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Port of Anchorage Commission Meeting
Date: February 15, 2017
Time: 12:04 – 1:17 pm
Location: Port Commission Chambers

Present	Port Commissioners:	Brad Kroon, Vice Chair; Moire Duggan; Steve Saunders
	Staff:	Steve Ribuffo, Port Director; Sharen Walsh, Deputy Port Director; Cheryl Beckham, Director of Finance; Todd Cowles, Port Engineer; Stuart Greydanus, Port Operations Director; Jim Jager, Director of External Affairs; Diane Bickford, Executive Assistant; Paul Rotkis, Port Safety Coordinator
	Guests:	Steve Black, North Star Terminal; Scott DeWandel, ABI; Andrew Mew, ALMAR/CCAA
Absent	Port Commissioners:	Sue Linford, Chair; Stephanie Kesler; Simon Lisiecki; Andrew MacLeod; Bob Pawlowski;
	Staff:	

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm**
 - A. Roll Call of Port Commissioners
 - B. Self-introduction by those present

- II. **Safety Minute** (Paul Rotkis)

Mr. Rogkis said this is a health moment instead of a safety moment. There are currently about 800 cases of the flu reported in Alaska and what do you suppose are the top three germiest places in your everyday life. One of the top offenders is a gas pump and following that are public mail boxes, escalator rails, ATM buttons, parking meters and kiosks, crosswalk buttons and buttons on vending machines. Nobody cleans the things that you touch on a daily basis so to protect yourself, wash your hands and use hand sanitizer.

- III. **Approval of Agenda**

There being no quorum the agenda was not approved.

- IV. **Approval of Minutes**

There being no quorum the Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

- V. **Public Comments**

There were none.

- VI. **Port Director's Comments**
 - Iron Dog Race: The ceremonial start of the race will be this Saturday, and part of the course comes through the Port.
 - Visit of the Japanese Naval Self Defense Force: This September two light cruisers of the Japanese Naval Self Defense Force will call at the Port, arriving about 9:00 am on the 26th and departing about 9:00 am on the 29th. They have chosen September 27th for all public related events. As we get more information we'll share it with you.

- Port MacKenzie Dock: We were contacted again with a request we sell them more sheet pile. We have agreed and are waiting for them to come and look through the sheet piling.
- Snow Dump Area: The Port approached JBER about a year and a half ago requesting permission to use a portion of the Cherry Hill snow dump area. They agreed so our first step is to get an appraisal of the property.

VII. Informational Items

A. Deputy Director - Sharen Walsh

- ASCE Infrastructure Report Card: The Society of Civil Engineers has for the last year or so been working on an Infrastructure Report Card for the State of Alaska, the first time the Alaska group has undertaken this effort. Ports and Harbors, statewide, got a D and a big driver of that was the condition of the Port of Anchorage. The report is on-line and a link will be sent out to the group.
- 2017 Pile Repairs Design. This year the scope will be reduced to 50 piles instead of 100. We set aside \$3 million every year for that and it looks like we're going to have to figure out another way to fund the APMP so we're refining the the scope on this project.
- Ship Creek Small Boat Launch Repairs: The 95% drawings were received this week and are being reviewed. We are on track to go out to bid this spring.
- Putting the Port on a Geospatial Information System Platform: We're working through the concept and design/testing of what it will take to accomplish that. There will be a big initial cost as well as an ongoing maintenance cost for the servers and work to keep the information current. A consultant is preparing a cost presentation for review and when we have that information we'll work it into the budget.
- Port Security Grant: The Small Boat Launch Camera design is 99% complete and ready to go out to bid shortly.
- New Power Feed: ML&P is progressing on the new power feed into the Port. It will be a buried line so we'll have a loop feed into the Port rather than the current single feed. That will happen this year.
- Emergency Backup Power Generator: We hope to have this project completed this summer.

B. Operations – Stuart Greydanus

- Pipe Ship: The "Nagasaki" came in on the 16th of January and brought in about 3,170 tons of drill pipe for ConocoPhillips.
- Redeployment: A redeployment of military equipment will coming back in on TOTE. The first shipment is expected on the 21st of this month, 969 pieces of roll-on roll-off equipment. And the end of the month, they'll bring another 200 pieces for a total of 1,067 pieces being redeployed back up north.
- Tankers and Barges: There have been three tankers and four barges calling on the Port so far this year which discharged a total of about 1.144 million barrels of mainly jet fuel.

- Cruise Ships: The first cruise ship will be in port on May 29th and the last on September 18th with a total of nine coming.
 - Cement Ships: There are four cement ships scheduled, the first on the May 20th and the last on October 14th.
- C. Finance Director - Cheryl Beckham
- December's YTD Budget to YTD Actual Comparison
The meeting packet contained December's YTD Budget to YTD Actual Comparison numbers for year-end. This is a fairly great looking report for 2016. Settlements came in so as of December 31st we had \$12.6 million; as of today we have \$17.0 million and when everyone finally pays it will be close to \$20.0 million.
- D. Modernization Project Update - Todd Cowles
- The current focus of the Modernization Program is delivering Phase 1, the Design and Construction. We're in the procurement process for a design-build contract to do the North Extension Stabilization, Step 1 and the South Backlands Stabilization. We hope to have a recommendation of award to the Assembly for the March 21st meeting.
 - The next Phase 1 project is the Petroleum Cement Terminal. It will be a design-bid-build delivery method so our first step is to hire a Designer of Record. That RFP closed yesterday so we're entering the proposal evaluation stage. We're on track for a Recommendation of Award in early May.
 - Related to that, we need to go back and simulate the new wharf alignment with the pilots. The Assembly approved an award of contract to Safeguard Marine to execute a ship simulation at AVTEC in Seward in order to get pilot feed-back on the changed alignment, which may or may not trigger more design adjustments.
- E. Director of External Affairs – Jim Jager
- The City has made the Port of Anchorage its one fiscal ask to be included on a state-wide General Obligation Bond for roughly \$300 million. Also, the Mayor is committed to directing all proceeds from the lawsuit into the project and developing some other mechanism to pay the balance of the cost. If state funding doesn't happen we'll reevaluate our options after the Legislative Session.
Mr. Jager said he has copies of ads we're running explaining the project if anyone wants to see them and we've been distributing talking points about the project. The chamber of Commerce did a video with the Port which was shown at their Make it Monday forum two weeks ago and is now making the rounds on social media.
 - We are creating a display that the Mayor will take to Juneau. The display is an 11x17 panel with sections of piling mounted on it to illustrate the current condition of the docks. The Port is also getting back on the speakers tour and working with various groups to generate support. We'll also start our stakeholders teleconferences again...

VIII. Old Business

A. Maritime History Project Status – Steve Saunders

Commissioner Saunders said he had nothing to report.

IX. New Business

Mr. Ribuffo said the Port had no new business to bring forward at this time.

Commissioner Kroon asked if any of the guests had comments.

Mr. Scott DeWandel said he had nothing new and was just getting excited for the construction of the dock.

Mr. Steve Black said this was expected to be a pretty slow year. They had a load of 3,100 short tons of steel pipe come in and he'd heard mention there might be another shipment the same size from the same group later this year. Commissioner Kroon asked if there was anything out of Seward. Mr. Black said the Railroad is bringing in bridge girders and beams to replace the bridges over the Knik River next week; that's a 3-4 day job unloading the ten long beams and all the pieces.

Mr. Andy Mew said this should be a pretty healthy year for tankers. There have already been three this month and they are looking at probably three more between now and the middle of March. He understood the refinery at Nikiski is planning to shut down some of their Jet fuel during the early part of summer so there will probably be a further uptick in Jet shipments to Anchorage. Commissioner Kroon asked if there was anything happening in western Alaska. Mr. Mew said there will be deliveries of supplies for the fiber optic project, probably based out of Nome and Dutch Harbor. He thought there were a number of communities trying to join that project.

X. Commissioners Around the Horn

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

XI. Next Meeting: March 15, 2017

The next meetings will be on April 19 and tentatively May 17. It had been decided to meet monthly while the Legislature was in session.

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 1:17 pm