

JOINT MEETING
PORT ANGELES CITY COUNCIL and the
PORT OF PORT ANGELES BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Port Angeles, Washington
January 30, 2017

CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING:

Mayor Downie called the special meeting of the Port Angeles City Council and the Port of Port Angeles Board of Commissioners to order at 4 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Mayor Downie, Deputy Mayor Kidd, Councilmembers Collins, Gase, and Whetham.

Councilmember Merideth entered the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Councilmember Bruch entered the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Councilmember Bruch did not participate in the presentation or discussion on Joint Harbor Cleanup Goals due to her employment with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, one of the Trustees raising a natural resource damage claim against Potentially Liable Partners in the cleanup effort.

City Staff Present: City Manager McKeen, Attorney Bloor, Clerk Veneklasen, C. Delikat, and N. West.

Port Members Present: President McAleer, Commissioner Beauvais, and Commissioner Burke.

Port Staff Present: Director Goschen, Attorney Barnhart, J. Nutter, J. Ludke.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Goschen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

JOINT HARBOR CLEANUP GOALS:

City Attorney Bloor conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the Harbor Cleanup and Restoration. The presentation included an overview of the 2007 Puget Sound Partnership, background on Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) under state law, and the Natural Resources Damages (NRD) process under federal law. He spoke about challenges in the Port Angeles Harbor including the fact that Port Angeles is the first sediment site governed by the Department of Ecology's new Sediment Management Standards. Attorney Bloor provided a summary of the City and Port's guiding principles when it comes to the harbor cleanup.

Discussion by the Port Commission and the City Council followed.

The Port Board of Commissioners unanimously introduced and then approved:

A joint resolution of the City Council of the City of Port Angeles, Washington, and the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Port Angeles, regarding guiding principles and combined goals of the two entities relating to cleanup of the Port Angeles Harbor.

It was moved by Collins and seconded by Kidd to:

Adopt the joint resolution as presented.

Motion carried 6-0, with Bruch recused.

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN:

Jerry Ludke, Airport and Marina Manager for the Port of Port Angeles, provided an update on the Port's Airport Master Plan. The presentation included a background look at the Port's 4-step process that has been in place since 2010 to restore full use of the runway at Fairchild Airport. Manager Ludke's presentation also covered required runway length, community impacts of a shorter runway length, and an action plan for future use.

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Discussion by the Port Commission and the City Council followed.

It was moved by Burke and seconded by Beauvais to:

Direct Port staff to work with the City of Port Angeles staff to negotiate an avigation easement for the 5,000-foot runway threshold, with a progress report no later than 60 days.

Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Collins and seconded by Whetham to:

Direct City staff to negotiate a similar avigation agreement with the Port staff based on maintaining the 5,000 feet runway, with a progress report no later than 60 days.

Motion carried 6-1, with Merideth opposed.

FUTURE JOINT MEETING:

The Commission and Council discussed their desire to have another joint meeting. President McAleer indicated that the first or third Tuesday of the month between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. could be a potentially agreeable meeting time. Staff was directed to find a date for the next joint meeting, scheduled for approximately 60 days from this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: President McAleer adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

Patrick Downie, Mayor of Council



Colleen McAleer, President of Board

Jennifer Veneklasen, City Clerk