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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday November 25, 2020 6 PM Via ZOOM Conference Call

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MINUTES

- 1. WORK SESSION (5:45 6:00 PM): Commission review of vouchers, payroll, and minutes.
- 2. CALL TO ORDER.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. ROLL CALL

Commissioner David Day, Commissioner John Mishasek, Commissioner Mohammad Mostafavinassab, Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos, and Community Administrative Specialist April Booth were present via ZOOM conference call.

5. CHANGES TO AGENDA

Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos recommended adding a Public Comments section prior to old business, allowing for comments before and after 7.1. Additionally, he suggested we table 7.3 Greenbank Farm Options while waiting on further response from Island County. All were in agreement.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - This time is set aside for members of the public to speak to the Board regarding subjects of concern, interest, or items on the Agenda. The Board will take all information under advisement, but generally will not take any action unless it is emergent in nature. To ensure your comments are recorded, please state your name and city of

residence. Please limit comments to 5 minutes. If you have any documents to present to the Board, please email them to the Port Executive Director prior to the meeting.

Judi Moore of Greenbank spoke to the advantages of pursuing a tax levy lid lift in 2022 vs. 2021, specifically the tight timeline to accomplish the task. She also noted the current political and pandemic climate, and the financial impacts felt by our community.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Action: Resolution #280 2021 Tax Levy Lid Lift

Commissioner David Day made the motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Mohammad Mostafavinassab seconded the motion. This opened a discussion regarding the benefits and consequences of pursing a tax levy lid lift in 2021 vs. 2022. Commissioner Mohammad Mostafavinassab called for a vote on whether to pursue a tax levy lid lift for 2021 per Resolution #280 and all were not in favor. The staff was tasked with investigating the options with a Local Improvement District prior to the December 23, 2020 Commissioners meeting.

7.2 Discussion: 2021 Tax Levy Lid Lift Strategy

Discussion determined it would be in the Port of Coupeville's best interest to pursue the tax levy lid lift in 2022.

7.3 Discussion: Greenbank Farm Options - Tabled

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Judi Moore of Greenbank commented that she would be interested in serving on a committee in support of Greenbank Farm to pursue a 2022 tax levy lid lift and noted that housing assessments in the area have recently increased. She encouraged sending a survey with an educational component. She also wrote an article in support of the Greenbank Farm that was published in Whidbey News-Times and she encourages the port to look at further fundraising opportunities.

9. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Majority of the new leases expire in 2021. Commissioner David Day asked about the windows at the wharf and Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos noted that the windows are dry rotted and the staff will be getting bids to replace or repair. He also noted that staff has been power washing the wharf and thanks to the help of CHWA, the entrance will be refreshed with new gravel, benches and repairs to the kiosks.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

David Day John Mishasek Mohammad Mostafavinassab

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, December 9th, 2020, 10 AM Via ZOOM Conference Call

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