

MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
December 17, 2020

The Port of Tacoma Commission met for its regular meeting, December 17, 2020. Commissioners Ang, Keller, McCarthy, Marzano and Meyer were all present via telephone/video conference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. The Commission immediately recessed for an executive session to discuss one real estate sale/lease item (RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)) and one item related to litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session lasted 58 minutes. No votes or actions were taken. Commissioner McCarthy reconvened the regular meeting at 12:00 noon and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. Strategic Plan Study Session – Mission and Values Discussion Follow Up

Jim Darling, Principal Planner, and Matt Hoffman, Senior Planner, both of Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc., the Port's consultants in developing its Strategic Plan, were introduced by the Port's Executive Director, Eric Johnson. The consultants facilitated a continued discussion regarding draft value and mission statements for the Port. The consultants sought Commissioner input as to whether they have captured all the things they want to include in a vision statement for the Port, and to confirm what key words the Commission wants to include in its mission statement.

- Commissioner McCarthy suggested including that the Port values the role it plays in the world commerce.
- Commissioner Meyer commented that in addition to those presented (Pierce County Residents, the Puyallup Tribe and the partnership with the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA)), customers and labor need to be included when identifying and prioritizing who the Port of Tacoma values.
- Commissioner Keller emphasized the Port's purpose of reinvesting back into the local, regional and state community through jobs, environmental mitigation, economic development, etc.
- Commissioner McCarthy commented that the mission statement should not emphasize just cargo but should include marine related activities that create jobs. His preference is to include the environment as a strong value of Port as opposed to including it as part of a mission statement.
- Commissioner Ang stated the reality is that the economy depends on ecology. Prosperity is intertwined with environmental stewardship. Those that can best synergize economy and environment are the ones that will succeed. This is the business and governmental environment in which we exist. She noted the top two survey responses as to what is important to the public are jobs and the environment. She stated that leaving environment out of the purpose does not honor the Port's role as environmental leaders.
- Commissioner Meyer agreed that pursuing environmental sustainability must be included along with jobs. He also commented that the Port serves a bigger role than prosperity to the local community, noting the role of the Port for farmers in Eastern Washington, for example.
- Commissioner Marzano added the need to create family wage jobs tied to maritime, but to also acknowledge that the Port is expanding beyond maritime to include also non-maritime in other locations in Pierce County. He noted the Port can pride itself on the good work it has done with the environment and wants the Port to continue as leaders in environmental issues. He mentioned a concern with stating that the Port is going to address environmental challenges throughout Pierce County and whether that expands the Port's role beyond what it should be doing. He would like to, however with resources, this may be best accomplished through partnerships.

- Commissioner Keller noted it will be key to concentrate on partnerships with others. In looking at the costs associated with the Port's mitigation efforts it is important to acknowledge that the Port can't afford to do all these things all on its own.

B. Workforce Development

Guest speakers were introduced by Leslie Barstow, Manager, Community Relations.

Presentations were given by Katie Condit, CEO, WorkForce Central Michelle Ledbetter, Director, Pierce County Skills Center on their respective organizations.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded to approve consent agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 2020.
- B. Approval of the payment of checks 228475 through 228598, and wire transfers in the total amount of \$12,397,263.74 during the period, October 31, 2020 through November 27, 2020.
- C. Authorization for the Executive Director or his designee to enter into a one-year lease extension with McKinney Vehicle Services, Inc. for premises located at 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Tacoma, WA 98424.
- D. Authorization for the Executive Director or his designee to enter into a one-year lease extension with V. VanDyke. Inc. for the premises located at 2002 Stewart Street, Tacoma, WA 98421.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Eric Johnson, Executive Director informed the Commission that staff able to work from home continue to work from home as Covid-19 numbers increase. He thanked the workforce that cannot work remotely. Future office space discussions and planning is resuming.

7. ACTIONS:

A. Resolution 2020-13-PT – 2020-2025 All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Presented by Alisha Peña, Senior Planner

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Port of Tacoma 2020-2025 All Hazard Mitigation Plan through the adoption of Resolution 202013-PT.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

- The difference between the All Hazard Mitigation Plan and a Resiliency Plan. Staff informed that this plan is a separate effort than the planning efforts of the Northwest Seaport Alliance and Port to analyze vulnerabilities and provide a unique look at the terminals and consequences there. This is much broader and was described as a sort of checklist. This is a requirement for applying for available funding.
- Commissioner Ang asked about a recent emergency response that was triggered at the Port and the Port's response. The Hazard plan falls outside of the purview of the Hazard plan at the center of this action. Staff noted there is a difference between the All Hazard Mitigation Plan versus the Port's Emergency Response Plan. Staff assured commissioners that there is an Emergency Plan in place. Key contacts are the Chief of Port Security and the Director of Security and Corporate Social Responsibility.

B. World Trade Center Tacoma 2021 Personal Services Agreement

Presented by Evette Mason, Government Affairs Manager

It was moved and seconded to delegate signing authority to the Port of Tacoma's Executive Director or his designee, to enter into a Personal Services Agreement with the World Trade Center Tacoma (WTCT) for 2021 trade services.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

- The agreement term is from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The amount requested is for \$122,500 to be distributed \$12,500 for the franchise fee paid directly to the World Trade Association in New York, and \$110,000 for World Trade Center Tacoma programs.
- Commissioners commented on the improvements since current leadership took over and expressed thanks and confidence going forward. Commissioner Meyer requested another update in the May/June 2021 timeframe.

8. NON-ACTION NEW BUSINESS: None.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Commission Board Involvement

- Commissioners discussed their involvement in work groups of the NWSA and Port committees. Also discussed was commissioner board involvement in terms of industry organizations, organizations appointed by the governor, outside organizations, etc. It was acknowledged that 2020 was an anomaly due to COVID and many of the committees, boards, did not meet or delayed meeting as they normally would. Commissioners supported in general combining/consolidation of certain work groups contemplated by the NWSA.
- The commissioners support leaving 2021 work group, committee assignments, and board involvement the same as in 2020. One exception is Commissioner Keller would like to serve on the Pierce County Regional Council's Transportation Policy Board. Staff noted that there is one seat that represents all ports. The primary seat is usually from either the Port of Seattle or the Port of Tacoma. Historically if one of the homeports is on the PCRC Transportation Policy Board, the other homeport sits on the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board. This is not a written agreement. Staff will reach out to see if there is any interest in revisiting assignments.
- Commissioners would like more visibility regarding the activity level of each of the work groups/committees.
- Commissioner Keller suggested adding a workforce development task force or committee. Commissioner Ang suggested adding a diversity, equity and inclusion committee. Commissioners will discuss how to best develop these two committees at the January meeting.

B. Tribal Liaison Committee

- Commissioner McCarthy reported that the Port sent a letter to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians in September or October identifying five issues where the Port seeks either Consultation with the Tribe per the Land Claims Settlement, or for those issues not subject to Consultation, to confer and deliberate with the Tribe. The Tribe responded, however, with the pandemic it has been difficult to confirm a date. Communication continues.
- Commissioner Ang asked about communications protocols between the Port and the Tribe in cases of emergencies referencing a leak detected earlier in the day. The Port is in communication with the Tribe. Commissioner McCarthy commented that in his experience often the Port is the last to know, typically such incidents are an issue/investigation of the EPA, Ecology or Fire Department. It was noted often people incorrectly believe that any incidents that take place in Commencement Bay or

the Tideflats are related to the Port or Port-owned property. Commissioner Ang emphasized that we need to share with all our partners what we know in order to build trust.

10. ISSUE BRIEFINGS: None.

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Ang invited the public to visit the Port's centennial art project installed at Firemen's Park in Tacoma. She also invited the public to take the Port's Strategic Plan survey on the Port's website.
- Commissioner Keller commented on the fire station on the Tideflats. The one engine that was cut from the City of Tacoma budget was the one that was supposed to be housed on the Tideflats. Apparently, Mayor Woodard requested monies from Pierce County. It was initially voted down but was later included in a budget for CARES Act monies. This was a great concern for longshore, maintenance and the fire fighters in the Tideflats. Commissioner Marzano noted that when he heard of this issue, he was able to contact ILWU Local 23 President Jared Faker. Mr. Faker wrote a letter to Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier and all council members highlighting the importance of this issue to all the workers and everyone around the Tideflats.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

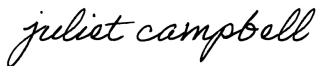


John McCarthy, President
Port of Tacoma Commission

Attest:



Don Meyer, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission



Juliet Campbell, Clerk of the Port
Port of Tacoma