



## PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF EDMONDS

### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

December 27, 2016

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#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Bruce Faires, President  
Fred Gouge, Vice President  
Jim Orvis, Secretary  
Steve Johnston

#### STAFF PRESENT

Bob McChesney, Executive Director  
Renaë Ebel, Administrative Assistant  
Karin Michaud, Office Manager

#### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

David Preston

#### CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Faires called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Item B (Approval of December 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes) was pulled from the consent agenda.

**COMMISSIONER GOUGE MOVED THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- C. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,594.62**

**COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Darrol Haug**, Edmonds resident, wanted to speak to the Port as a citizen and taxpayer. Even though he is involved in many groups, such as the EDC, Harbor Square Redevelopment Group, Mayor Advisory Group and he is a member of ACE, he is not speaking on behalf of any group, just as a citizen. He is concerned about three main topics. The Growth Management Act, looking at how projects “pencil out”, and he wants to invite the Port of Edmonds to come and talk about what roll in the city that the Port should play. He stated that the Port should think about powers, duties, plans and what kind of team effort we want to put forth for economic development.

Mr. Haug said that the City budget is in trouble. As he sees it, the City has two options, number one being good economic development and number two, taxes or cuts. Mr. Haug would like the Port to come speak and help the City learn about The Port’s roll and values.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. McChesney reported that The Port is finishing financially strong in 2016. The Port's refinancing loan should be closing in January. The rate is locked down at 2.59% and saving the Port \$600,000.

Mr. McChesney expressed that the staff has been doing a wonderful job and accomplished many things this past year. The plans are ready for early 2017. We will be re-organizing Bud's Bait's area to now house Puget Sound Express, and moving Edmonds Yacht Club reciprocal moorage.

Mr. McChesney stated that we have not heard back from the Department of Ecology yet on the SMP.

Mr. McChesney also noted that the dry stack launcher will be disassembled in January, and Everett Engineering will be looking at it in house to re-work it and hopefully get it fixed.

Another January project will be to finish the fuel dock transaction infrastructure.

## **COMMISSION COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Gouge noted that he has input on Committee Assignments and will be discussing these with Mr. McChesney, so they should be finalized by the next Commission Meeting. Commissioner Gouge said that he will be leaving January 16<sup>th</sup> and be back by February 8<sup>th</sup>, so he will be attending the Commission Meeting by phone.

Commissioner Johnston stated that he is leaving February 10<sup>th</sup>, but he plans on attending a Commission meeting in person once a month, and by phone the other meeting during the month.

Commissioner Orvis would like the other Commissioners to seriously think about Harbor Square, where we go from here in the next year, and whether we pursue other options. He said that it could be a major financial decision one way or another, so please think about the future.

Commissioner Faires did not have anything further to add.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Orvis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jim Orvis  
Port Commission Secretary