

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THE FABULICH CENTER, ROOM 104
3600 PORT OF TACOMA ROAD, TACOMA, WASHINGTON

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Don Meyer, President
Clare Petrich, Vice President
Don Johnson, Secretary
Dick Marzano, 2nd Assistant Secretary

STAFF PRESENT

John Wolfe, Chief Executive Officer
Carolyn Lake, Port Counsel
Evette Mason, Mgr. Government Affairs
Nick Demerice, Dir. Public Affairs
Juliet Campbell, Clerk of the Port

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

John McCarthy, 1st Assistant Secretary

3:30 P.M.: EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Meyer called the Special Commission Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and then recessed into Executive Session for approximately one hour.

2. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Three (3) Litigation/Potential Litigation Items: RCW42.30.110(1)(i)

No votes or actions were taken.

5:00 P.M.: COMMISSION MEETING

1. RETURN TO ORDER:

Commissioner Meyer reconvened the Special Commission Meeting at approximately 5:05 p.m. and a flag salute was performed.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes of May 14, 2018 and May 17, 2018

B. Check/Wire Certification approving payment of checks 218703 through 218934, and wire transfers in the total amount of \$3,107,332.68 during the period of May 5, 2018 through May 25, 2018.

Motion was made by Commissioner Petrich, seconded by Commissioner Marzano:

“Approve the Consent Agenda with the correction to the May 14, 2018 Minutes.”

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 4-0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following spoke to the status of contract negotiations between ILWU 22 and Port management:

Dax Koho, ILWU 22

Tyler Brady ILWU 22

Jim Norton, Local 23 Retired

Jeff Hancock ILWU Alaska Longshore Division

Jeremy Kamel, ILWU Puget Sound District Council

Sarah Esch, ILWU 19 Seattle

Rick Semple, Board of Historic Tacoma member. Spoke in opposition to the possible demolition of Fire Station #5, 3510 E 11th Street, Tacoma, Washington (former Fire Station #15).

4. STAKEHOLDER UPDATES:

A. Tacoma Fire Station #5, 3510 E 11th Street (former Fire Station #15) Update

Introduced by Evette Mason, Manager, Government Affairs; Presented by James Duggan, Tacoma Fire Chief, and Justin Davis, Facilities Management Division Manager, Tacoma Public Works

Discussion Included:

1. The building is unfit for occupancy of any kind due to construction methods and materials.

2. New fire station facilities must be built to an essential public facility standard. Even with credits as a historical building, the Fire Station cannot meet the standard.

3. Moving the building is not feasible. The structure is concrete slab with hollow red clay tile walls connected solely by mortar.

4. Meeting the operational needs of the fire department to provide service to the Port in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Port is the commitment. The Fire Department is open to looking at alternative sites.
5. The fire department will have operational presence, either permanent or temporary near Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) liquified natural gas (LNG) facility in time for PSEs operations.

B. World Trade Center Tacoma (WTCT) Biennial Update

Introduced by Evette Mason, Manager, Government Affairs; Presented by Mike Fowler, WTCT Sr. Trade Consultant and Tom Pierson, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber President & CEO.

Discussion Included:

1. The focus of the WTCT is to provide local and overseas consulting, trade missions, educational events, and cross-border e-commerce.
2. The bulk of revenue for WTCT is generated through membership, consulting, and cross-board e-commerce in that order. Activities and events also generate revenue.
3. Opportunities related to Alibaba's business-to-business platform were highlighted.

C. Foss Waterway Parks Initiative

Introduced by Evette Mason, Manager, Government Affairs; Presented by Norm Gollub, Executive Director, Foss Waterway Development Authority and Linda Briggs of the Briggs Group.

Discussion Included:

1. Foss Waterway Development Authority (FWDA) develops and manages the shoreline along the Thea Foss Waterway.
2. The "Parks on the Foss" is an initiative to construct two new parks along the waterway: Melanie Jan LaPlant Dressel Park and Waterway Park.
3. Locations, plans, schedule and funding sources were presented.
4. FWDA will be requesting a \$500,000 contribution from the Port of Tacoma utilizing public shoreline access funds. Funding will also be sought through federal grants and private donors.

5. ACTION AGENDA:

Action item 5A was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting, the Commission moved directly to item 5B on the Action Agenda.

B. Commission International Travel: Copenhagen

Presented by Nick Demerice, Director, Public Affairs

Motion was made by Commissioner Petrich, seconded by Commissioner Marzano:

"Authorize international travel for a Port of Tacoma Commissioner to join the Tacoma to Puyallup Connection Masterclass Cohort trip to Denmark and Sweden"

Discussion Included:

1. The pros and cons of participating in the Cohort were discussed.

Commissioner Johnson - No

Commissioner McCarthy: *Excused, not present for the vote*

Commissioner Marzano - Aye

Commissioner Meyer - Aye

Commissioner Petrich - Aye

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 3-1

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. CEO Announcements, Events and Recognition. None.

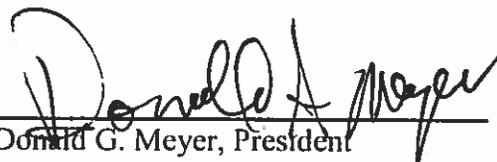
7. COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Marzano: Attended a transportation luncheon where CEO John Wolfe and Sr. Communications Manager Rod Koon both gave presentations. The event was well attended.

Commissioner Petrich: Attended a summit on passenger ferries in the Puget Sound area. Attended the GreenPorts conference in Baltimore. Visitors from West Africa have expressed interest in an internship opportunity at the Port of Tacoma.

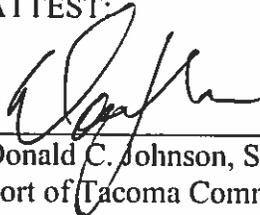
8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, President Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.



Donald G. Meyer, President
Port of Tacoma Commission

ATTEST:



Donald C. Johnson, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission



Juliet Campbell, Clerk of the Port
Port of Tacoma



Port Commissioners;

Historic Tacoma is concerned about the move to demolish Fire Station #5, especially as this is Historic Preservation Month.

Designed by architect M. J. Nicholson and built in 1928, Fire Station #5 (formerly 15) is listed on the Tacoma Landmarks Register, the Washington State Heritage Register and the National Register of Historic Places since 1986.

The KPFF Structural Report has assessed this building relative to current code provisions but does not consider any alternatives to demolition. Many retrofitted fire stations have a strategically placed additions to handle current needs. Another option is to relocate a new station to another location.

The current station is ~3,300 SF and sits on a ~15,100 SF lot that the city owns. The city owns an adjacent lot of ~4,300 SF. Surrounding these parcels is a 98,000 SF vacant parcel owned by the Port. Historic Tacoma has reached out to the Port Commissioners and they have suggested the possibility of entering into a discussion of some other real estate arrangement to avoid demolition of this landmark. The historic station could then be surplusd to allow its renovation and reuse.

Historic Tacoma would urge this committee to explore these other options rather than propose the demolition of this landmark.

Thank You for your consideration,

Marshall McClintock

Historic Tacoma Board Member



Port Commissioners
2018

June 11,

On May 1st, at the City Council meeting mayor Woodards proclaimed May as Tacoma's Historic Preservation Month, with this year's theme being "Adaptive Reuse".

How ironic then that the Fire Department rather than adaptively reusing, is presenting a memorandum proposing to demolish an existing fire station. A 1924 Fire Station that happens to be on the National Register of Historic Places, the State Register of Historic Places and the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.

The Fire Department memorandum being presented. states that "after a thorough review of the structural analysis and renovation concept, it was determined that the existing building did not meet the programmatic and operational needs of TFD."

We understand the needs of the fire Department for a station on this side of the port, but rather than demolishing a Nationally Registered Historic Property, on a very small piece of land, perhaps the fire department could choose another nearby site to build their new station.

Looking at the map of land ownership in that part of the port (the station is located at 3510 E. 11th) it appears that there are other city owned parcels that could be built on.

Or more interestingly, perhaps one of the many empty Port of Tacoma parcels could be purchased, traded or swapped.

Before this commission recommends or agrees to demolish one of the few remaining historic structures in the Port, Please look at all alternatives.

Buildings are not placed on the National Register, the State Register or even the Tacoma Register of Historic Places without much thought and research and citizen involvement.

thank you

Rick Semple
Treasurer
Historic Tacoma Board