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Port of Anchorage Commission Meeting
Date: August 21, 2019
Time: 12:03 – 1:16 pm
Location: Port Commission Chambers

Present	Port Commissioners:	Brad Kroon, Chair; Bob Pawlowski, Vice Chair; Stephanie Kesler; Simon Lisiecki; Andrew MacLeod; Aves Thompson; Ron Ward
	Staff:	Steve Ribuffo, Port Director; Sharen Walsh, Deputy Port Director; Cheryl Beckham, Director of Finance; Jim Jager, Director of External Affairs; Paul Rotkis, Port Safety Coordinator; Diane Bickford, Executive Assistant;
	Guests:	Brad Robertson, North Star; Patrick Duffy, PetroStar; Ryan Zins, ABI; Tom Rueter, Alaska Maritime; Eugene Haberman
Absent	Port Commissioners:	Moire Duggan; Garret Wong
	Staff:	Stuart Greydanus, Port Operations Director

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm

Commissioner Kroon requested a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Marion Davis of Matson who passed away on June 18th.

- A. Roll Call of Port Commissioners
- B. Self-introduction by those present

II. Safety Minute (Paul Rotkis)

Mr. Rotkis presented on the June 20th Anchorage Assembly Ordinance making it unlawful to talk on a mobile device when driving in a school zone.

III. Approval of Agenda

- A. Commissioner Kesler moved to approve the Agenda as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Ward.
- B. The Agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Commissioner Kesler moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2019 as presented; seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The minutes were approved as submitted.

V. Public Comments

There were none.

VI. Port Director's Comments

Mr. Ribuffo deferred to the staff informational items.

VII. Informational Items

A. Deputy Director - Sharen Walsh

- Fence Replacement: There will be a fence put up between the Port and JBER; to replace the old fence.
- Fender Replacement: The Commission was briefed on the \$4,000,000 grant from FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant program that we will have that in hand at the end of the year, early 2020. The plan is to put out a 15-assembly project over the winter, a two-year project to continue on strengthening the fenders.
- Wharf Piling Jackets: The project is going along without incident and we've added to that contract due to earthquake damage.
- Storm Drains: We've been cleaning the last reach of our storm drain, from the outfall to the nearest up-stream manhole. We're concerned if we have any breaks along there; we have found a leak or two that created a sinkhole. We're continuing on that process and hope to be done in another few weeks.

Commissioner Pawlowski said just a compliment on being able to get the FEMA grants through and have a working door open with them.

B. Operations – Stuart Greydanus

- Mr. Ribuffo said Mr. Greydanus was out of the office so he would step in.

As you drove in you probably saw the military hardware, containers and vehicles that are being staged for a week of out-load on two military contract vessels. This is the biggest load-out in my time here. Mr. Jager said it's going to be an unusual circumstance having some ships hanging off the hook; that doesn't normally happen but it's going to be happening this week.

Commissioner Kesler asked if there were any cruise ships due in during this period and if the cruise ships were done for the year. Mr. Ribuffo said there will be two more.

C. Director of External Affairs – Jim Jager

Mr. Jager said he is working on public information for the Port Modernization Program, looking at information geared toward pursuing funding options for some of the new docks. Today he is doing a tour for a group of potential private investors and Alaska Department of Commerce officials who will be looking at our port as a potential investment point.

Commissioner Kesler asked if people are thinking about public-private partnerships or possibly going private.

Mr. Jager said we're open to all opportunities and all deals.

Mr. Jager said he thought there are opportunities for Port users to "buy in" for their pieces of the project and thought we would see that; it's more a matter of working out the details than if it's going to happen.

Mr. Jager said the Port is moving forward with some energy resiliency planning for the Port and project development, working with the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy.

He said ML&P just finished a project giving us looped power so we no longer have a single point of failure bringing power into the Port. The next piece of the project is to build a back-up system to keep the Port operating if the grid goes down. The third is to have a solar farm and battery that will allow us to shape loads and reduce the demand charges for some of the users. He noted that the Department of Energy is paying for the study.

D. Modernization Project Update – Sharen Walsh

- South Backlands Stabilization, Transitional Dredging: Ms. Walsh said the work on-going now is coming along very well and is on schedule. They expect to have substantial completion by mid-September on both items.

The South Floating Dock relocation was postponed until next season and was taken out of KMJB's contract.

We have another chance at a Ports & Harbors Grant which would allow us to get new floats under the FY 2021 program. We put it back in and on July 1 of next year we should know if the State will fund the program and we may have a shot at a couple million dollars to help with that relocation, which would allow us buy new floats instead of old.

- Ms. Walsh said the Petroleum/Cement Terminal (PCT) contract was awarded July 30th to Pacific Pile & Marine. That's the first phase and we have renderings for people to look at.

Ms. Walsh said this award covers the trestle and the platform, a sturdy basic structure to put the bells and whistles on with the second phase.

Ms. Walsh said the program right now is for the work that's been awarded, the trestle and the platform, and is to be completed at the end of 2020. The mooring dolphins will come in phase 2 under a separate bid. The next piece will be to put the cement equipment and the pipelines on.

Commissioner Pawlowski said he noticed yesterday a large clamshell dredge and asked if it was doing the transitional dredging. Ms. Walsh said yes, there are two working and they should be finished by mid-September.

Ms. Walsh said we are continuing to pursue every grant that makes sense for the Port. We were not successful with the INFRA Grant request and are still waiting to hear on the BUILD Grant submitted in July.

Commissioner Pawlowski asked if there had been any progress made with the MARAD reauthorization as it applied to the military use of the Port. Mr. Ribuffo said it was still a work in progress.

Commissioner Kesler asked about the pushback he spoke of. Mr. Ribuffo said part of it is due to the fact that DoD is feeling like they're the deep pocket everybody wants to pick; they have their own infrastructure woes and now they're being asked to help the commercial world.

- Ms. Walsh announced that the Port was successful in Port Security Grant rounds again this year; we put in for four projects and were awarded two, one for funding to replace 38 obsolete cameras and for three years of training for the Anchorage Fire Department for "Marine Fire Fighting for Land-Based Fire Fighters". That will teach Station 1 personnel how to assist during a ship-board fire. If a fire happens on a ship at dock the ship's crew has the training to fight the fire with the

land-based fire fighters handling things like traffic control, air devices, whatever. She said it's five days of classroom training then a one day drill at the Port. Between now and then we will talk to the shipping companies and ask if they would volunteer a ship for the drill.

Commissioner Pawlowski asked if the drill has to be on Port grounds vs using the fire facility at AvTech. Ms. Walsh said we prefer to do it at the Port because the whole point is to train Station 1 personnel to fight a fire here. She said Port staff would only be involved on that drill day for traffic control.

Commissioner Ward noted that it's invaluable training and that the Pilots have been hosting marine firefighting symposiums in Valdez for the last 15-20 years.

Ms. Walsh said the Port submitted the grant for three years with the idea that in three years most of the AFD staff could be trained and there might be spots for people from other places.

Commissioner Kesler said she has seen large belly dumps hauling rocks and asked what it was for. Ms. Walsh said that's part of the South Backlands Stabilization. The rock has been stockpiled at the north end and is brought down as needed. Also, part of it is fill we received from the soil recycling plant and that we'll use on our snow dump area.

Ms. Beckham arrived at 12:35.

E. Finance Director - Cheryl Beckham

Ms. Beckham said the budget report included in the packet is through the end of July and everything is relatively on track to meet our budget and maybe even exceed it a bit for this year.

Commissioner Kesler asked what was included in the cash and construction investment pool interest. Ms. Beckham said it is funds set aside for the construction project; essentially \$11 million for the PAMP and that goes into a special account under Public Finance which records the earnings on a monthly basis. Commissioner Kesler asked if there was any risk the Municipality would take that interest. Ms. Beckham said she thought not; the only way that could happen would be an action by the Assembly.

Commissioner Kesler asked about the money under Expenses, Non-Labor, and if that was based on actuals from year-to-year. Ms. Beckham said it was and included electricity, natural gas, professional services, Ship Creek dredging, tires for equipment, all kinds of things necessary for our operations. Ms. Beckham said the amount is budgeted based on actuals from year-to-year and they could be broken out however the Commission would like to see it.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

IX. New Business

Mr. Ribuffo said the Port has reached out to all users for letters of support for the Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant application. He noted the Commission did a Resolution for the last grant application and said he would like to draft a Resolution and get everyone's approval by email. The Commission agreed.

Commissioner Kroon asked about a Tariff discussion.

Commissioner Kroon asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Haberman introduced himself and discussed procedures for advertising public meetings on the Municipal website.

Commissioner Kroon asked Mr. Ribuffo if he had a comment on posting the minutes and the agenda. Mr. Ribuffo said he thought that had been fixed, that the minutes as they are on the website were up to date. Mr. Jager said Mr. Haberman was pointing out that we need to post an agenda along with the meeting notice. Mr. Ribuffo said we will make sure that happens in the future.

Mr. Ribuffo thanked the people at Jacobs for producing graphics to give you a visual of what the Port is going to look like post-construction of the Petroleum Cement Terminal (PCT). He passed around a packet for the group to look at. The question was asked if the graphic were available electronically and Mr. Jager said due to the file size he would put a pdf up on the website.

Commissioner Thompson asked if POL 2 will replace POL 1. Mr. Ribuffo said the PCT replaces POL 1 and noted that's the location of the start of the cargo dock construction.

Mr. Ribuffo said we want to recognize the recent retirement of one of our Commissioners from his day job, Mr. Aves Thompson. Commissioner Thompson said he would stay on in a consultant status for maybe a year just for historical reference and contacts. He said his home and family are in Anchorage, so he would not be leaving.

Commissioner Thompson said he remembered the federal court judge who is hearing the Port's case came to Anchorage to get an inspection of the facilities. He asked how that went and did the judge have any comments to make. Mr. Ribuffo said he had no comments but that wasn't a surprise because the DOJ people were here, too, so the conversations were very guarded. Commissioner MacLeod asked if the judge had gotten a chance to see the "hands-on". Mr. Ribuffo said he had. Mr. Jager added that he was very comfortable saying the visit went about as well as it could have gone for the Port.

X. Commissioners Around the Horn

Commissioner Thompson said that now he was retired he will have a little more free time and looked forward to continuing on the Commission to maintain the relationship between the Port and the trucking industry.

Commissioner Kesler said she had nothing other than congratulations for Commissioner Thompson.

Commissioner MacLeod asked if was possible to put that Resolution up for seven days and vote on it electronically?

Commissioner Kroon suggested posting a meeting; he would come to the Port and do a teleconference.

Commissioner Pawlowski proposed a letter of support be put out for signature. A letter of support without having public notice.

Commissioner Ward asked if it had to be done anyway since the Commission already voted on this previously and all we're doing is changing the addressee. Mr. Ribuffo said actually it was the same addressee but a different grant program. Commissioner Ward said he didn't see any reason to do anything more than to put it out for signature like Commissioner Pawlowski suggested and asked if that would work. Mr. Ribuffo said yes.

Commissioner Ward made a motion for a letter of support to be signed by the Commission members. Commissioner Kesler seconded. Mr. Ribuffo noted he had suggested a Resolution but everybody else that we've reached out to has been through letters of support so you're not asking for an exception to anything. Ms. Walsh noted it's not official business and Commissioner Pawlowski said that was why he was moving away from a Resolution, which carries a connotation of official business. Commissioner Kroon called for a vote. All Commissioners voted in favor of a letter of support and Mr. Ribuffo said he would draft the letter.

Mr. Haberman commented he had some concern about what was done and said there should be a hard copy presented for the public to see before the group makes a decision.

Commissioner Lisiecki suggested posting it for a week. Ms. Walsh said we could get a draft letter together and ask the Municipal Attorney's office for guidance. Mr. Ribuffo asked when the Commission wanted this done. Commissioner Kroon asked if a draft letter could be posted for seven days before signing. After further discussion it was decided to post the letter for seven days, making sure the Port is the point of contact.

Commissioner Ward said that the many years that he has been involved in these meetings, they've been fairly informal. He said he didn't think he'd ever seen the public show up at a meeting until recently, when we started talking about the modernization and tariffs, so it's never been an issue and he's never even heard of noticing being discussed. With that being said, if this meeting were held in compliance with "Robert's Rules of Order", people would not be able to speak except on public comment items when given the chance, you wouldn't be able to be asked questions and you wouldn't have the Chair's ear to input. So, the little bit of leeway is probably good on both sides of this.

Commissioner Kroon said he would like to recognize John Taylor's passing. He was a pilot and a big part of Alaska's maritime industry. We're sad to see him leave us. I'd like to recognize him and his contributions to Alaska and the maritime industry. Commissioner Lisiecki said he was very important and would be missed.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner MacLeod seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

XI. Next Meeting: October 23, 2019

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 1:16 pm