

MEETING MINUTES

Port of Tacoma Commission



REGULAR MEETING

November 2, 2023 - 12:00 PM Public Session Start

Fabulich Center, Room #104: 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Fife

The Port of Tacoma Commission met for a regular meeting on **November 2, 2023** at the Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Fife, WA.

CALL TO ORDER | EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma Commission President, called the meeting to order at **10:00 a.m.** and announced that the Commission would recess into a closed **Special Order of Business** until **10:30 a.m.** to discuss a labor collective bargaining agreement. Commissioners Deanna Keller, Dick Marzano, John McCarthy and Don Meyer were present, and Commissioner Kristin Ang joined the Executive Session virtually. A quorum was met.

The Commission recessed into an **Executive Session** until **11:10 a.m.** to discuss:

1. Two (2) Property Acquisition Items – RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

1. RETURN TO ORDER:

Commissioner Keller returned the meeting to order at **12:00 p.m.** and stated they had recessed into a closed Special Order of Business until **10:39 a.m.** and closed Executive Session until **11:10 a.m.** Commissioners Deanna Keller, Dick Marzano, John McCarthy and Don Meyer were present at the start of the public meeting. Commissioner Kristin Ang arrived shortly thereafter. The public session began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Keller also acknowledged that we are situated on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe and commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted as presented by unanimous consent.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Eric Johnson

- Today's meeting consists of only briefings, so we don't have any action items. The main purpose is the 2024 budget overview, which will be given in preparation for adoption at the next meeting (11/21/23).

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. CONSENT AGENDA: None

6. COMMISSION ACTIONS: None

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: None

8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

10. ISSUE BRIEFINGS:

A. Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board (EDB) Annual Report

Bruce Kendall (President & CEO) of the Tacoma-Pierce County EDB presented an annual update to the Commission. Their motto is: Compete Everyday Forever. The EDB provides assistance to Tacoma-Pierce County businesses, and their programs focus on: retention/expansion, recruitment, acceleration, DEI and BIPOC work. The labor work force is the number one question they get in regard to recruitment. Results from 2018-2022 were reviewed, and a return of \$77 for every \$1 of EDB investment was discussed. The impact of the pandemic resulted in a big change in business because of virtual work. Some of the EDB site visits are now done virtually.

B. Lower Wapato Creek Habitat Site Long-Term Monitoring Update Briefing

Kristin Evered (Project Manager & Port Biologist – Environmental Department) with the Port of Tacoma presented an update on the Lower Wapato Creek Habitat site. This advanced mitigation habitat site re-established 20 acres of stream and wetland habitat and replaced a fish barrier culvert. The project timeline was reviewed from the original concept in 2009 to the completion of phase two of the project. It will take 25 years in total to complete. Performance monitoring is required and will be completed by environmental consultants. This project and team won the Phoenix Award this year, which is the highest award issued for Environmental clean-up projects.

C. 2024 Budget Study Session

Erin Galeno (Chief Financial & Administrative Officer) and Josh Adams with the Port of Tacoma presented an overview of the proposed 2024 Budget. The draft budget will be presented for approval at the November 21st Commission meeting in a public hearing. Questions and comments from Commissioners were centered around understanding differences in the proposed budget from previous years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- **Commissioner Meyer** departed the meeting at 2:00pm.
- **Commissioner Ang** is attending the Northwest Offshore Wind Supply Chain Summit in Vancouver, WA on November 16th.
- No other comments or announcements from Commissioners were given at this meeting.

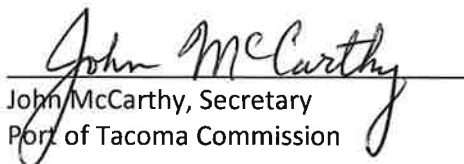
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Keller adjourned the meeting at **2:08 pm**.

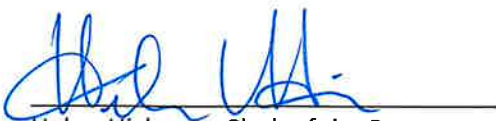
Attest:



Deanna M. Keller, President
Port of Tacoma Commission



John McCarthy, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission



Helen Hickman, Clerk of the Port
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