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Port of Anchorage Commission Meeting
Date: September 30, 2020
Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Location: Port Commission Chambers

Present	Port Commissioners:	Brad Kroon, Chair; Bob Pawlowski, Vice Chair; Paul Mehler; Kevin Mackey; Simon Lisiecki; Andrew MacLeod; Aves Thompson; Ron Ward; Garret Wong
	Staff:	Steve Ribuffo, Port Director; Sharen Walsh, Port of Alaska Modernization Program Director; Cheryl Beckham, Finance and Administration Manager; Shannon Martindale, Operations & Maintenance Superintendent; Roy Blain, Engineering Manager; Jim Jager, Director of Security and Business Development; Paul Rotkis, Safety Coordinator; Diane Bickford, Executive Assistant
	Guests:	Alex Slivka, MOA CFO; Dylan Faber, Matson; Alex Hofeling, TOTE; Bill Wilks & Jeff Pursley, Parrish-Blessing & Associates; Tom Reuter, Luke Hasenbank, Brittney Kennington, ALMAR; Ryan Zins, ABI; Eugene Haberman, private citizen
Absent	Port Commissioners:	None
	Staff:	None

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm**
 - A. Roll Call of Port Commissioners – Attendance shown above. There was a quorum. Because Commissioner Kroon was running a little late, Commission Vice-Chair Pawlowski stepped in to start the meeting.
 - B. Self-introductions by those present – See “Guests” above

- II. **Safety Minute** – Mr. Rotkis provided a quick refresher with respect to the dangers of hydroplaning, given all the recent rain; the use of face shields and good vs. bad ones; and where to go in Anchorage for flu shots.

- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - A. It was moved for approval by Commissioner Kroon, and seconded by Commissioner Pawlowski.
 - B. The Agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

- IV. **Approval of Minutes of July 29, 2020**
 - A. Commissioner Ward moved to approve the minutes of July 29, 2020; seconded by Commissioner [inaudible]. The minutes were approved unanimously with two requested changes from Commissioner Ward.

- V. **Port Director’s Comments.** Mr. Ribuffo took a moment to “walk” the Commissioners through the Port’s upgraded conference room—both the new furniture and the upgraded A/V suite. He also asked the group to wish a happy birthday to Commissioner Pawlowski. Mr. Ribuffo also welcomed to their first meeting new Port Commissioners Paul Mehler and Kevin Mackey.

VI. Informational Items

- A. PAMP - Sharen Walsh. Ms. Walsh shared photos of the progress being made on PCT construction, and answered Commissioner questions on the construction effort's details. Ms. Walsh also talked about the effort under way to begin planning for the 2021 construction season and the work to de-conflict as much as possible PCT construction and POL2 operational access.
- B. Engineering – Roy Blain. Mr. Blain gave the Commission a complete rundown on all the ongoing port maintenance and repair efforts.
- C. Finance - Cheryl Beckham. Ms Beckham went over the Port's year-to-date financials, answering clarifying questions for the Commissioners as asked. She also shared the Port's year-to-date tonnage report.
- D. Operations & Maintenance – Shannon Martindale. Ms. Martindale presented an update on the recently-completed visit from the Japanese Naval Self-Defense Force vessel *Kashima*, and military re-deployment. She also updated the Commission on the negative outlook for the rest of the cruise ship season. Additionally, she made the Commission aware of the upcoming plans to meet with petroleum and cement users to discuss planning for the 2021 construction season and dealing with POL2 access or the lack thereof.
- E. Security & Business Development – Jim Jager. Mr. Jager briefed the Commission on how we have been dealing with media requests in a COVID-19 world, and on our planned changes to our security infrastructure. Mr. Jager also answered commissioner questions pertaining to the Port's strategies for acquiring future state and federal funding for the PAMP.

VII. Old Business – There was no old business to discuss or close out.

VIII. New Business – Mr. Ribuffo introduced Mr. Bill Wilks and Mr. Jeff Pursley of Parrish-Blessing & Associates, who will present the results of the annual analysis directed by the Assembly pertaining to the tariff rates set for petroleum and cement users for PCT debt service coverage. A copy of the presentation is attached, as is a copy of the signed letter from the Commission Chair to the Assembly members. The details of the presentation are in the recorded transcript.

IX. Public Comments – Mr. Eugene Habermann commented on the technical difficulties he was having following the proceedings virtually, and his concern that the draft Commission letter was not available to the public ahead of time. There were no other public comments.

X. Port Director's Closing Comments – Mr. Ribuffo closed by sharing with the Commission the Port's first-time-ever experience with a newly built merchant vessel making its maiden port call in Anchorage. The *M/T Glorious Sunshine* made its first-ever port call in Anchorage. ALMAR informed us of the fact in advance of arrival so that we could prepare a plaque presentation to commemorate the event. Mr. Ribuffo also apprised the Commission of our progress securing a new location for snow disposal on JBER.

- XI. Commissioners Around the Horn –** The themes shared in all the Commissioners' comments were similar. Commissioners thanked the staff for their preparation and for the detailed documentation in advance of the meeting. All also shared their feelings about not having had the opportunity to formally say good-bye to the the Commissioners who recently left the body.
- XII. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020
- XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 1:44 pm**