

PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 24, 2001

CALL TO ORDER

President Pottle called the meeting of September 24, 2001, to order at 5:33 p.m. at the Port of Olympia in the Port Conference Room. Commissioner Dickison and Van Schoorl were in attendance.

Staff in attendance were: Executive Director Nick Handy, Administrative Manager Jeri Sevier, Finance Director George Fox, Engineering and Planning Director Andrea Fontenot, Cascade Pole Site Manager Don Bache, Swantown Marina and Boatworks Manager Bruce Marshall, Marine Terminal Manager John Wolfe, Olympia Regional Airport Manager Doug Sandau, and Facilities Project Engineer Rod Hudson.

Public in attendance were as follows. Representing the Olympian was reporter Scott Wyland. Representing Legal Counsel was Mick Phillips. Others in attendance included Bob Droll, Landscape Architect; Paul Telford; Harold Chambers; Arnie and Shirley Olson; Jeffery Jaksich; Bob Martin; Steve Wilcox; Keith Bausch; Trace Fitzer, and Chad Gilliardi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition to the action calendar of Resolution 2001-10 regarding authorizing membership with the Washington Government Entity Pool for the purpose of providing liability and property insurance to the Port. In addition, Executive Director Nick Handy asked that the Marine Terminal presentation be moved ahead on the calendar as the guest in attendance need to get back to Canada tonight.

Commissioner Dickison asked for a discussion under other business on the possibility of a budget retreat of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harold Chambers inquired whether the Port has given thought to changing the Commission meeting to a time and date to accommodate people from the out lying areas in the county. President Pottle responded that the Commission has held meetings at other times and held meetings throughout the county and will take the suggestion under advisement.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

President Pottle indicated he just returned from an EDC meeting where they announced that Home Depot signed a purchase agreement for 44 acres in Meridian Campus for a distribution center that will employ about 200 workers. This site is also in the Foreign Trade Zone.

President Pottle also reported that he has been contacted by Chris Michalak, President of the Washington State Air Show asking to come before Commission in as an advisory asking for Commission support for the Air Show. This proposed Air Show is a different concept that what was held before. President Pottle asked Mr. Handy to contact Chris to set a time at the next Commission meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Nick Handy reported on several issues for Commission consideration. Mr. Handy indicated staff has been working on the development of the budget and are proceeding with the assumption to present the budget for the first time in public session on October 8th. In addition, the budget will be presented for public hearings on November 12th and scheduled for a hearing and adoption on November 28th.

Mr. Handy also requested the Commission schedule an Executive Session for a briefing on Cascade Pole discussing

contract claims and legal issues with legal counsel on the Cascade Pole contract. Staff and counsel need to confer with Commission. The Executive Session was scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th at 5:00 at the Port. Mr. Handy requested the Commission adjourn the meeting tonight to the executive session.

Mr. Handy noted the tragic events of Sept. 11th have not created any security issues at the Port although the Port continues to be on heightened awareness at the marine terminal and airport. The Port staff have been getting daily directives from the FAA regarding security and operational matters.

Mr. Handy announced to the Commission that a PAC meeting is scheduled for October 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Port and the agenda will be a general update to the PAC. There is a PSPG meeting October 12th at Seatac. The main item of discussion is the Port/Tribal conference.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as follows.

Minutes. The minutes from August 27, 2001 were unanimously approved as presented.

Bills and Vouchers. The Commission unanimously approved the bills and vouchers for the period ending September 24, 2001 in the amount of \$648,510.39. General Fund Warrants Issued. 022387-022391,022392-022408,022409-022411,022412-022465,022468,022469-022471,022472-022473,022474-022520,022524-022542,022543-022549,022550-022584,022585-022591,022592-022639,022640-022646,022647,022648,022649-022650,022651-022652,022653-022654,022655-022656,022657-022658,022659-022660,022661-022662,022663-022664,022665-022666,022667-022668,022669-022670,022671-022672,022673-022674,022675-022676,022677-022678,022679-022680,022681-022682,022683-022684,022685-022686,022687-022688,022689-022690,022691-022692,022693-022694,022695-022696,022697-022698,022699-022700,022701-022702,022703-022704,022705-022706,022707-022708,022709-022710,022711-022712,022713-022714,022715-022716,022717-022718,022719-022720,022721-022722,022723-022724,022725-022726,022727-022728,022729-022730,022731-022732,022733-022734,022735-022736,022737-022738,022739-022740,022741-022742,022743-022744,022745-022746,022747-022748,022749-022750,022751-022752,022753-022754,022755-022756,022757-022758,022759-022760,022761-022762,022763-022764,022765-022766,022767-022768,022769-022770,022771-022772,022773-022774,022775-022776,022777-022778,022779-022780,022781-022782,022783-022784,022785-022786,022787-022788,022789-022790,022791-022792,022793-022794,022795-022796,022797-022798,022799-022800,022801-022802,022803-022804,022805-022806,022807-022808,022809-022810,022811-022812,022813-022814,022815-022816,022817-022818,022819-022820,022821-022822,022823-022824,022825-022826,022827-022828,022829-022830,022831-022832,022833-022834,022835-022836,022837-022838,022839-022840,022841-022842,022843-022844,022845-022846,022847-022848,022849-022850,022851-022852,022853-022854,022855-022856,022857-022858,022859-022860,022861-022862,022863-022864,022865-022866,022867-022868,022869-022870,022871-022872,022873-022874,022875-022876,022877-022878,022879-022880,022881-022882,022883-022884,022885-022886,022887-022888,022889-022890,022891-022892,022893-022894,022895-022896,022897-022898,022899-022900,022901-022902,022903-022904,022905-022906,022907-022908,022909-022910,022911-022912,022913-022914,022915-022916,022917-022918,022919-022920,022921-022922,022923-022924,022925-022926,022927-022928,022929-022930,022931-022932,022933-022934,022935-022936,022937-022938,022939-022940,022941-022942,022943-022944,022945-022946,022947-022948,022949-022950,022951-022952,022953-022954,022955-022956,022957-022958,022959-022960,022961-022962,022963-022964,022965-022966,022967-022968,022969-022970,022971-022972,022973-022974,022975-022976,022977-022978,022979-022980,022981-022982,022983-022984,022985-022986,022987-022988,022989-022990,022991-022992,022993-022994,022995-022996,022997-022998,022999-023000,023001-023002,023003-023004,023005-023006,023007-023008,023009-023010,023011-023012,023013-023014,023015-023016,023017-023018,023019-023020,023021-023022,023023-023024,023025-023026,023027-023028,023029-023030,023031-023032,023033-023034,023035-023036,023037-023038,023039-023040,023041-023042,023043-023044,023045-023046,023047-023048,023049-023050,023051-023052,023053-023054,023055-023056,023057-023058,023059-023060,023061-023062,023063-023064,023065-023066,023067-023068,023069-023070,023071-023072,023073-023074,023075-023076,023077-023078,023079-023080,023081-023082,023083-023084,023085-023086,023087-023088,023089-023090,023091-023092,023093-023094,023095-023096,023097-023098,023099-023100,023101-023102,023103-023104,023105-023106,023107-023108,023109-023110,023111-023112,023113-023114,023115-023116,023117-023118,023119-023120,023121-023122,023123-023124,023125-023126,023127-023128,023129-023130,023131-023132,023133-023134,023135-023136,023137-023138,023139-023140,023141-023142,023143-023144,023145-023146,023147-023148,023149-023150,023151-023152,023153-023154,023155-023156,023157-023158,023159-023160,023161-023162,023163-023164,023165-023166,023167-023168,023169-023170,023171-023172,023173-023174,023175-023176,023177-023178,023179-023180,023181-023182,023183-023184,023185-023186,023187-023188,023189-023190,023191-023192,023193-023194,023195-023196,023197-023198,023199-023200,023201-023202,023203-023204,023205-023206,023207-023208,023209-023210,023211-023212,023213-023214,023215-023216,023217-023218,023219-023220,023221-023222,023223-023224,023225-023226,023227-023228,023229-023230,023231-023232,023233-023234,023235-023236,023237-023238,023239-023240,023241-023242,023243-023244,023245-023246,023247-023248,023249-023250,023251-023252,023253-023254,023255-023256,023257-023258,023259-023260,023261-023262,023263-023264,023265-023266,023267-023268,023269-023270,023271-023272,023273-023274,023275-023276,023277-023278,023279-023280,023281-023282,023283-023284,023285-023286,023287-023288,023289-023290,023291-023292,023293-023294,023295-023296,023297-023298,023299-023300,023301-023302,023303-023304,023305-023306,023307-023308,023309-023310,023311-023312,023313-023314,023315-023316,023317-023318,023319-023320,023321-023322,023323-023324,023325-023326,023327-023328,023329-023330,023331-023332,023333-02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Mr. Nick Handy provided the Commission with a brief history of the Port Plaza design and development. He indicated staff brought a modified design to the Commission in August that responded to the concern about cost and maximizing the space for events. At the Commission meeting in August there was a discussion about whether the facility could host major concert events. Staff has brought in a concert promoter for consultation and outlined 3 design alternatives that illustrate different levels of accommodating concert venues. Staff planned to present these alternatives at the Commission meeting and answer questions.

Mr. Handy introduced Mr. Bob Droll, Landscape Architect, who has been actively working on the design of the plaza since conception in 1997. Mr. Droll reviewed with the Commission alternatives one, two and three that considered large concert venues. Mr. Droll indicated they are designing for flexibility. Alternative number one would accommodate up to 1500 people in a concert venue. Alternative number two would accommodate approximately 1850 seats. You could also add bleacher seating on the outside perimeter. Alternative number three would accommodate about 2700 seats.

Greg Coe, Seattle Theatre Group, spoke as an individual to answer questions and give ideas. Mr. Coe encouraged the Commission as to identify the goal for this project, whether it is to increase revenues, provide community and public enhancements. There is a window of time for outdoor events due to the weather in the Northwest. The need exists to identify goals and set forth policies and procedures for meeting those goals. There are also other issues involved with holding outdoor events.

Commissioner Dickison asked what the sizes of these venues would bring. Mr. Coe indicated the larger scale would give more opportunities, however there are only so many dates in the summer months that are available. If you build for the largest possible number, you lose a design to accommodate other venues on those days not being used as a concert venue. Mr. Coe suggested the Commission consider Alternative one or two giving the most flexibility for all types of venues. He indicated that bigger is not always better. However, the goal of the Commission needs to be identified.

Commissioner Van Schoorl asked about Alternative 1 and the possibility of bringing in the bleacher seating. Commissioner Pottle indicated he still sees this venue for events we have held in the past as well as events in the future. These alternatives provide flexibility for all kinds of events.

A question from the audience asking how many cars would a concert of 1000 people bring in. Mr. Coe indicated the promoter of the event can promote car pooling or other transportation services. It comes down to how the events are pursued. Mr. Droll indicated people going to concerts and leisure events usually go in groups at a ratio of 2.5 to 4 per car.

Mr. Handy indicated the staff recommendation was for Alternative 1 that would give the most flexibility for all kinds of events and still maintain the character of the site. Staff is asking the Commission for a decision on the final design alternative. Commissioner Van Schoorl indicated his preference was for alternative one, however, alternative two allows staging larger events. Commissioner Dickison indicated he liked some of the features of alternative one, the bench seating, creating edge effect along the shoreline, and having the grassy areas and benches. In terms of seating he is comfortable with the 1500 range. He would like 1.5 alternative, featuring a little of both.

Commissioner Pottle indicated the direction of the Commission is for alternative 1 and 2 combined. Commissioner Dickison indicated the main difference was the raised area in the back versus not having a raised level. The Commissioners indicated they liked the raised level. The bench seating by the water is also important. Mr. Droll indicated he would re-work the drawing to accommodate a combination of one and two.

Resolution 2001-10 – Authorizing membership with the Washington Government Entity Pool for Insurance

Mr. George Fox presented the Commission with Resolution 2001-10 that would authorize membership with the Washington Government Entity Pool for Insurance.

Mr. Fox advised the Port is faced with an insurance renewal in October and it is the worst insurance market of all time. On Friday, there was a meeting of the Port's group getting a quote from the AON group for the insurance pools. The premiums quoted at \$250,000, twice as much as last year. Knowing of the increase in rates, Mr. Fox indicated he has been looking at joining a Washington Government Entity Pool for insurance. The quote from WGEP is for \$180,000. Mr. Fox will get a quote from AON on Thursday this week and need to have a decision by Friday, as the coverage ends September 30.

This resolution authorized the Finance Director to make a decision as to what membership pool the Port would belong to. The WGEP consists of many governmental agencies in Washington. Of those, 33 medium to smaller Ports belong to the

WGEP.

Commissioner Van School asked what happens if the reserve is used up for a natural disaster in the area. Everything over 200,000 is re-insured out to a level of 50 million. The Port would not just be relying on the reserve. Mr. Mick Phillips, legal counsel, indicated his experience has been that WPEG is a reliable and successful pool.

The Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2001-10 authorizing membership with the Washington Government Entity Pool for Insurance.

ADVISORY CALENDAR

Cascade Pole Construction Update Advisory

Mr. Rod Hudson provided the Commission with an update on the progress of the Cascade Pole sediment remediation project. To date about 15 percent of the project has been paid out of the \$3.3 million project. 7,500 yards of the materials has been excavated out of the 35,000 estimated amount to be excavated. The Port has made some adjustments to the excavation due to the problems with the Gunderboom curtain. The Port is hoping to have the improvements made to the Gunderboom by October 1st, during the time waiting for the repairs we have had some delays. The contractor has been doing some night work to gain time lost. The Port has been monitoring sound around the area and are under the required levels. The night work has been going well. We have also informed local residents around the area as to the work that is being done. The Port is still planning to close the project up in December. Commissioner Dickison asked about the permit deadlines. Mr. Bache responded the deadlines are February 15 and contract completion date is December 15th.

Marine Terminal New Cargo Advisory

Mr. John Wolfe indicated he has been in discussion with a new customer for business at the Port of Olympia. Transport Systems, LLC is interested in bringing bulk cargo by barge to the Port of Olympia. David Slater, President of Hillsboro Resources, gave the Commission a presentation on his business and invited the Commission to visit the coal plant in Canada. Mr. Slater indicated his company is bidding a coal supply to WSU in Pullman and interested in the Port of Olympia as the transport center for this product. The coal is a washed product and very little dust associated with it, he shared samples of the coal. Mr. Slater expects to hear within the next 10 days as to whether they are successful in the bid. His company would look forward to using the Port of Olympia for transporting this product.

Commission Van School asked how much coal the bid was for. Mr. Slater responded that the bid was for a minimum of 24,000 tons per year as a beginning operation, however, it could be expanded to as much as 150,000 ton per year.

Trace Fitzer and Chad Gilliardi from Transport Services answered questions from the Commission. They explained the barge would off load by conveyer belt to the Port location and then be screened to size, then re-loaded onto truck and rail. They indicated they have met with the longshoremen here and the Port and have been trying to find more demand for the coal in Western Washington. The Port is a perfect location for this service. Mr. Fitzer indicated they have already obtained permits from the Department of Ecology and have advertised in the local paper. They reported there have not been any obstacles in the process.

Commissioner Dickison asked if the process for screening and stockpiling would be in a covered area or in the open. Mr. Gilliardi indicated for the most part the stockpiling would be in the open. Mr. Wolfe indicated the Port is envisioning a covered conveyer, stock piling the product into a blocked area. Mr. Gilliardi reported that they also think there is a huge demand for aggregate and bark, and they are looking at also bringing in those products as well.

Air Service Public Outreach Process

Mr. Handy indicated that prior to the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Port Commission directed staff to design a community process for obtaining public views on Olympia air service. A major feature of this outreach effort included an initial televised public workshop/ hearing, with two objectives: to educate and inform the public about the Olympia Regional Airport and air service possibilities; and to seek community input and feedback on recruiting air service at Olympia Regional Airport.

Since September 11, major federal initiatives relating to aircraft and airport operations, security and safety are in the making. While we expect to know more about new requirements at Olympia Regional Airport within the week, we are not

certain that guidance will be definitive.

Mr. Handy indicated that given the events of the last week and a half, we look for Commission guidance about how best to proceed with the outreach plan for bringing air service to Olympia. Issues bearing on this process include prospective additional security /safety measures, changed market conditions in the short and long term, and community sensitivities in response to our national tragedy.

Commissioner Van Schoorl indicated his preference is to move forward with the original plan to look towards the future. Commissioner Dickison responded that under the original timetable, we were expecting a visit from Big Sky and to have information that would warrant a public strategy. Commissioner Dickison asked that since Big Sky has postponed their visit, what is the expectation of having all of the information necessary to hold the public meetings.

Mr. Doug Sandau, indicated that staff is continually in contact with FAA, they still are unable to give us the full implications of how the airport and air service may be affected. We are not sure what issues we will need to address and what those issues might be.

Commissioner Dickison said we are not in a position at this point to provide the community the information that may be needed at this point. Commissioner Pottle indicated his preference is for staff to continue to do our due diligence and continue to encourage Big Sky to visit and continue discussions. However, Commissioner Pottle does not feel that we will have the needed information by the October 22nd date for the public hearing. He suggested the Port go at this in a cautious manner, and when we have ducks in a row, continue with the schedule. Commissioner Van Schoorl thought the public hearings were to engage the public in what it will take in this community to make air service successful. We need to get the community fully engaged in this process regardless of the issues.

Mr. Sandau indicated he has talked to the travel agent about the reduced interest in flying. Commissioner Pottle asked Mr. Sandau for his advice on how to move forward in the project. The elements we were planning on discussing will not change. Mr. Handy asked if this was the time we would like to engage the community in this discussion.

Mrs. Shirley Olson, a member of the public, indicated she would like the Port to engage the community in this process as soon as possible. She said the Port needs to put more confidence in the community and hear from them.

The Commission responded that they were willing to move forward with the schedule. Commissioner Dickison indicated we need to have a question and answer format to the questions. President Pottle asked staff to be proactive with radio stations, newspapers and go all out to engage the public in this workshop. Then he noted that the second step is to follow through so the community knows when this will be televised.

Other Business: Commissioner Dickison indicated his concern about the budget process and presentation to the Commission on October 8th and the Commissioners not having a chance to discuss the budget prior to the presentation. He said he thought the process last year was very helpful and thinks there are a number of policy issues that need guidance and asked the commission to reconsider the budget schedule allowing the Commission an opportunity to give guidance to the staff before a prepared budget is presented at a public meeting.

Commissioner Van Schoorl indicated he just completed a budget briefing with Mr. Handy and Mr. Fox. He encouraged the other Commissioners to have those briefings as well. Commissioner Dickison suggested we make the October 8th meeting into a work session and a short meeting for business. Commissioner Dickison recommended the Commission schedule another meeting on October 15th that would be the public presentation of the budget. The Commission agreed with his suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pottle adjourned the meeting of September 24, 2001 at 8:33 p.m. to executive session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25th to confer with legal counsel regarding contractor claims and potential litigation relating to Cascade Pole.

At 5:12 pm on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, in the Port large conference room, Commissioner Pottle reconvened the Port Commission meeting in executive session. Attending the executive session were all three Port Commissioners, legal counsel Mick Phillips and Mike Mayberry representing Owens Davies law firm, Nick Handy, Andrea Fontenot, Don Bache, Rod Hudson, and Larry Beard, consultant representing Landau. The Commission conferred with legal counsel and staff on legal matters relating to contractor claims in the Cascade Pole contract.

Commissioner Pottle adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.

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