



Remote Commission Work Session Minutes

Monday, June 7, 2021

Commission President Joe Downing called the Remote Commission Work Session of June 7, 2021 to order at 2:30 p.m. This meeting was held remotely.

Attending remotely: Commissioner Joe Downing, Commissioner E.J. Zita and Commissioner Bill McGregor. Executive Director Sam Gibboney, Acting Executive and Commission Coordinator Tracy Aga, Administrative Director, Jeri Sevier, Port General Counsel VaLiesha Brown, and Clarita Mattox, Real Estate Operations Manager.

Others: Kris Peters, Chairman of the Squaxin Island Tribe, Ramiro Chavez, Thurston County Manager, Don Chalmers, President of the Olympia Rotary Club, and Heather Burgess, Port Legal Special Counsel with Phillips Burgess Law.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner McGregor moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Downing seconded and offered an amendment by moving #1 - Upcoming Topics, to the #5 position. McGregor seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner McGregor moved to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Commissioner Zita, and unanimously passed.

Squaxin Island Tribe Land Acknowledgement

Kris Peters, Chairman of the Squaxin Island Tribe presented to the Commission an overview of the Squaxin Island Tribal lands in the Olympia and surrounding areas of the south Puget Sound inlets and presented a sample land acknowledgment statement for the Commission to consider.

The Commissioners asked questions and discussed this topic.

Commissioner Zita made a motion to have the two tribal honor statements, including the one brought forward today and the one brought to the Commission by the Squaxin Island Tribe Vice Chair, Charlene Krise, previously, be brought to the Commission as an advisory at the next Commission Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and the motion passed.

Thurston County Redistricting

Ramiro Chavez, Thurston County Manager, made a presentation to the Commission on the proposed county redistricting due to the decennial census – changing boundaries of voting districts so that all districts have the same number of people.

The Commissioners asked questions and discussed this topic.

Rotary Art Project Update

Clarita Mattox, Port of Olympia Real Estate Operations Manager updated the Commission on the status of the License Agreement made with the Olympia Rotary in November 2019 for the placement of an art sculpture, in commemoration of the Rotary's 100 years of service to the community, to be mounted on the southwest corner of the Plaza for public enjoyment.

Clarita introduced Don Chalmers, President of the Olympia Rotary, and artist Bill Frymire, who gave a presentation on the art sculpture selected to be placed at the Port Plaza, and the status of the project.

The Commissioners asked questions and discussed this topic.

Commission Code of Conduct & Ethics Resolution

Heather Burgess, Port Legal Special Counsel with Phillips Burgess Law, made a presentation to the Commission on the proposed Resolution 2021-XX Code of Governance and Conduct for the Commissioners; an update to Resolution 2008-16 to reflect changes in law which have occurred since 2008, and updates and revisions to the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct discussed at the two retreat sessions in 2020, and during the 2020 Jurassic Parliament training.

The Commissioners asked questions and discussed this topic. Heather stated she will make the few adjustments suggested by the Commissioners and bring it back to the Commission for advisory on the June 28th Commission Meeting.

Upcoming Topics and Agenda Items

Executive Director Gibboney presented a list of upcoming calendar topics and agenda items for regular Commission meetings and work sessions.

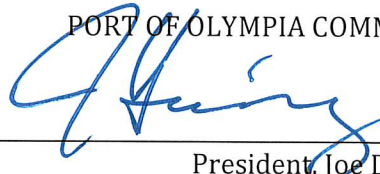
The Commissioners asked questions and discussed this topic.

Commissioner Downing made a motion that the Commission receives some IT Training (a presentation by staff) that would proceed future IT discussions that might take place later in the year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zita and unanimously passed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

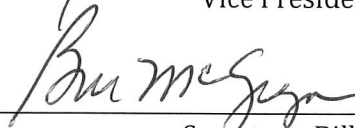
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