

# PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF EDMONDS

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

## **December 27, 2017**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT** 

Steve Johnston, Secretary

Bruce Faires

Jim Orvis

Angela Harris (newly elected)

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT** 

Fred Gouge, President

David Preston, Vice President

STAFF PRESENT

Bob McChesney, Executive Director Marla Kempf, Deputy Director

Brittany Williams, Manager of Properties and Marketing

Renae Ebel, Administrative Assistant Karin Michaud, Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Bradford Cattle, Port Attorney

#### CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Johnston called the regular 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**

Item B was removed from the consent agenda.

COMMISSIONER ORVIS MOVED THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- C. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,732.468.69

COMMISSIONER FAIRES SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES (Item III.B)

COMMISSIONER ORVIS MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2017 BE APPROVED AS CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER FAIRES SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

### **SWEARING IN OF PORT COMMISSIONERS**

Port Attorney, Bradford Cattle, swore in newly-elected Commissioner Angela Harris and re-elected Commissioners Steve Johnston and Bruce Faires. Photographs were taken following the swearing-in ceremonies.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. McChesney welcomed newly-elected Commissioner Angela Harris.

Mr. McChesney reviewed that the Port is in the process of remodeling the public restrooms. A good solution has been found for the water problems associated with Anthony's Restaurant, and a change order will be presented for Commission approval at the next meeting.

Mr. McChesney reported that staff is currently working with Puget Sound Express in preparation for their 2018 season. The 2018 program will include a larger vessel, and more than 20,000 passengers are anticipated. Commissioner Faires commented that, although accommodating the larger boat will be difficult for the Port, it will provide a major benefit to the City, which is located within the Port District. Many of the passengers will visit downtown businesses.

Mr. McChesney advised that staff is working on a potential new lease at Harbor Square. The complex is virtually full now, and this is the last office space available.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Orvis announced that he would attend the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County's (EASC) kickoff on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Washington State University (WSU) facility at Everett Community College. He advised that WSU is undertaking a major campus improvement that includes a new building and a new nursing and engineering school.

Commissioner Orvis advised that the State of Everett address will be on January 24<sup>th</sup>. At the event, the new mayor will share her 2018 agenda, which could impact the Port of Edmonds in a number of ways. In addition, Banner Bank will present an Economic Forecast for 2018 on February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

Commissioner Harris thanked the Commissioners and staff for their warm welcome.

Commissioner Johnston thanked Commissioner Gouge for his 18 years of service on the Commission.

Commissioner Faires invited those in audience to attend an evening meeting in 2018 to get a better idea of what the Port Commission does.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

James Orvis

Port Commission Secretary