



PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF EDMONDS

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

December 28, 2015

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Bruce Faires, Vice President
Fred Gouge, Secretary (by phone)
Mary Lou Block

STAFF PRESENT

Bob McChesney, Executive Director
Megan LeBlanc, Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

David Preston, President
Jim Orvis

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

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

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- B. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 14, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**
- C. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,362.61**

COMMISSIONER BLOCK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one in the audience indicated a desire to address the Commission during this portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. McChesney reported that the City proposed amendments to their Comprehensive Plan and Critical Areas Ordinance at their last City Council Meeting. City Planner Kernan Lien made a presentation to the City Council regarding the proposed changes. Mr. McChesney emphasized that these changes are relevant to the Port due to the Harbor Square property being within the Critical Areas outlined in this ordinance. City Council did not accept the proposed changes by City Staff, and instead proposed amendments. Nothing was voted on during this meeting, but it is anticipated that the amendments will be voted on at the January 19th City Council meeting. Mr. McChesney noted that it will be necessary to engage the Mayor and City staff in regards to these changes, and the negative affects they will have on the Harbor Square property, both in the present and the future, including the remodel project at Harbor Square Athletic Club.

Commissioner Faires asked when the vote will be taken. Mr. McChesney responded that the vote will go back to Council on Tuesday, January 19th. Commissioner Gouge commented that the public did not see the amendments before they were presented at the Council meeting. He noted that the Port will need to meet with the Mayor and City staff, and further mentioned that these changes not only affect the Port, but the Edmonds Senior Center as well. Mr. McChesney mentioned that there will be two new City councilmembers in January, which could possibly change the outcome of this vote. Commissioner Faires commented that the Port should get together with the Edmonds Senior Center to coordinate efforts on this. Mr. McChesney noted that Kernan Lien was very open and willing to discuss the proposed changes, and offered to meet with the Port after the first of the year. Commissioner Gouge noted that it would also be a good idea to comment during the City Council meeting on the proposed changes.

Mr. McChesney concluded by saying the Port is wrapping up the restroom project, and will meet with the contractor tomorrow morning. The restrooms should be hooked up and ready to go shortly after the first of the year.

COMMISSION COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Faires noted that he has input on Committee Assignments from a portion of the Commission, and will hope to have these ready to be approved at the January 11th Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Gouge", written in a cursive style.

Fred Gouge
Port Commission Secretary