



## PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF EDMONDS

### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

July 25, 2016

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#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Fred Gouge, Vice President  
Jim Orvis, Secretary  
David Preston – by phone

#### STAFF PRESENT

Bob McChesney, Executive Director

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Karin Michaud, Office Manager

#### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Bruce Faires, President  
Steve Johnston

#### CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Gouge called the special 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

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

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- B. APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**
- C. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$345,031.57**
- D. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-05, COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION**

**COMMISSIONER GOUGE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one in the audience indicated a desire to address the Commission during this portion of the meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. McChesney reported that the Port is continuing to work with the City on the Shoreline Master plan.

Mr. McChesney also reported that several leases at Harbor Square are up for renewal this year. He would like to do a market analysis from a rental rate point of view. He has a meeting later this week with a local commercial real estate broker to discuss market rent comparables.

Commissioner Gouge agreed that doing a market analysis was a good idea. He stated that we need to know where we are at.

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

Commissioner Orvis commented on the Department of Ecology's latest attempt to resolve the City's inability to reconcile the Shoreline Master Plan with buffers and setbacks at Harbor Square. Commissioner Preston commented that he is also concerned about the process and the lack of best available science to justify the proposed increase in buffers and setbacks. He wanted to know more about what exactly "restoration" means since the Marsh is already in better condition than it was in years previous.

Commissioner Gouge reported that he and Commissioner Preston met with Doug Lofgren and Pat Shields regarding the Waterfront festival. They talked about changes for future festivals. Mainly, keeping the launcher open during the festival. The fire lane being blocked was also addressed. They want to make sure that the Waterfront festival becomes more waterfront related. A kids fishing derby off of the public fishing pier was suggested as one idea. Commissioner Gouge thinks change is coming for the Waterfront festival.

Commissioner Orvis commented that the Edmonds Arts Festival is paid for by the vendors. He feels that the Waterfront festival has become a carnival. He wonders why the City can't be involved in some way to help with this event.

Commissioner Orvis commented that he came down to the Port yesterday and it was packed. He commented that the City needs to do something about dogs in the park. People with dogs were interfering with the enjoyment of the park of others without dogs. Maybe they can install better signage about dogs not being allowed in the park. Possible Saturday or Sunday patrol by Edmonds Police Department to issue citations to people in the park with dogs. Commissioner Gouge agreed.

**Dave Teitzel Councilmember City of Edmonds**, made comments about the Shoreline Master plan. He feels that there are people who believe that any development will harm the marsh. He hopes that the City and the Port can work together to come up with a compromise

Commissioner Gouge feels that development is needed to implement restoration. He is disturbed by the council members that are so focused to their own objectives that they won't listen.

Commissioner Preston commented that the City and the Port need to work together.

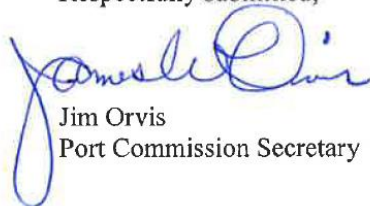
Councilmember Teitzel stated that the Port and the City can work together to get it done.

Commissioner Gouge stated the he has been getting questions as to when the construction on the fishing pier will be completed. Councilmember Teitzel stated that he believes work will be completed in late August.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Orvis  
Port Commission Secretary