

FRIDAY HARBOR PORT DISTRICT
Port Commission Meeting
(Call in Information Below)
Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 12 N
Special Meeting Minutes

The public was prohibited from attending in person due to COVID-19 restrictions could dial into the meeting via Zoom. Comments can be e-mailed to the Port or addressed to the commission during the public comment section.

Citizen comments/requests: Citizens can make a brief comment or may ask the Commission to schedule a topic for further discussion at a future meeting. None

The Commission met in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 1 (I) (ii) 11:30 – 12 N

“To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement action, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency; the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become , a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal of financial consequence to the agency, Litigation that the agency reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity;”

No action was taken by the Commission.

Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 § 1(g) (scheduled)

“To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

This discussion was cancelled due to time restraints.

Discussion Items:

- A. Brian Goodremont presented information to the Commission on the whale watching environmental impact statement and requested a letter of public support regarding Washington State whale watching licensing and the proposed rules for commercial whale watching licensing. Mr. Goodremont further informed the Commission of the financial impact on the whale watching industry, by previous state legislation.

The Commission agreed to review a Staff prepared draft in support of Mr. Goodremont’s request at the next Commissioners meeting on October 28, 2020.

- B. Chris Patano and associates (Patano Studio) presented three (3) design options for the proposed Marine Technical Center for the Commission to consider. These design options were based on comments made by the Commission on September 23, 2020. The Commission asked Mr. Patano to focus on design option 3 as the Commission’s preference.

- C. The Executive Director presented a proposal to replace San Juan Excursions at suite 101 Spring Street Landing. The Executive Director stated that the Beer House and Friday Harbor Boat rentals were interested in sharing the leased space. The Executive Director stated that he had discussed this particular lease issue with Downriggers Restaurant and no objections were made.

Action Item:

- A. The Commission approved Resolution #20-012 which would authorize the acceptance of the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) grant and loan. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
- B. The Commission approved authorizing Victoria Compton, Executive Director of the San Juan County Economic Development Council's (EDC) request for funds be incorporated into the proposed 2020/2021 budget. The EDC requested \$12,500 for continuing work in the community as well as \$6,500 towards the Business Recovery Coordinator position. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote
- C. The Commission approved the authorization of unbudgeted construction of self-work / contractor work bays at Shipyard Cove. The estimated costs would be less than \$40,000 with an estimated payback period less than or equal to 3 years. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
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The Commission meeting lost internet service during the public comment portion of Action Item (C) and was not able to regain it.

The following agenda items were not recorded.

Regular Business:

- A. The regular commission meeting scheduled for 10/14/20 was cancelled. Vouchers and payroll were signed and paid by the Executive Director under delegated authority, to be ratified by the Commission.

Port Commissioner and Committee Reports:

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Commissioner Hertel reported via e-mail that Kelly Balcomb-Bartok made a presentation about the Sea Scouts and whale watch standards.

Commissioner Hertel also reported that Johannes Krieger thanked the Port for time well spent Spring Street Landing.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Marrett adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

For Phyllis Johnson
Graham Black, Commissioner

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Barbara Marrett, Commissioner

For Phyllis Johnson
Greg Hertel, Commissioner

