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Port of Anchorage Commission Meeting
Date: October 24, 2018
Time: 12:00 – 1:16 pm
Location: Port Commission Chambers

Present	Port Commissioners:	Robert Pawlowski, Vice Chair; Moire Duggan; Stephanie Kesler; Simon Lisiecki; Andrew MacLeod; Aves Thompson; Garret Wong
	Staff:	Steve Ribuffo, Port Director; Sharen Walsh, Deputy Port Director; Cheryl Beckham, Director of Finance; Todd Cowles, Port Engineer; Stuart Greydanus, Port Operations Director; Paul Rotkis, Port Safety Coordinator; Matthew Newkirk, Port Intern; Diane Bickford, Executive Assistant
	Guests:	Monique Cortez, Matson; Bart Buessler, NOAA Coast Survey Charting; Chris Vernon, North Star Terminal & Stevedores, Luke Hasenbank, Alaska Marine Agencies; Tom Rueter, Alaska Maritime Agencies
Absent	Port Commissioners:	Brad Kroon, Chair; Ronald Ward
	Staff:	Jim Jager, Director of External Affairs

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm

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

II. Safety Minute (Paul Rotkis)

Mr. Rotkis said October is Fire Prevention Month and this year's theme is "Look, Listen and Learn".

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Pawlowski proposed to table the election of Chair and Vice Chair until the next meeting since Commissioner Kroon was unable to attend. The group agreed.

- A. It was moved by Commissioner MacLeod to approve the Agenda as changed and seconded by Commissioner Licieski.
- B. The Agenda was approved unanimously as revised.

IV. Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2018

- A. Commissioner Dugan moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2018 with a correction in members noted as present; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Licieski. The minutes were approved as corrected.

V. Public Comments

Mr. Vernon (Northstar Stevedores) noted that lights at the south end currently shine toward the Port and asked if there would be an opportunity in the future to have lights shining on the rail track where his company loads military equipment, suggesting lights that could be turned off when not needed. He said he currently brings in light plants when working there. Mr. Ribuffo asked if it was a seasonal problem or was it consistently dark in that area. Mr. Vernon said it is a wintertime problem and noted there will be a lot of activity in that area this winter.

VI. Port Director's Comments

- Mr. Ribuffo noted Mr. Jager was in Fairbanks making a presentation on the Port's Modernization Program to the Alaska Chamber at their annual statewide Fall Forum.
- Mr. Ribuffo said the Port has had its first impact of the increased tariff on Chinese-manufactured goods in the Fender Repair Project. Commissioner Pawlowski asked if there is a US manufacturer for 42" inch piling. Mr. Cowles said Kiewit Manson will go out in the market place, both domestic and foreign, to get the best pricing schedule mix.
- Harbor Deepening Project: Mr. Ribuffo said the draft at the new dock was planned to be -45' and the Corps of Engineers has put that project on hold to see if that depth was what was needed. The Port has talked to both Matson and TOTE and, as part of their overall plans for their businesses here, they are going to modify or replace the vessels they now bring up. He said the Port is in discussions with the Corps of Engineers to help devise a near-term solution for Terminal 3 and a long-term solution for the entire program.
- Capstan Consulting: Mr. Ribuffo explained Capstan is a finance organization the Municipality and Port hired to help develop a plan of finance for the program; their contract period ends November 6th. They will give a final presentation to the Muni Executive Staff and the Port giving their recommendation with respect to if we should borrow and if so how much or is a public-private partnership arrangement is in our best interest because it has made its way over a billion dollars. When we have that recommendation, we will share it with the Commission.

VII. Informational Items

A. Deputy Director - Sharen Walsh

- Ms. Walsh introduced Matthew Newkirk, the current Port intern.
- Wharf Pile Enhancement: The Port has finished the project. Fifty piles were done and the final inspection earlier this week showed no problems.
- Fender Enhancement: The steel tariff increase is pushing most of that work into next year while we wait for different pilings to be manufactured and delivered. The Port completed chaining all the piles we couldn't fix, securing them to pilings further back in the dock.
- 2015 Security: We're wrapping up our 2015 Security Grant Project and now have lights and cameras on the north end. We're in the process of doing the final adjustments to the radio links to get the cameras working.
- Gates for Check Point 1: The infrastructure is done and we're waiting for the gates. We hope to have them installed by the end of the year.
- The Small Boat Launch cameras are in place.
- 2018 Security Project: We were successful in securing a 2018 Port Security Grant for our GIS Spatial Information System project to get Port facilities into a GIS database. Also, the Fire Department was funded to train for marine firefighting; if a ship should catch on fire at the dock what's their role, how do they assist with shipboard firefighting efforts and so on.
- Valve Actuator Motors – We're changing out all the motor actuated valves in the Valve Yard, about a \$250,000 project. The motors and valves there now are about 30 years old and showing wear.

- Move fence – There is a fence skirting the outside of the cleared area that’s falling over. We received a right-of-entry from JBER last week so we’ll have the clearing done as soon as the contractor can manage it, however the fence won’t go in now until next year.
- B. Operations – Stuart Greydanus
- The last of four cement ships departed on the 20th of October. There was a total of 105,000 tons of cement discharged across the dock this year.
 - Military Sealift Charter: A Military Sealift Command chartered vessel came in with approximately 50 pieces of equipment and 3 Blackhawk helicopters for the military. They assembled the helicopters in our yard and then flew them out.
 - Marine Deployment in 2019: The military would bring in 300 pieces of rolling stock and 200 containers for an exercise in Whittier. Commissioner Kesler asked why they didn’t ship directly to Whittier. Mr. Greydanus said they don’t trust their equipment to be shipped on barges so will send it by rail from Anchorage.
 - Revocable Use Permits: Working on three different Revocable Use Permits for Crowley, Manson Construction and Kaleb Bret. The permit is for them to occupy our property.
 - Amendments to the Port Security Plan and Facilities Security Plan are completed. The Coast Guard has a new cruise ship screening program and is requiring all ports that receive passengers to inform them of our processes for screening passengers.
 - There’s a new Port of Anchorage Valve Yard User Agreements that have been sent out. Two users have signed, and a couple more that we’re waiting for signatures on.
 - The floats at the Small Boat Launch have been put away for the year.
- C. Finance Director - Cheryl Beckham
- Ms. Beckham provided the Financial Report is through September.
- D. Modernization Project Update - Todd Cowles
- South Backlands Soil Improvement: The South Backlands to improve soils for the future Petroleum and Cement Terminal will be is wrapping up. All indications are that when that work is done they’ll be complete for the season and able to remove the temporary pad placed there for the equipment and be ready for next season.
 - Transitional Dredging for Floating Dock: The Port issued the Notice to Proceed for the South Backlands Stabilization component, the erosion control measures of armoring the ground. We also contracted for the Transitional Dredging required for the future terminal. With respect to the South Floating Dock, that facility needs to move to the south to de-conflict where some future mooring dolphins at the Petroleum Cement Terminal will be going. That facility will move to the south and we’ll use left-over steel pile from the PIEP project to construct piles required for supporting that floating dock and gangway. That will be accomplished next season as well.

The Transitional Dredging, South Floating Dock relocation and the ground improvements are all early work packages of our Petroleum Cement Terminal design. As those completed we were able to issue the work. We continue to move forward on the balance of the Petroleum Terminal Design; we have just received the 95% design documents and those are under review.

VIII. Old Business

Hazmat Parking: Mr. Thompson said he had nothing to report at this time. He has been busy with the election season and has not been able to put this meeting together. He was hopeful that after the election and things settle down a little bit maybe after the holidays we'll be able to get together and discuss whether, in fact, this is a problem. He said he has heard no more complaints and has had no more contacts, so apparently it's not a burning issue at this time. Mr. Ribuffo asked Mr. Greydanus if he agreed with that, nobody's calling to complain. Mr. Greydanus said there was only the one person.

IX. New Business

There was nothing.

X. Commissioners Around the Horn

Commissioner Kesler said it was a good meeting. She said she would be returning to her normal office so will be easier for her to attend meetings personally.

Commissioner Lisiecki said on Monday we hosted a delegation from Viet Nam, government officials and people from PV Gas and they still seem to be incredibly interested in acquiring some of our gas and it was a very positive meeting. There was also a Chinese delegation in yesterday though he was not involved with that. He thought things were moving forward there.

Commissioner Pawlowski said in a conversation at a fundraiser he brought up the question of the Port to the candidates and, after it, John Simms and one of his deputies from ENSTAR asked him "As a Port Commissioner, what do you think about the idea of an LNG plant on the Port". He told him to talk to the Director and left it at that. He said he has heard nothing further but there was some discussion on a relationship with TOTE. Mr. Ribuffo said we never shut the door in the face of anybody who comes to us with either an idea or just to flesh out a concept for any kind of new business here because there might be a way to make it happen. We'll talk to anybody about anything; diversifying the portfolio here is part of the game. Commissioner Pawlowski said that was why he encouraged them, it was of interest because not only can it affect the financial functioning of the Port but a venture into bunkering of LNG products is always an interesting subject given the other associated businesses that could function on LNG. Commissioner Lisiecki said his understanding is there are some snags in Tacoma about getting LNG. And, talking about future business, 2020 is an important year for fuel quality issues and he has seen some contracts about passenger ships in future are going to be running on LNG and there will be more and more ships, so I think it would be something that will be kind of interesting. Mr. Ribuffo said it would be nice to be ahead of the curve on some of this. Commissioner Pawlowski asked the rest of the Commissioners that if they hear anything, speak to Mr. Ribuffo and Mr. Jager so they take appropriate action.

Commissioner Pawlowski asked if anyone else had any final comments.

XI. Next Meeting:

After some discussion, the next meeting was scheduled for December 12th.

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 1:16 pm