

**PORT OF VANCOUVER USA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission President Oliver called a regular meeting of the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners to order and open to the public at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Port of Vancouver USA Administrative Office, 3103 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, Washington 98660.

**OPENING REMARKS**

Commissioner Oliver welcomed everyone, announced no executive session was held and invited guests to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting attendees included:

Jerry Oliver	Port Commission President
Don Orange	Port Commission Vice President
Eric LaBrant	Port Commission Secretary
Julianna Marler	Port CEO
Michelle Allan	Port Executive Services Manager
Alicia Lowe	Port Legal Counsel
Kent Cash	Port Chief Operations Officer
Elizabeth Gotelli	Port Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
Ryan Hart	Port Chief External Affairs Officer
Scott Goodrich	Port Director of Finance & Accounting
Rachelle Askman	Port Communications Coordinator
Savannah Mitcham	Port Administrative Assistant
Heather Stebbings	Port Director of Communications
Julie Rawls	Port Community Relations Specialist
Mike Schiller	Port Director of Business Development
Casey O'Dell	Port Director of Facilities
Mike Bomar	Port Director of Economic Development
Gary Folkerts	Mackay Sposito
Ron Morrison	TRPP
Jack Burkman	Community Member
Don Steinke	Community Member
Ilana Brown	Strategies 360
Patty Page	ACE
Cager Clabaugh	ILWU Local 4
Shannon Stull	LiUNA 335
Carrie Parks	Community Member

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Regular Meeting of November 12, 2019**

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Orange and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 regular meeting.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Commissioner Oliver invited comments from the audience.

### **Don Steinke, Community Member**

Mr. Steinke shared his thoughts on green hydrogen. He also talked about low carbon fuel.

### **Patty Page, ACE**

Ms. Page indicated she looks forward to the port advancing its climate action plan.

### **Ron Morrison, TRPP**

Mr. Morrison shared his thoughts regarding his comments from the last board meeting.

### **Cager Clabaugh, ILWU Local 4**

Mr. Clabaugh shared his thoughts concerning shore power.

No further public comments were received.

## **COMMISSIONER AND CEO COMMENTS**

Commissioner LaBrant discussed shore power and expressed an interest in looking for grant opportunities that might help with terminal improvements.

Commissioner Orange also discussed shore power and the use of hydrogen.

Commissioner Oliver stated that careful consideration should take place regarding a move to shore power.

No further comments were provided by the Commissioners or CEO.

## **PUBLIC HEARING: 2020 FINAL BUDGET – ACTION ITEMS E-1 AND E-2**

Commissioner Oliver opened the public hearing on the 2020 Final Budget – Action Items

E-1 and E-2. He announced that notice of the public hearing was published on November 8 and November 15, 2019 in *The Columbian* as required by statute. He stated that Action Items E-1 and E-2 are tied to the budget and requested these items be presented at this time.

Director of Finance and Accounting Scott Goodrich presented action items E-1 and E-2. He provided a brief presentation on the 2020 Final Budget and discussed the process by which the port followed. He indicated the option the board asked staff to bring forward is what is identified in the proposed final budget.

Commissioner Oliver asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the commission on these items.

Patty Page, ACE

Ms. Page shared her thoughts regarding the preliminary budget workshop. Both the board and CEO Marler responded to her comments.

No additional comments were received during the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Oliver closed the Public Hearing.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**E-1 Approve Resolution 5-2019: Authorizing an Increase in Regular Tax Levy**

Director of Finance and Accounting Scott Goodrich presented the action item and discussed the resolution with the commission.

Commissioner Oliver asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the commission on this agenda item.

No public comments were received.

Commissioner Oliver stated he will be opposing both action items E-1 and E-2 and explained the reasons why.

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Orange, and carried 2-1 (Commissioner Oliver voted nay), the Board of Commissioners approves and executes Resolution 5-2019, authorizing an increase in regular tax levy.

**E-2 Approve Resolution 6-2019: Adoption of 2020 Final Budget**

Director of Finance and Accounting Scott Goodrich presented the action item and discussed the resolution with the commission.

Commissioner Oliver asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the commission on this agenda item.

No public comments were received.

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Orange, and carried 2-1 (Commissioner Oliver voted nay), the Board of Commissioners approves and executes Resolution 6-2019, adopting the 2020 Final Budget in the amount of \$56,582,820.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was considered at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was considered at this time.

### **CEO REPORT**

CEO Marler provided no report.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner LaBrant reported attending the following:

- Labor Roundtable
- Met with Commissioner Elect Jack Burkman
- Washington Public Ports Association Annual Conference

Commissioner Orange reported attending the following:

- Met with Commissioner Elect Jack Burkman
- Washington Public Ports Association Annual Conference

Commissioner Oliver reported attending the following:

- Washington Public Ports Association Annual Conference

Commissioner Oliver highlighted some of the key presentations from the recent Washington Public Ports Association Annual Conference.

Commissioner Orange congratulated Commissioner Oliver for the lifetime award he received at the Washington Public Ports Association Conference.

Commissioner Orange also talked about the Green Hydrogen event held at the port yesterday. He encouraged folks to learn more.

Commissioner LaBrant followed up with additional comments regarding the Washington Public Ports Association Conference.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

A list of upcoming events was displayed on the screen for viewers to see staff activities and community meetings. CEO Marler stated the next commission meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 10 at 8:30 a.m. She also highlighted several other upcoming holiday events.

**RECESS**


The regular meeting was recessed at 9:16 a.m. to sign documents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners, the Tuesday, November 26, 2019 regular meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m. by Commissioner Oliver.

Michelle Allan, Executive Services  
Manager, November 26, 2019, Regular  
Port of Vancouver USA Board of  
Commission Meeting

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