

## **Port of Anacortes**

### **Regular Commission Meeting Work/Study Session July 17, 2008**

The Port Commission of the Port of Anacortes held its regular meeting and work/study session at 7:00 P.M. on the evening of July 17, 2008. This was a regularly scheduled Commission Meeting held at the Commission Meeting Room of the Main Port Warehouse building, 1<sup>st</sup> & Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, Washington.

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

Also in attendance: Executive Director Bob Hyde, Director of Engineering Elsner; Director of Finance & Administration Johnson; Director of Operations and Facilities Hachey; Marina Manager Fowler, Contract Grant Administrator Switalski, Project Assistant Rowe, Manager Estvold, and Administrative Coordinator Lindsey.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:02 P.M. Commission President Short called the regular meeting of July 17, 2008, to order and welcomed all in attendance.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

In order to give guest speaker, Bill Mitchell, additional time to prepare his presentation, Commissioner Short moved forward with the Consent Agenda which included: Approval of Vouchers No. 6-1 through 6-161 (\$1,189,818.38); the Treasurer's Report for May 2008 totaling \$9,493,699.66; Action Item: Schedule for 2009 Budget Adoption – Use of Alternate Dates, and Action Item: Construction Authorization for Curtis Wharf Abutment Wall Repair, Project #MRT-05.

Executive Director Hyde introduced Director of Engineering Elsner who provided the Commission with a brief review of the Curtis Wharf Abutment Wall project, noting that the damaged area dates back to the original construction of the wharf and was not part of the later reconstruction completed in 1999-2000.

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

#### **SPECIAL GUEST**

Commissioner Short introduced guest speaker Bill Mitchell.

Mr. Bill Mitchell addressed the Commission and attendees regarding the tug "Enchantress". Mr. Mitchell had been an active participant in attempts to retain and preserve the derelict vessel which the Department of Ecology (DOE) has determined is detrimental to the environment and must be removed from Fidalgo Bay. The DOE has requested the assistance of the Port in contracting for the tugs removal. Earlier this year attempts by Mr. Mitchell and his affiliated

group “Save Our Shipwrecks” (S.O.S.) to have the vessel protected as having historic value were unsuccessful.

Mr. Mitchell presented an historical overview of tugboats in the Puget Sound area and of the Miki class of tugs which included the “Enchantress”, as well as current photos of the vessel. Since S.O.S. has not been able to raise funding to remove the vessel intact, Mr. Mitchell requested that the Commission and Department of Ecology leave the tug as is and allow it to be absorbed gradually by Fidalgo Bay.

Commissioner Short thanked Mr. Mitchell for his presentation.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Short opened the floor for public comment pertaining to items on the regular agenda.

1. Mrs. Virginia “Bunny” Heiner, 804 “K” Avenue, Anacortes, addressed the Commission. Mrs. Heiner supported leaving the “Enchantress” where it is and to let it naturally die,
2. Mr. Michael Gwost, 5979 Edens Road, Guemes Island, Anacortes, addressed the Commission. Mr. Gwost identified himself as a shipwright who had repaired many boats. Upon the invitation of Mr. Mitchell, he inspected the hull of the “Enchantress” and assessed the craft inside and out. He stated that in his opinion, he had never seen a better crafted vessel. Mr. Gwost believed the vessel could be floated and moved from the piling it is impaled upon. He also suggested that the forward section could be removed and put on display at the future Marine Skills Center. He closed by stating that to destroy the tug would be a disservice to the maritime industry.
3. Mr. Dutcher Sterling, a resident of Shelter Bay, addressed the Commission. Mr. Sterling found the “Enchantress” a “picturesque addition to the waterfront”. He noted that if it had to be removed, he would like to see the Department of Ecology leave it for the last stage of the clean up, after the rest of the pilings have been removed. In the interim, he hoped some means for moving it intact could be found.

### REGULAR AGENDA

Commissioner Short announced the balance of the regular meeting would be a study session of the Port’s Capital Plan.

### STUDY SESSION – Capital Plan

Executive Director Hyde introduced Director of Engineering Elsner who provided an overview of the direction given thus far by the Commission for capital plan projects and the projects’ status. He noted this session would be the first of three sessions regarding the Capital Plan with the intent being for the Commission to review the projects, decide on which projects should remain in inventory, and provide Port staff with input for the next session. A copy of Director Elsner’s presentation will be attached to these minutes.

Director Elsner reviewed multiple year capital plan projects that had been completed at each operating area. At the Cap Sante Boat Haven these included: C&D Docks (noting B Dock was completed in 2000), esplanade improvements, a new fuel float, a new boat launch, and noted the Port is working with the Department of Ecology on further environmental cleanup of the former Scott Paper site to determine final alternatives.

At the Marine Terminal: A lot of effort has gone and will continue to go into the Dakota Creek Industries rehabilitation of the shipyard with the involvement of the Department of Ecology and other agencies. The former log pocket site is both a cleanup and in-water mitigation site for the expansion project. Completed projects include: Expansion of Warehouse 10 to accommodate Puget Sound Rope, the catwalk addition, fire suppression system, and new crab warehouse at Curtis Wharf,

At the Anacortes Airport, multi-year projects included: removal and resurfacing of surfaces, fencing – perimeter and operations area fencing, management of tree and airspace issues, and the recently completed screening berm.

Director Elsner reviewed the current project inventory and requested the Commission review the ad hoc list and provide direction to staff on whether a project is a high or a low priority and whether it should remain in inventory at all. Once this is determined by the Commission, staff will work to provide costs estimates for each project. Director Elsner noted this was not a commitment to spend funds, but rather to serve as a list for possible development.

### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Director Elsner briefed the Commission on the overall Draft 2008 Comprehensive Plan Document and requested the Commission review the Plan and provide any feedback. Port staff has begun to develop an environmental checklist for the Plan, and once it is complete, will begin the SEPA process in September, including a public hearing, before adoption in the fall in accordance with the Revised Code of Washington. Director Elsner noted that, as requested by the Commission, staff also developed a draft appendix with cost estimate details for the Plan elements. More detail of assumptions will be developed to aid in prioritizing and to show the process of how a project moves from the Comprehensive Plan to funding. Each project will have a budget worksheet with a project description, scope, permitting information (if needed), associated costs, and possible roadblocks. Project summaries are provided for each of the Port's operating areas, with notation of whether a project is near term, median, long term, or operationally driven. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the approved version of these minutes.

Director Elsner requested feedback from the Commission and responded to questions. Commissioner Short thanked Director Elsner for his presentations.

### COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Short opened the floor for communications from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Rubin noted that due to the length of the meeting, he would postpone his comments on the governance seminar attended by the Commission earlier in the week. He stated he had found the seminar very productive and was looking forward to a draft from speaker Dr. Monte Bridges that will provide a more customized synopsis of the ideas, opinions, and decisions expressed by the Commission.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Hyde noted it had been a busy week for the Commission and Port staff. The Commission held a special meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> in which they participated in a governance

seminar, presented by Dr. Monte Bridges, Superintendent of the Puget Sound Educational School District.

Yesterday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, the Commission and staff were joined by Mike Nelson, Vice President of Dakota Creek Industries (DCI), Don Wick, Executive Director of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County, members of the Anacortes City Council, current and former consultants, DCI staff, and members of the public, in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Port's Project Pier 1 at the DCI shipyard. The groundbreaking marks the beginning of the dredging and construction phase of this project, which has been some ten years in the making. Project Pier 1 includes environmental cleanup, water line outfall, upland and public access improvements, and expansion of the shipyard. For more detailed information, see the special meeting minutes for July 15, 2008.

In other updates, the Cap Sante Boat Haven will host an outdoor concert series adjacent to the newly completed esplanade for five weekends this summer, beginning July 25, 2008. Sponsored by the Snohomish Artists Guild, the concerts feature northwest area artists and are free and open to the public.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Executive Director Hyde reviewed the Commission's upcoming meeting schedule for August. The next Commission Regular Meeting will be August 7, 2008 and the next Regular Work/Study Session will be held on August 21, 2008, both at 7:00 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Short opened the public comment period for items not on the regular agenda. Hearing no one with a desire to address the Commission, the floor was closed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Rubin moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Niver. Commissioner Short called for the vote on the motion, which carried unanimously and at 8:49 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

#### **Attest:**

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William L. Short, Commission President

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Keith Rubin, Commission Vice-President

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Ray Niver, Commission Secretary

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Steve Hopley, Commissioner

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Pat D. Mooney, Commissioner

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Julie Johnson Lindsey, Administrative Coordinator  
July 17, 2008