Rubin noted that the Anacortes City Council would be considering the Northwest Marine Trades Skills Center conditional use permit at their meeting on July 6th at 7:30 p.m. The Port is a supporter of the Skills Center which will be located on the Port's Parcel One property.

The summer free concert series at the Cap Sante Boat Haven begins July 24th and runs through August 14th. August 21st and 22nd the Boat Haven hosts Blues, Brews and Barbeques, with tickets available for upfront concert seats, food and beverages. The concert series is promoted by the Snohomish Artists Guild.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Executive Director Hyde reviewed the Commission's upcoming meeting schedule.

The next Regular Port Commission Meeting will be a Work/Study Session on July 16, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Hopley 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 Mooney moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Short. Commissioner Rubin called for the vote on the motion, which carried unanimously and at 7:33 P.M. the meeting 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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