

PUBLIC MEETING: Port Commission Meeting Minutes  
DATE: Wednesday **August 18, 2021 6PM**  
LOCATION: Pavilion Marine Park, Cascade Locks,

OR

1) Commission meeting called to order

- Roll Call  
P Groves  
C Lorang excused  
C Stipan  
C Bump

Others present: Rob Peterson, Butch, Eric Kaganov, Melissa Warren, Mark Johnson, Todd Mohr, Jeremiah Blue.

- Modifications, Additions and changes to the Agenda  
Item 7a removed. Executive session under current or potential litigation added.
- Declarations of Potential Conflicts of Interest - none

2. Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes). No public comment.

3. Special Presentation and Reports by outside resources, staff and Government Officials

**Butch** – Energy council meeting featured presentation on electric vehicle charging. An assessment will be done for CL study EV charging at home and the whole area. The concern is whether the electrical capacity can handle a lot of EV charging in town.

a. Legislative Updates – Mark Johnson

The Title 23 waiver – the senate moved the bill forward without our amendment. The bill is now on the House side to be passed. Seems unlikely that House will make changes because the process will be to long to pass the bill. Doesn't look like we'll be able to get the amendment in the framework. There is a framework for 3 trillion dollars to do some budget reconciliations. The process will involve committees. We're working with our legislators to keep the ask on their mind. We have support from WA legislators and OR legislators. The process in DC is the barrier at this time. C Groves commented that it's a complex process to get an amendment in to a US bill. It's disappointing that we weren't successful. The bill does not carry any funding request. With

Mark and Olga's help, we've had some successes in the last couple of years.

VW Diesel grant is being written. Our application will be different than others applying for money. Most apps will be for buses. FOG, Gorge Commission, Energy Council, City, Anna Williams and Chuck Thompson are supporting the application. Announced in Oct, disbursed by end of the year. We're asking for \$950K. Not only the engines, but all the systems and the work that needs to be done in a drydock setting.

Parking expansion grants are moving slowly. We're working on mapping out the trail. We'll use the parking as a baseline for parking for the multi-use trail. \$25K for Harvey and \$99K for EZ Climb.

2.4 million dollars from Salem is coming via bond sales, ARPA moneys should be available this fall as well.

b. Departmental Quarterly Report (from one staff)

Maintenance Manager, Todd Mohr, reported that memorial bench for Geri Miller was installed just near the Lewis and Clark. Butch informed that old timers' picnic is also canceled. The standard we have for the park, we're not keeping up with this year, due to staffing shortages, just hired a new worker, losing the seasonal this week. Working on Tis for 2 and 4, plumbing and materials are pending. Flex 6 – irrigation is being laid out, adding film. TM is preparing a cost plan in time for the next meeting. In the future, we will need more help to maintain the properties in the business park. This means additional staffing, TM is assuming we can have a better idea of what it looks like around budgeting time in the spring.

C Stipan commented that he recalls cleaning up the town with community support.

C Groves commented that the older generation is aging out and younger community members aren't volunteering as much. C Groves and C Caldwell reported that the Sheriff brought the program back at 4-8 workers at \$45/hr. Have own equipment. Olga also obtained a quote for landscaping. C Caldwell would like to have them out to work with Alfonso. Todd Mohr commented that sometimes the skill set is not there. TM commented that Port prev. used the program for Toll House Rd. C Caldwell commented that they may be more useful under Alfonso's supervision.

C Groves asked if there were any objections to hiring the Sheriff program for help. TM commented that he'll be hiring a seasonal worker shortly. C Groves inquired if crews can be helpful with spreading rock. TM stated that machines are better to be used now.

4. General Manager Report (as attached) in addition to the attached report delivered, the following was discussed:

Bridge repair – New information – the visual field inspection caused the contractor to recommend a contingency option. C Groves: contingency option will be stronger and last longer. They will try to keep it on time. There

are a couple of other fixes that needs to be done and while the contractor is out there doing the work. C Groves advises the commission to look at doing that work as well.

Bear Mountain discussion – Bear Mt is doing a great job on the ground, but corporate is unresponsive. Letter from the attorney by Sep 7<sup>th</sup>: provide solution – present to commission and clean up current pollution.

Meet and greet – upgrade police presence? Concerns about schooling?

PCT days – C Groves will volunteer to cover the booth, so will C Caldwell and C Stipan.

Discussion: Secretary candidates did not make the interview, received another today.

5. Commissioner and Sub-committee reports

C Bump – cameras in BP -there are people tearing up the parking spaces. Requested staff take a look at cameras to identify.

C Caldwell – a very beautiful evening for Sally. Hopes that we make some time to do this more often with staff.

C Groves – EDSC meeting. Brad made and contributed. Jeanetta talked to the cyclocross folks, who draw a lot of people during shoulder season. We know who we will negotiate with on the SDS property. We have not started negotiations for that acquisition until the moneys are released. Had a meeting w Nate Stice with governor's office. Nate will help us with a study on the Harvey property for maximum use. Hoping to see that happen in the near future. There is a lot of funding out at this time.

6. Consent Agenda (\*\*Consent agenda may be approved in its entirety in a single motion. Items are considered routine. Any Commissioner may make a motion to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion).

a. Approval of minutes for Commission meeting August 4, 2021 and Special Meeting August 10, 2021

b. Approval of bills in the amount of \$29,688.76

c. Approval of payroll for \$38,424.44

**C Caldwell moved to approve as stated, C Bump seconded. Passed Unanimously**

7) Business Action Items

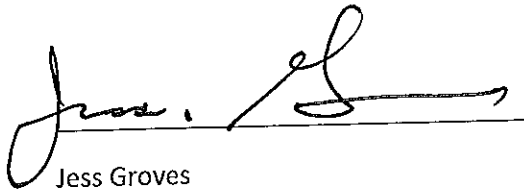
b. Set date for Annual Work session

Discussion regarding having the retreat here in town at Bridgeside. Request quotes from all businesses. November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Make sure public understand these are open to the public.

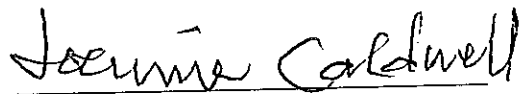
Meeting recessed at 7:15pm  
Executive session 7:21pm

- 8) Executive Session under ORS.192.660(2)(e) Real Property Negotiations  
Executive Session under ORS.192.660(2)(h) current or potential litigation  
a. Any action as a result of Executive Session

Executive session adjourned at 7:50pm  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:51pm



Jess Groves  
President Port Commission



Joeline Caldwell  
Secretary/Treasurer Port Commission

DATE APPROVED: 9/1/2021

Prepared by Olga Kaganova