

**PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE CITY OF OLYMPIA**

May 19, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

President Pottle called the meeting of May 19, 2003, to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Inn in Olympia. Commissioners Van Schoorl and Telford were also in attendance. Attending from the City of Olympia were Mayor Stan Biles, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Foutch, Council Member Curt Pavola, Council Member Jeanette Hawkins, Council Member Doug Mah, and Council Member Matthew Green.

Staff in attendance from the Port were: Executive Director Nick Handy, Administrative Manager Jeri Sevier, Property Director Heber Kennedy, Public Works Director Andrea Fontenot, and Communications Manager Patti Grant.

Staff in attendance from the City were: City Manager Dick Cushing, Bob Sterbank, Steve Hall, David Hanna, Subir Mukerjee, and David Riker. Kathy McCormick from Thurston Regional Planning Council also attended.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mayor Stan Biles and Port Commission President Steve Pottle provided a welcome with the indication that periodically it is good for the two governmental bodies to get together to discuss mutual interests.

WEST BAY DISCUSSION

Port Executive Director Nick Handy provided an update on activities affecting the Port's West Bay ownership.

Handy described the Port's West Bay ownership including 26 acres of tideland, 13 acres in the Port Lagoon, and 8 acres of upland property. The upland property has been used for industrial for 37 years and was vacated last summer by the Port's industrial tenant Solid Wood, Inc.

Handy reported that with the departure of Solid Wood Inc., the Port has completed a modification to the Port's comprehensive plan from light industrial to mixed use consistent with the urban waterfront zoning.

Handy reported that the Port is seeking a zoning change on the upland parcel to urban waterfront and reported that the Planning Commission has made recommendations to the City Council on this change. The Commission and Council discussed the Planning Commission's recommendations and the Port's request that the Port's zoning be consistent with recent zoning changes to other West Bay waterfront properties.

Handy reported that the Port is in discussions with the railroad company for possible acquisition of the railroad right of way existing on the Port's ownership. Some discussion ensued on these issues.

Handy reported that the Port and the City are involved in an exchange of rights to allow mitigation on Port and City property. The City is doing mitigation work relating to the new West Olympia bridge on Port property north of the Port Lagoon, and in exchange, the City is proposing to grant to the Port the right to do future mitigation work on City property at Priest Point Park.

David Hanna from the City Parks Department reported on work the city is doing to assess parcels for park

purposes.

The Council and the Commission discussed mutual interests on the Port's West Bay property. Port Commissioners informally agreed to not make commitments on the Port's West Bay upland ownership until the City could have time to complete its assessment on future park acquisitions in this area.

The Council and Commission expressed interest in another joint meeting in the August/September timeframe to revisit these issues.

EAST BAY DISCUSSION

Port Public Works Director Andrea Fontenot reported on the Port's plans to conduct a Master Planning exercise for the Port's 17 acre State Street properties fronting on East Bay.

Fontenot reported that the Port hopes to begin public workshops in June or July and complete the process in about six months thereafter. Three or four public workshops will be held facilitated by the Port's planning consultant NBBJ and development company Civic Partners.

The City Council and Port Commissioners expressed interest in pursuing a strong working relationship during this planning exercise.

FIBER OPTIC PLAN

City Deputy Administrator Steve Hall reported on city plans to develop fiber optic in the city. (Perhaps Steve could write a paragraph here summarizing his report and subsequent discussions)

ADJOURNMENT

President Pottle and Mayor Biles adjourned the meeting of May 19, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

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President

Vice President

Secretary-Treasurer