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Port of Anchorage Commission Meeting

Date: March 15, 2017

Time: 12:02 – 1:10 pm

Location: Port Commission Chambers

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm

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

II. Safety Minute (Paul Rotkis)

As a reminder, auto headrests should be adjusted for your height. Commissioner Kesler asked where the headrest should sit. Mr. Rotkis said the back of the headrest should go to the back of your head.

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Commissioner Kesler moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2016 with one correction; seconded by Commissioner Lisiecki. The minutes were approved unanimously as corrected.
- B. Commissioner Kesler moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Kroon. The minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Public Comments

VI. Port Director's Comments

- Iron Dog Race: The racers came through the Port on February 18th. We have discussed taking steps toward inviting a group of here to view the race. We have a year to consider it; discussion was to include the Port commission members in the first group and perhaps include Government Hill for future races.

- Japanese Naval Self Defense Force: There has been no further news on this proposed visit. If the Port doesn't hear any news in the next month or two and Mr. Ribuffo said he will reach out.
- Sheet Pile Purchase: There has been nothing more on Port MacKenzie's request for purchase of additional sheet pile. They're going over the plans with PND before they do any more construction work and it's expected to hear from them once breakup is over
- Snow Dump: There is no objection to the Port utilizing the Snow Dump on Base so the next step is to have the area surveyed and appraised. The Base will give us a portion of the snow dump which we'll manage; part of the agreement is going to be some kind of a quid pro quo whether it's financial or in-kind considerations.
- NOAA Coastal Resiliency Grant: Last evening Ms. Walsh submitted a NOAA Coastal Resiliency Grant application for funds we could use for a coastal resiliency type project. We have to stabilize the South Backlands shoreline as part of Phase 1 and that fit right into that category. The maximum of the grant is \$2 million so we applied for that as an offset against the \$8.6 million that we would contribute to the \$10.5 million project.
- Port Display: We created a display to use in presentations on the Modernization Project. It has on it a piece of the 7/16", 36" diameter pile that supports the docks showing how it looked when new and how it looks today and also a piece of the 1" thick, 48" diameter piling filled with steel reinforced concrete that will be used for the new docks. It is available for Commissioners to borrow.
- Future Port Business: Mr. Ribuffo said the Port has received one Letter of Intent and signed two non-disclosure agreements with entities who are interested in doing business at the Port outside of the Modernization Project. We may have something to share on this as time progresses.

Commissioner Linford asked if these would be permanent businesses. Mr. Ribuffo said yes and that it's good for the Legislature to see that in spite of it all, folks who don't already have a presence on the Port, and who have a choice on where to build, are choosing to come here.

VII. Informational Items

A. Deputy Director - Sharen Walsh

Clean-up Projects:

- Power System Repairs: The biggest item being to get POL 2 permanent power back on line though the temporary's been holding up well.
- North Dolphin Capstan for TOTE: The capstan has been received and we're waiting for warmer weather to finish the project.
- Backflow Preventer: We have a new backflow preventer and it's ready to be installed as soon as it warms up.
- McFarland-Cascade items at the North end of the Port: We should be getting the generator for that in mid-April.

Items close to bid:

- Small Boat Launch Camera. Waiting for the electrical permit from Building Safety to put the project out to bid.
- Small Boat Launch Repair: This project is pretty much ready to go. Waiting for the Fish & Game and Corps permits to insert in the bid package when it's sent out.
- Stand-by Generation: The 1 megawatt generator to hook up to the crane in the case of an extended power outage. Waiting on the permit from Building Safety.
- Wharf Pile Repairs: We're getting the package ready for Purchasing. This year we'll do 50 piles instead of 100. Ms. Walsh noted that as always, Dwayne Anderson picks the most critical ones to do first and we do them in that order so he took extra care to make sure that the ones under us were paid attention to.
- GIS Project: Hoping to get off the ground is the GIS project. She will meet with that consultant after the meeting and will prepare a cost presentation to show the initial cost and the on-going cost of maintaining a geo-spatial information. The project will get all our facilities on the computerized maps.

Commissioner Kesler asked if the Port's GIS initiative will play into that at all. Ms. Walsh said we have a geospatial information officer who came from AWWU, and the way to think of it is the whole Municipality system is maturing. The Port sits on the GIS Policy Committee and has a vote. We're going to leverage what we can from the greater Municipality's licenses and servers but we'll have our own security protocols and permissions. Ms. Beckham said the Port has programmed \$250,000 this year in the budget to get started.

- Port Security Gate: We have Environmental and Historic Preservation approval to proceed with putting a physical gate at Check Point 1 under the Port Security Grant. We're hoping to do something similar to what they have at AT&T, a vertical gate.
- North End: We're waiting on approval for the stuff at the North End. Which now is going to wrap up with the snow disposal because part of the snow disposal project is they want a gate higher up the hill for access around the snow disposal site and down and so since we already had a Port Security Grant for a gate, I already put in a revised location so hopefully we can put all that together for leverage for funds.
- South End Power Feed: ML&P is proceeding with a power feed on the south end which will give us a power loop.

As part of the Port Security Grant we're working on getting power to the North End. We had a grant for lights and cameras, which is less than real power, so we're trying to leverage that and I'm working with R&M to get something going on that.

B. Operations – Stuart Greydanus

- Redeployment: We're just finishing up a 1,100-piece redeployment of the 125th from Fort Wainwright. There will be two more deployments: the 425th deployment of 500 pieces outbound in April to mid-May, and in an exercise called Pacific Pathways the 125th is going to be deploying outbound 200 to 300 pieces on the 24th and 25th of May.
- Exercise ORCA: This is a military exercise we've been asked to participate in on the first through the third of May. The scenario is that a dirty bomb will be found in

a container on one of the Matson cargo ships and we'll go through our notification process and evacuate the Port.

- Police Recruit Academy: On May 3rd and the 10th, 6:00pm to 1:00am, the Police have a recruit academy coming to the Port for an exercise during which there will be blank shots fired.
- Canadian Navy Submarine: The Port received a call from a vessel agent saying that the Canadian Navy might bring a submarine to the Port this year. At this point they're just inquiring as to whether it's feasible for them to come here.
- Cruise Ships: Last meeting we reported that there were going to be nine Holland America cruise ships this year. We've since found out the "World of Residency" is coming to Anchorage in August.
- Tankers: We have received berthing applications for six additional tankers coming in beginning on March 21st through June 19th. They will discharge 1,410,000 bbls of jet fuel.

C. Finance Director - Cheryl Beckham

- February Budget to YTD Actual Comparison: Ms. Beckham said the report was sent in the packet. Ms. Beckham said the Port just had a two-week field audit so there was lots of work, lots of invoice pulling, lots of questions asked and research done. The auditors were happy and didn't come back so we're just wrapping that up and we'll provide that report as soon as we receive it. The Muni-wide report deadline is May 31st so we'll have the Financial Report for 2016 at that time.

D. Modernization Project Update - Todd Cowles

- Mr. Cowles said we're still very much in the procurement phase for the North Extension Stabilization Step 1 and South Backlands Stabilization work. We are not going to make the March 21st Assembly meeting with our Recommendation of Award on the progressive design-build contract but will be on the following meeting on April 11th.
- On the Petroleum Cement Terminal side we're still under way on the procurement of the Designer of Record.
- We held a ship simulation at AVTEC in Seward on the new Petroleum Cement Terminal location that the Corps of Engineers had requested after their Sedimentation and 408 Permit analysis. We have budgeted for one more simulation in May as a final check.

Commissioner Linford asked about the project litigation. Mr. Ribuffo reported that since all of the local defendants have settled, there would be no trial in the local federal court. He said he had no insight into the case against MARAD, Mr. Bob Owens of the MOA Legal Department, has the lead on that. He said he would ask Mr. Owens to attend the next meeting to give an update.

E. Director of External Affairs

- Commissioner Linford asked where things stood with the Legislature. Mr. Ribuffo said the staff has heard nothing on a capital budget.

VIII. Old Business

A. Maritime History Project Status

- Ms. Goforth said she had spoken to Commissioner Saunders on Monday and he mentioned that he wanted to have a committee meeting but no date was set.

She said the folio project is available online and the Port might want to think about doing a press release. She said the information is available through the Port's website under History and it looks great, better than some she's seen for other ports and she's very pleased. She's working on putting everything from 1991 to 2016 in archival boxes that will be available in the Port's Maritime Library.

She noted that this year is the 150th anniversary of the Alaska Commercial Company and they are considering doing something with Matson which brings in a lot of the freight for their rural stores. They're in the early planning stages so this is a heads up that that's happening.

Mr. Ribuffo said he and Mr. Jager priced the information kiosks discussed in previous meetings; ones you could touch the screen and access the historical data and that can be moved to various places. He said they are surprisingly inexpensive for what they do so we're looking at the possibility of purchasing one or two that we could install at the Library, at City Hall, then move them around to other locations. They will have to be locations with internet access because the data's not included within the device, it accesses it.

Ms. Goforth discussed finding information about Vickie and Glenn Glenzer, who will be listed on the historical project that Commissioner Saunders is working on. Commissioner Linford said if she needed research help Commissioner Kroon and she could help. Ms. Walsh said her family was close friends with the Glenzer's and she could put Ms. Goforth in touch with her mother.

IX. New Business

There was none.

X. Commissioners Around the Horn

Commissioner Lisiecki said he was glad the Port participated in the simulation with the pilots because he had heard some mutterings in December.

XI. Next Meeting: April 19, 2017

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 pm