

Public Meeting Observation Report
Port of Camas-Washougal
Regular Meeting – September 29, 2008

Present were;

- Commissioners Alan Hargrave, Jim Carroll and Bill Ward
- Port Attorney - David Schultz
- Staff present - Exec. Director David Ripp, Executive Assistant Mary Murphy, Director of Planning and Development Scot Walstra, Finance Director Kim Maloney

Items approved;

- Lease for Bldg 10 office addition
- 2009 budget schedule with public hearing and adoption on Nov. 17th
- Schedule special meeting for budget workshop on Oct. 27th
- Raise moorage rates by 10% beginning on Jan. 1, 2009. This 10% number came as a surprise to at least one commissioner, and all of the marina tenants present. An opportunity for public input on this issue had been advertised for the Sept. 2nd meeting. However, Commissioner Hargrave was not in attendance. The discussion was delayed until the Sept 15th meeting, where only one member of the public presented comment, and there was no hint of an increase of 10%. At this meeting a request by one marina tenant to comment about the 10% increase, during the commissioner's discussion, was denied by Commissioner Hargrave. Citing a desire to achieve a monetary break-even point for the marina, the increase was approved with the dissent of Commissioner Carroll.

Items Discussed;

- The Port is close to choosing a consulting firm to help with planning for future use of the area east of the industrial park.
- Brief discussion of upcoming 2009 preliminary budget.

- Executive Director Ripp discussed communications with the city of Washougal regarding street vacation and lot line adjustment issues for the Port land in the marina area. He also discussed the possibility that the Park area could be better protected with deed restrictions or protective covenants than by rezoning. He will do more research and report back.
- The commissioners discussed the proposed strategic planning process and decided to select a facilitator for a workshop to plan how to plan. More later.

Staff reports;

- Bldg 14 almost complete. Bid on demising wall accepted.
- Breakwater material ordered, to be installed by year's end.
- New launch ramp floats are almost complete
- 3-Ports meeting scheduled for Nov. 13th, 6:00PM at the Port of Camas-Washougal.
- RiverWalk update by David Schultz; actively pursuing discovery and depositions, further update at Oct. 20th meeting.

Commissioner reports;

- Commissioner Ward reported enjoying attending the Chinook Memorial groundbreaking.

Public input;

- Paul Greenlee, Washougal Council member, entered a positive comment on the Chinook Memorial groundbreaking, and gave some information about the City's process for street vacation, lot line adjustments and rezoning.
- John Wagoner, expressing surprise, protested the 10% moorage rate increase, noting part of the Port's mission is to enhance recreational opportunities for benefit of the residents of the Port district, and the fact that previous increases had been 3% per year.

- Mariann Guetter also complained about the 10% increase, mentioning that many people had attended the Sept. 2nd meeting when the invited public comment had been canceled. She asked if consideration had been given to previous requests for a later meeting time when it would be easier for the public to attend. Answer, no. She said many costs unrelated to the marina were unfairly being shifted to the marina.
- Martha Martin commented that the process for deciding on the 10% marina rate increase was flawed, allowing no chance for comment on the amount.
- Dave Luse said it was the position of the Camas-Washougal Airport Association that the 10% increase was too high. He asked for financial information before the upcoming review of hanger rates.
- Richard Hamby asked for clarification on the east industrial park planning process, encouraged research into the best way to protect the Park, and said the Port bungled the public process in their decision for a marina rate increase. (there is no reference to this comment in the Port's minutes or meeting notes)

See attached agenda.