

PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 22, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

President Pottle called the meeting of June 22, 1998, to order at 6:35 PM in the Port of Olympia Conference Room. Commissioner Van Schoorl also attended. Commissioner Dickison was unable to attend.

Staff in attendance were: Executive Director Nick Handy, Acting Director of Engineering and Planning Andrea Fontenot, Deputy Director Wendy Holden, Director of Marketing and Trade Development Kari Qvigstad, Director of Finance and Administration George Fox, Facilities Project Engineer Rod Hudson, Airport Manager Doug Sandau, and Executive Assistant Jeri Sevier.

Members of the Public in attendance were: Keith Bausch, ILWU Local 47; Chris Lane, PAC Member; Trisha Collopy, The Olympian; Frank Dare; and Corinne Tobeck.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Port Commissioners, staff, and Olympian Reporter Trisha Collopy participated in a harbor tour by boat at 5:00 p.m. where staff provided a briefing on berth three improvements.

An Executive Session was held at 6:00 p.m. discussing the status of lease negotiations with Simon and Johnson on the Swantown Boatworks.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented for items not on the agenda.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

No Commission reports were given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes. The minutes of June 8, 1998 were unanimously approved as published.

Bills and Vouchers: The bills and vouchers for the period ending June 22, 1998 in the amount of \$1,025,386.49 were unanimously approved.

Capital Project Expenditures: The capital project expenditures were unanimously approved as submitted.

ACTION CALENDAR

Swantown Boatworks Off Shore and Upland Bid Awards.

Ms. Andrea Fontenot reported to the Commission the Swantown Boatworks contract bids were received on June 17, 1998. Five bids were received for the Shoreside Improvements Contract #255. The low bidder was Fuji Industries, Inc., with a bid of \$1,285,922.72. This bid amount includes state sales tax and an additive alternative for compressed air.

Ms. Fontenot reported there were four bids received for the Offshore Improvements Contract #248 also on June 17, 1998. This bid came in much higher than the engineer's estimate and staff recommends rejecting all bids. Ms. Fontenot

proposed the Commission authorize staff to re-bid the project to allow for modifications that will reduce the engineer's estimate.

Mr. Frank Dare provided public comment on the Swantown Boatworks project. Mr. Dare indicated he did not feel he has been provided with sufficient material to back up the project with actual facts supporting the Port's position. Mr. Dare also indicated he did not feel the Port should be speculating with funds derived from taxpayers.

Mr. Chris Lane, a member of the Planning and Advisory Committee, responded to Mr. Dare indicating the PAC has held several public meetings where studies were presented supporting the project. Mr. Lane also noted the PAC has reviewed those studies, asked questions of staff, and were satisfied with the recommendation.

Commissioner Van Schoorl also responded to Mr. Dare's concerns noting the Port has conducted two studies that both resulted in the same conclusion that supported the Swantown Boatworks project. Commission Van Schoorl also noted Simon and Johnson has also conducted their own analysis and proposal and came up with stronger results than the Port's initial economic analysis. Commissioner Van Schoorl said he was pleased with their analysis and believes the public/private partnership will benefit the community. Commission Van Schoorl offered to sit down with Mr. Dare to discuss this issue further.

The Commission unanimously approved awarding the Swantown Boatworks Shoreside Improvements Contract #255 to the apparent low bidder, Fuji Industries, Inc. The Commission also unanimously rejected all bids for the Offshore Improvements Contract #248, and authorized staff to re-bid this project. The bids for the Off Shore Contract came in substantially over the engineer's estimate and staff had recommended to the Commission that the project be modified in hopes of bringing bids closer to budget and the engineer's estimate.

ADVISORY

Air Show Update.

Mr. Doug Sandau introduced Ms. Corinne Tobeck to the Commission. Ms. Tobeck is the Executive Director of the South Puget Sound Air Show. Ms. Tobeck provided the Commission with an update on the Air Show including the committee work, media coverage, and featured performers. Ms. Tobeck said the marketing strategies have improved this year with the help of sponsors like the Port of Olympia. The budget for the marketing is over \$18,000 this year. The Air Show will be coordinated with Lakefair this year including a fly-by on Friday, July 17 over Capitol Lake and Budd Bay. The Air Show will also have planes participating in the Lakefair parade on Saturday, July 18. Ms. Tobeck thanked the Commission for the sponsorship of the Air Show and the Golf Tournament.

Mr. Pottle thanked Ms. Tobeck and noted how much he appreciated her volunteering and dedication to the Air Show. He said there were over 200 volunteers that gave an amazing effort to this community event.

FTZ Activation Update.

Ms. Kari Qvigstad provided the Commission with an update on the Foreign Trade Zone Darigold site activation announcing the approval of the permit. Ms. Qvigstad noted we are awaiting formal approval and she is planning to prepare a press release that should be distributed in July. She noted this project is a perfect example of what the FTZ was meant to do. This approval is very important to the Lewis County area that will benefit from maintaining jobs in the area.

Ms. Qvigstad announced to the Commission the upcoming FTZ Seminar that will be held in the afternoon on Tuesday, September 15, at the Port of Bremerton, and a morning session on Wednesday, September 16, at Indian Summer in Lacey. The seminar will include an overview of the Foreign Trade Zone program, the FTZ #216 zone project, FTZ benefits and case studies.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pottle adjourned the regular Commission meeting of June 22, 1998 at 7:32 p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer