

Friday Harbor Port District
Port Commission Meeting Minutes
San Juan Island Yacht Club
Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Members of the public unable to attend the meeting may email comments for presentation to the Commission during the public comment period. Please email to ToddN@PortFH.org with the subject line "Public Comment". Comments must be received 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Commissioners Present: Graham Black
Steven Carleton
Barbara Marrett

Port Staff Present: Todd Nicholson, Executive Director
Phyllis Johnson, Port Auditor
Tami Hayes, Harbormaster
Adam Parrott, Assistant Harbormaster
Mike Roling, IT System Administrator
Amanda O'Brien, Executive Assistant / AP

Public Present: Rich Goodhart, Citizen
Jill Belcovson, League of Women Voters
Marti McConell, EDC
Jillian Urbach, EDC
Victoria Compton, EDC
Jason Knot, ESI

2024 Budget Public Hearing

Public Comment Period: 2024 Budget

Victoria Compton on behalf of the EDC expressed gratitude for the previous and continued support from the Port of Friday Harbor.

Budget Adoption:

1. Action Item: Resolution #23-007, Department of Revenue Ordinance / Resolution for Property Tax Levy.

Commissioner Marrett moved to adopt Resolution #23-007. Commissioner Black seconded the motion. All in-favor.

2. Action Item: Resolution #23-008, Adoption of the Port of Friday Harbor's 2024 Budget and Scheme of Harbor Improvements

Commissioner Carleton moved to adopt Resolution #23-008. Commissioner Black seconded the motion. All in-favor.

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.**

Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Vouchers: Payroll and Vouchers 04238-04283 for \$1,195,503.68

Commissioner Marrett moved to approve payroll and vouchers. Commissioner Black seconded the motion. All in-favor.

Action Items:

A. Set November Bill Pay

The November Bill Pay was scheduled for Wednesday November 29, 2023, at 10 AM.

Discussion Items:

A. Discuss potential locations for Operations Center serving San Juan Island Food Hub, Orcas Food Co-op, and a broad array of community organizations.

The Commission discussed the situation the community is facing now that the *San Juan Island Food Hub* has lost their refrigeration storage at the Surina Business Park and the possibility of The Port's ability to assist in both short-term and long-term solutions.

Staff Reports:

Assistant Harbor Master, Adam Parrott

Assistant Harbormaster Parrott discussed the various conferences he has attended and spoke at this year regarding electrification in the marine industry. He explained there is a major disconnect between manufacturers, consumers, and the facilities that the consumers choose to visit. The consumers are falsely being led to believe marinas nationally have the capability and capacity to support the electrical load necessary to charge these vessels, and this is not the case.

Electrical vessels require 50-amps/240-volts to charge overnight. As it stands now, neither the Port of Friday Harbor's facilities, nor any other port that we are aware of, has any 30+ foot slips with 50-amp/240-volt power already installed. Mr. Parrott detailed some possible short-term solutions to this issue and explained the differences in how power is currently being consumed in our facilities versus how it will be used in the future with EVs.

Executive Director, Todd Nicholson

Executive Director Nicholson updated the Commission on the status of the Veregy Report on Energy Efficiency Studies Opportunities. It has been completed and is in review by the airport engineer. Once he is finished, port staff will analyze it for discussion at the upcoming December 13th meeting.

Director Nicholson gave updates on the status of the Jensen's clean-up and the Demo of Jensen's Boathouse, as well as the process of replacing SYC decking. He stated reinforcements have been installed on the cleats to extend their life and progress will be ongoing for a couple years.

Construction on the barge landing will begin next week, everyone has been notified and directed to use Jackson's Beach through December 4th.

The recent commissioner's election will be certified on November 27th, and the new commissioner will be sworn in at our December 13th meeting.

Director Nicholson expressed his sincere gratitude to Commissioner Carleton.

Port Commissioner and Committee Reports:

Gibb Black, Commissioner

Commissioner Black discussed how he has been in discussions with the Sailing Foundation regarding formalizing their use of the Net Shed at Jackson's Beach. Susan West, Nigel - Will be bringing this up at the next meeting.

Expressed his gratitude for Commissioner Carleton stepping in and filling in.

New Business: Commissioners May Share Information or Introduce Topics for Discussion at a Future Meeting. **NONE.**

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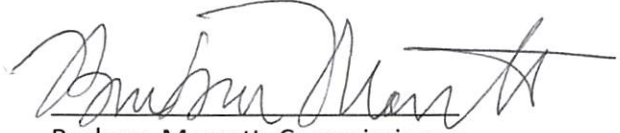
Citizen Rich Goodhart requested the Commission add to a future agenda a discussion and review of the policy on who and how the Commission President is elected.

Adjourn: 1:09 PM



Graham Black, Commissioner

for



Barbara Marrett, Commissioner



Steven Carleton, Commissioner