

PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

February 2, 1998

CALL TO ORDER.

Olympia Port Commission President Steve Pottle and Tumwater Mayor Ralph Osgood called the joint meeting of the Olympia Port Commission and Tumwater City Council to order on February 2, 1998 at 6:15 p.m. in the training room of the Tumwater City Hall in Tumwater, Washington.

ATTENDANCE.

Attending the meeting for the Port of Olympia were Port Commissioners Steve Pottle, Bob VanSchoorl, and Jeff Dickison. Attending members of the Tumwater City Council including Mayor Ralph Osgood, Pete Kmet, Bruce Zeller, Ed Stanley, Cindy Beauchene, Chris Parsons and Walt Jorgensen

INTRODUCTIONS.

Mayor Osgood invited all present to introduce themselves. In addition to Port Commission and Tumwater Council Members, the meeting was attended by a variety of staff from the Port of Olympia and Tumwater City Council, several members of the public, and a reporter from The Olympian.

AIRPORT UPDATE.

Wendy Holden, Deputy Director of the Port, provided an overview and update on recent developments at the Olympia Regional Airport. Wendy Holden and Airport Manager Doug Sandau answered questions regarding passenger service, airport improvements, new tenants, and other airport developments.

WELL HEAD PROTECTION ORDINANCE.

Kathy Callison from the planning department for the City of Tumwater provided an update on Tumwater's proposed plans to develop a well head protection ordinance. Kalison said the ordinance has been in development over the past year and is currently being reworked by Tumwater staff. Kalison said later this month the staff will bring forward a draft ordinance for review by the planning commission at the end of February and then later to be brought to the Tumwater City Council.

Port Commission Dickison inquired about the availability of maps and more detailed information regarding the impact of the ordinance on Port properties. Kalison responded that maps would be available later in the month. Mayor Osgood offered a briefing by city staff to the Port Commission when the maps are available and more detailed information could be provided. The Port expressed interest in such a briefing.

RENAMING AIRDUSTRIAL WAY.

Kari Qvigstad, Marketing Director for the Port of Olympia, provided an informational update on the

Port's interest in changing the name of Airdustrial Way to be more consistent with the Port's new name for the new market industrial campus, formerly Thurston Airdustrial Center. Some discussion ensued regarding a suitable process for this effort.

Jerry and Ann Oliver, residents of Tumwater who operate a business on Airdustrial Way, offered suggestions regarding the importance of having a process that will involve affected businesses and residents. Roger Gellenback, Tumwater Planning Director, advised the City Council that the city does not currently have a process for the changing of an official street name.

Members of the Olympia Port Commission and Tumwater City Council expressed interest in moving forward with the process for a name change. Port and City staff will work together in this matter. All present confirmed the need for a serious community outreach effort when undertaking a project such as this that will impact residents and local businesses.

PORT PARK.

Tumwater City Council staff presented an idea for establishing a Port Park on Port property adjacent to Dart Containers. Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of this project. Jerry and Ann Oliver, adjoining land owners, inquired about the impact of the designation on the Oliver's adjoining property.

Port Commissioner VanSchoorl said the Port will be revising its Comprehensive Plan in the coming year and this proposal may present an opportunity for the Port to consider this suggestion.

NEW MARKET INDUSTRIAL CAMPUS UPDATE.

Heber Kennedy, Real Estate Manager for the Port of Olympia, provided an update on activities at the New Market Industrial Campus. Kennedy provided an update on new leases, lease modifications, and the general nature of several ongoing negotiations for projects at the industrial campus.

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

Heber Kennedy said the Port of Olympia has offered a site for a new Post Office for the Tumwater Post Office on the corner of Airdustrial and New Market. Kennedy raised the possibility of opening through traffic on New Market from Airdustrial to Israel to increase traffic circulation in this area. Tumwater Council member Kmet expressed concerns about opening this street up in light of public hearings the City of Tumwater held regarding the Washington State satellite campus plan which had proposed similarly opening this traffic. Kmet advised that much public concern was expressed in that process.

No action was taken on this matter although several members present expressed an interest in watching this situation and particularly if the Post Office selects the site at New Market and Airdustrial Way.

COMPREHENSIVE DRAINAGE BASIN PLAN FOR SOUTH TUMWATER.

Tumwater and Port staff provided a briefing on a proposal originating from Thurston County to develop a comprehensive basin drainage plan for south Tumwater. The area has experienced flooding in recent years and more dollage is needed to understand the hydrology of this area to manage future growth and flood events.

Port Commission and City Council members encourage staff to continue working with Thurston County on a coordinated planning process.

DOG RUN.

Mayor Ralph Osgood reported that a public hearing was recently in the City regarding residents seeking appropriate locations to walk and run dogs without leash. Mayor Osgood inquired whether the Port may

have property available for such a purpose in the industrial campus. Some discussion ensued on this subject and the prospective staffs will continue to talk on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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