

PORT OF NEWPORT MINUTES

February 16, 2018

Commission Executive Session & Special Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Patricia Patrick-Joling called the Executive Session of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners to order at 12:00 noon at the South Beach Activities Room, 2120 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, Oregon, pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) – TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, STAFF MEMBER OR AGENT.

Commissioners Present: Walter Chuck (Pos. #1); Sara Skamser (Pos. #2); Stewart Lamerdin (Pos. #3), Secretary/Treasurer; Jeff Lackey (Pos. #4), Vice President; and Patricia Patrick-Joling (Pos. #5), President.

Management and Staff: Aaron Bretz, General Manager Pro Tem; Richard Stellner, Human Resource Management Consultant.

Members of the Public and Media: Kiera Morgan, KYTE Radio.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Lackey to end the Executive Session. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Executive Session was adjourned at 1:18 pm

II. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Patricia Patrick-Joling convened the Special Meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners at 1:20 pm, at the South Beach Activities Room, 2120 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR, 97365.

Commissioners Present: Walter Chuck (Pos. #1); Sara Skamser (Pos. #2); Stewart Lamerdin (Pos. #3), Secretary/Treasurer; Jeff Lackey (Pos. #4), Vice President; and Patricia Patrick-Joling (Pos. #5), President.

Management and Staff: Aaron Bretz, General Manager Pro Tem.

Members of the Public and Media: Dietmar Goebel, Newport City Council; Yale Fogarty, ILWU; Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative; Pat Ruddiman, ILWU; Rex Capri, Newport resident; Steve Beck, Newport resident; Kiera Morgan, KYTE/KNPT Radio.

III. GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Patrick-Joling said that the Commission is still considering some options and will be communicating with the consultant on Monday. Another Executive Session will likely be scheduled to refine details. Patrick-Joling also said that the article that appeared in the Newport News-Times on Wednesday was inaccurate and not legal. No decision was made in that Executive Session.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fogarty asked if the Commission would be continuing with the same personnel consultant. Patrick-Joling said Stellner would continue in that role.

Beck said that he and a lot of people appreciated the work the Commission was putting into the General Manager search and knew it was a hard decision to make. He hoped a decision would be made soon.

Goebel commented that he was on the interview committee, and appreciated that the Commission was in a tough spot and hoped through the process would lead to the right person. It is critical for the City to have the right person at the Port, and Goebel offered help if needed by the Commission.

Capri asked if there would be something more definite after the next Executive Session. Patrick-Joling said she was hopeful; the Commission is going as fast as they can.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm.

ATTESTED:



Patricia Patrick-Joling, President



Stewart Lamerdin, Secretary/Treasurer

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