

MINUTES
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2020

The Port of Tacoma Commission met in a special meeting Monday, January 13, 2020, in the Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Tacoma, Washington. Commissioners Ang, Keller, McCarthy, Marzano, Meyer were all present.

CALL TO ORDER AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner McCarthy called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and recessed into executive session for 25 minutes to discuss one litigation item RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). No votes or actions were taken.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. RETURN TO ORDER:

Commissioner McCarthy reconvened the meeting at 12:01 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He then provided a brief history of the Port of Tacoma. He thanked James Rideout, Tim Reynon, and Ramona Bennet from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians; Kim Rosco from the City of Fife; and Robin Vincent from the city of Gig Harbor for their attendance at today's public meeting. He then welcomed and introduced Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive and Anna Bean, Puyallup Tribal Council Member, present to swear in new commissioners.

2. SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS ANG AND KELLER

Commissioner Ang was sworn in by Puyallup Tribal Council Member, Anna Bean
Commissioner Keller was sworn in by Pierce County Executive, Bruce Dammeier
After being sworn in, Commissioners Ang and Keller shared brief comments.

The Commission recessed for 10 minutes at 12:20 p.m.

Commissioner McCarthy reconvened the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Executive Director, Eric Johnson provided explained the check certification elements and process for new commissioners.

It was moved and seconded to approve consent agenda items 3A and 3B.

A. Approval of the minutes from the December 19, 2019 Commission special meeting.

B. Approval of the check/wire certification: Approving the payment of checks 225447 through 225624 and 225626 through 225705 and wire transfers in the total amount of \$14,427,025.83 during the period of December 7, 2019 through January 3, 2020, certified by the Port of Tacoma auditor.

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to approve consent agenda item 3C.

C. Approval of the check certification: Approving the payment of check 225625 in the total amount of \$13,563.55 during the period of December 7, 2019 through January 3, 2020 certified by the Port of Tacoma Auditor.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: Marzano, Keller, Meyer, Ang

Opposed: n/a

Abstain: McCarthy

4. ACTIONS:

A. 2020 Commission Officers

It was moved and seconded to affirm the Commission officers as proposed:

President - John McCarthy; Vice President - Dick Marzano; Secretary - Don Meyer; First Assistant Secretary – Deanna Keller; Second Assistant Secretary – Kristin Ang.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. 2020 Audit Committee

It was moved and seconded to appoint Commissioner Marzano and Commissioner Keller to the Audit Committee: Chair – Dick Marzano; Vice Chair – Deanna Keller.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Commission Board Involvement

It was moved and seconded to approve 2020 Commission Board Involvement list as amended to include the City Club.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: Marzano, Keller, McCarthy, Meyer

Opposed: n/a

Abstain: Ang

Jason Jordan, Dir. Environmental Programs, provided an overview of the Flood Control Zone District Committee.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS and POTENTIAL ACTION:

A. Port Administration Work Space

This was a continuation of discussion from the December 19, 2019 Commission meeting related to options for future administration work space. No vote was taken, though each commissioner provided guidance/comments on the alternatives presented. The commissioners all favored alternative 3 as presented in the supporting memorandum, with certain caveats. Alternative 3 is to stay in the Port Administration building 3-5 years and invest in a new port administration building.

Commissioner McCarthy asked staff to provide an itemization of the \$5.1 million in major maintenance/repairs needed, along with an estimate of when the money would need to be spent.

Commissioner Meyer commented that the current building has outlived its useful life and is in the wrong location. He does not want a future space limited to administrative offices, he would like a concept of a maritime facility explored. He emphasized that capital should be reserved for cargo activity.

Commissioner Keller agreed with the maritime facility concept. She also noted employees of The Northwest Seaport Alliance will also be occupants of the facility.

Commissioner Ang noted the Port's strategic plan will help inform this decision.

Commissioner Marzano wants the Port's real estate team to explore the viability of leasing space in the existing Port Administration building to tenants in the maritime industry.

B. Executive Director Announcements, Events, Recognitions.

- Wednesday, January 15, 2020 is the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce's Horizons Economic Forecast breakfast. The Port is a sponsor and Eric Johnson and Commissioner McCarthy are speakers at the event.
- Eric Johnson and NWSA CEO, John Wolfe, were both interviewed last week by KBTC Chanel 12 about cargo trends.
- Eric Johnson attended Government-to-Government training in Olympia.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner McCarthy acknowledge the passing of Al Bacon, former Commissioner Bacon's husband. He attended the anniversary celebration of the Port of Kitakyushu, Japan. The Port of Tacoma has a sister port agreement with Kitakyushu since 1984. The Port received a commemorative plaque.

Commissioner Keller commented on inclusiveness on the port commission and thanked her husband for his support during her campaign.

Commissioner Meyer: Congratulated new commissioners. Thanked them for both signing up to participate in the Association of Washington Business's Legislative Day and Hill Climb.

Commissioner Marzano: The Annual Longshore Spaghetti Extravaganza at the ILWU Longshore Hall will include guest speaker Willie Adams, ILWU President.

Commissioner Ang: Excited to be working serve on the commission.


8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 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

