



Remote Commission Work Session Minutes

Monday, June 21, 2021

Commission President Joe Downing called the Remote Commission Work Session of June 21, 2021 to order at 2:30 p.m. This meeting was held remotely.

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

Others: Lisa Parks, John Carter, and Jim Darling with Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner McGregor moved to approve the agenda with a suggested provision to move the Maul Foster & Alongi presentation up the agenda as they become available (items 1 or 2). Commissioner Zita seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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 Zita moved to discuss what to do with the crane analysis to a future work session. Commissioner McGregor seconded for the purpose of discussion and explained why he thinks the crane analysis should be removed from the list of topics. The motion failed with one aye (Zita) and two nays' (Downing and McGregor). Commissioner Downing asked for the crane analysis to be removed from list of unassigned work session topics per majority Commission vote.

Commissioner Zita moved to have the packet revised and provided to the Commissioners and public if any changes are made to the agenda packet prior to the session. McGregor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Juneteenth Holiday

Jeri Sevier, Port Administrative Director, presented to the Commission the option to update Port *Policy 312-Port Holidays* to add Juneteenth (June 19) as a Port holiday starting in 2022; following the lead of Governor Jay Inslee's signing of House Bill 1016, making June 19th a paid day off for state workers effective January 2022.

The Commissioners asked questions and discussed this topic.

Commissioner Zita moved that the commission formally adopt Juneteenth as a Port of Olympia paid holiday. Commissioner Downing called a point of order as actions are not typically taken at commission work sessions.

Commissioner McGregor asked staff to bring Juneteenth back to the commission as a resolution change so they can take advisory or action (2 meetings) or action/other basis (1

meeting). Commissioner Downing said the commission has time and thinks it can come as as advisory and the commissioners may move it to action/other at that time.

Commissioner Zita moved to have the approval of the Juneteenth holiday come as action/other item at the next commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner McGregor for discussion. Executive Director Gibboney reminded them of their resolution which states that Commissioners will refrain from scheduling topics and leave that up to the Executive Director and the president of the commission. Commissioner Zita revised her motion to have the item brought back as an action/other item at the very next possible commission meeting. Commissioner McGregor pulled back his original second and seconded this motion. The motion passed with two aye's (Zita and McGregor) and one nay (Downing).

MFA Organizational Assessment

Maul Foster & Alongi moved up on the agenda and introduced by Executive Director Gibboney.

Lisa Parks, Jim Darling, and John Carter, with Maul Foster & Alongi, updated the commission on their current organizational assessment of the Port's management practices, keystone documents, and finances of the Port. The consultants presented on their observations, findings, and draft recommendations to the Port.

The Commissioners asked questions and discussed this topic.

Five Member Commission Ballot Measure

Executive Director, Sam Gibboney, introduced the topic as an initiative of Commission Chair Downing's. The Port's General Counsel, VaLiesha Brown, made a presentation on developing a resolution to propose an increase in the number of port commissioners to five and the timeline requirements of such a proposal.

Commissioner Downing expressed why he brought the subject forward for discussion and the commissioners asked questions and discussed this topic.

Commissioner Downing moved to request staff to prepare a resolution in support of a five-person commission for the commission's consideration at a near term commission meeting. Commissioner Zita offered an amendment to the proposed motion to first prepare a budget on expected costs before the commission considers a resolution. McGregor seconded for purposes of discussion to better understand the costs being requested.

Commissioner Downing revised his motion to request staff to bring forth a resolution in support of a five-person commission for the commission's consideration, as well as detailed estimates of ballot measure costs, redistricting costs, and the ongoing incremental five-person commission costs. Seconded by Commissioner McGregor, and motion passed with two aye (McGregor and Downing) and one nay (Zita).

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION

President, Joe Downing

Vice President, E.J. Zita

Secretary, Bill McGregor