



PUBLIC MEETING: Port Special Commission Meeting

DATE: Tuesday **October 24, 2023, 6 PM**

LOCATION: Cascade Locks City Hall 140 Wa Na Pa St, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806615790>

## MINUTES

- 1) Commission meeting called to order 6:00 PM
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
  - b. Roll Call
    - i. President Lorang
    - ii. Vice-President Klute
    - iii. Commissioner Nance
    - iv. Commissioner Peterson
    - v. Commissioner Thweatt
    - vi. Members of the Staff and Other Support – GM Jeremiah Blue, Secretary Keriane Stocker, Accountant Chuck Mosher, Gov't Relations Consultant Mark Johnson
    - vii. Members of the Public – Jordon Bennett City of Cascade Locks City Administrator, Darrin Eckman; via Zoom – Diane Amoth, Guy Colpron, Scott Lindsay
  - c. Modifications, Additions and Changes to the Agenda
    - i. GM Blue requested to remove the Executive Session.
- 2) Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes)
- 3) Presentations
  - a. Introduction and History of City Electrical Upgrade Project – Mark Johnson
    - i. Johnson gave a background of the City Electrical Upgrade Project, key points included the 2013 IGA between the City and Port that is still in effect which called for each entity to support the development of sufficient electrical service to the Business Park, an account on the original purpose of the City EDA grant, a review of the City's most recent ask of the Port to fund the project after project costs have escalated, and details on the \$2.4 million in lottery bonds, including purpose and restrictions.
  - b. BKI Engineering – Guy Colpron, Principal Engineer at BKI Engineering
    - i. Johnson introduced Guy Colpron of BKI Engineering for a presentation regarding the City Electric Upgrade Project. Colpron explained that the redundant service balanced security and reliability. VP Klute asked how much of the design was made because of the RoundHouse project that is no longer moving forward? Colpron replied that the desire was for a distribution loop. If one section of the Port's Business Park distribution feeder fails, the remaining section, depending on its location, can be manually switched to the City's distribution feeder until repairs can be made. Additionally, when the Port has new tenants, they will already have junction boxes set at each corner and incoming tenants will then be responsible for connecting and paying for their own hook-up. Colpron highly recommended not upgrading the pyramid transformer to a larger transformer. His suggestion is to leave it where it is and add a larger transformer near the BPA substation, south of the highway. C Nance inquired if the Commission decided on the 14.6 megawatts rather than the 29.1 megawatts, if that would be limiting any of the megawatts going to the City? Colpron answered that depending on how that load would split would be dependent upon

the actual load connected on each feeder because the lower resistive circuit is going to get the bulk of the energy. C Thweatt asked how this project came about, and if there was a need or purpose for it. Johnson replied that the City needed a grant to upgrade and harden the electric system to be more resilient. City Administrator Bennett added that it came about after the year of the Eagle Creek Fire and the massive ice storm and then morphed into an EDA grant to get power out to the (Business) Park. The Commission continued its discussion, generally feeling that they did not have enough understanding of the project to make a decision. GM Blue noted that the Commission has also not yet discussed their vision of what they want the Business Park to look like. C Peterson expressed his support in going ahead with the upgrade as it is a big move towards economic development. The Commission requested more information. VP Klute requested the options that the City received as well as a comparison in costs between the 14.6 megawatts option and the 29.1 megawatts option. The Commission came to a consensus to further discuss their possibilities before the joint meeting with the City in November. Eckman commented that it would be really nice to understand the overhead line on the west side, what is its current capacity? He added wanting to know what type of conductors can be placed in the existing conduits and vaults along Cramblett Way that do actually extend down and Industrial Way? And what type of capacity could be carried by those conductors? Colpron replied that he does not know the health of the conduit but he would look into it. He also said that he would look at the biggest conductor that could be put in the existing conduit and see what the maximum load of megawatts through that circuit could be, in conjunction with the wire that runs on the southside of the railroad. The discussion concluded with the Commission asking for more details on their options for the electric upgrade as well as other options beyond this project.

4) Executive Session under ORS.192.660(2)(h) Legal counsel regarding litigation or litigation likely to be filed

5) Adjournment 8:06 pm

**C NANCE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN; VP KLUTE SECONDED; Passed Unanimously**

Port of Cascade Locks

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Port Commission President  
Brad Lorang

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Port Commission Secretary  
Albert Nance

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