

PORT OF NEWPORT MINUTES

July 17, 2018

Commission Special Meeting & Executive Session

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Agenda Item

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Time**

I. CALL TO ORDER

0:00

Commission President Pro Tem Stewart Lamerdin called the Special Commission Meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners to order at 12:02 pm at the South Beach Activities Room, 2120 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, Oregon.

Commissioners Present: Walter Chuck (Pos. #1), Secretary/Treasurer Pro Tem; Sara Skamser (Pos. #2), Vice President Pro Tem; Stewart Lamerdin (Pos. #3), President Pro Tem; Jeff Lackey (Pos. #4); and Jim Burke (Pos. #5).

Management and Staff: Pete Gintner, Port Attorney; and Karen Hewitt, Administrative Supervisor.

Members of the Public and Media: Kent Gibson, North Commercial Harbormaster; George Dunkel, SDAO; Don Mann, Interim General Manager (IGM) candidate; Teri Dresler, IGM candidate; Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative; Kiera Morgan, KNPT/KYTE radio.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Heather Mann said she was optimistic about the direction that the Commission was headed.

III. INTERVIEW INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER CANDIDATES

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Dunkel provided the Commissioners with some suggested questions.

1. Don Mann

4:29

Don Mann spoke to his willingness and qualifications for the job, and responded to questions from the Commissioners. His resume is included in the Meeting Packet. Lamerdin said that Dunkel would contact him to follow up.

After interviewing Mann, Lamerdin wanted to make clear that the decision to go outside the Port for an Interim General Manager was not a reflection on Aaron Bretz or his performance as General Manager Pro Tem. The Commissioners agreed that Bretz is a valuable asset to the Port.....

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2. Teri Dresler

29:57

Teri Dresler spoke to her willingness and qualifications for the job, and responded to questions from the Commissioners. Her resume is included in the Meeting Packet. Lamerdin said that Dunkel would contact her to follow up.

A motion was made by Skamser and seconded by Burke to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) – to consider the employment of an officer, employee, staff member or agent; ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from your attorney; and ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with your attorney regarding your legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed. The motion passed 5 – 0.

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IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioners Present: Walter Chuck (Pos. #1), Secretary/Treasurer Pro Tem; Sara Skamser (Pos. #2), Vice President Pro Tem; Stewart Lamerdin (Pos. #3), President Pro Tem; Jeff Lackey (Pos. #4); and Jim Burke (Pos. #5).

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No decisions were made in Executive Session.

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V. RE-ENTER SPECIAL MEETING

55:00

VI. REVIEW IGM JOB DESCRIPTION

The Commissioners reviewed a previous General Manager Pro Tem contract included in the Meeting Packet, and suggested revisions. Lamerdin directed Hewitt to draft a revision for the Commission at the Regular Meeting, and it will be reviewed by Gintner. Dunkel will also communicate with the Commission about the Job Description for the IGM and for the General Manager

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VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Mann commented on Don Mann’s qualification for the job. She said she would support the Commission’s decision.

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VIII. CONSIDERATION OF INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER SELECTION

The Commissioners discussed their opinions about the candidates, the pros and cons as they saw them, and whether they were ready to move forward with a selection.

A motion was made by Skamser and seconded by Lackey to hire Teri Dresler as the Interim General Manager for the Port of Newport. The motion passed 4 – 1, with Chuck opposing.

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Chuck said he fully intends to support Dresler as the Interim General Manager. Dunkel will contact the candidates, and will provide Lamerdin’s contact information to Dresler.

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IX. REVIEW GENERAL MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION

Lamerdin referred to the materials in the Meeting Packet and said this item was on the Agenda for the Commission to start reviewing. This topic would be revisited at a later meeting. Chuck added that SDAO should also be involved with the draft. Lackey asked for some additional samples from Dunkel. Dunkel suggested moving forward in the fall after Dresler was here.

X. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SDAO FOR GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT

1:16:56

Dunkel suggested putting off approval of the contract with SDAO for a future meeting. He would rather first put together a recruiting schedule for Commission approval.

XI. APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT – OSU AND SCIENTIFIC BOATING SAFETY ASSOCIATION (SBSA) MOTORBOAT OPERATOR TRAINING COURSE (MOTC)

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A motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Burke to approve the Special Use Permit – OSU and Scientific Boating Safety Association (SBSA) Motorboat Operator Training Course (MOTC) The motion passed 5 – 0..

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XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Mann thanked the Commission for their great work and said she looked forward to working with Dresler.

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.

ATTESTED:


Stewart Lamerdin, President


Walter Chuck, Secretary/Treasurer