VENTURA PORT DISTRICT

BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Ventura Board of Port Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Everard Ashworth at 7:05PM at the Ventura Port District Administration Office, 1603 Anchors Way Drive, Ventura, CA 93001.



Commissioners Present:

Everard Ashworth, Chairman Brian Brennan, Vice Chairman Jim Friedman, Secretary Nikos Valance Chris Stephens

Commissioners Absent:

None

Port District Staff:

Oscar Peña, General Manager
Brian Pendleton, Business Operations Manager
John Higgins, Harbormaster
Joe Gonzalez, Facilities Manager
Robin Baer, Property Manager
Frank Locklear, Marina Manager
Jennifer Talt-Lundin, Marketing Manager
Richard Parsons, Consultant
Jessica Rauch, Clerk of the Board

Legal Counsel:

Roland Trinh

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman Everard Ashworth at 7:05PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By Commissioner Valance.

ROLL CALL: All Commissioners were present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ACTON:

Commissioner Brennan moved, seconded by Commissioner Valance and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt the September 27, 2017 agenda, with Standard Item 2 being pulled from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of September 13, 2017 Regular meeting were considered as follows:

ACTION:

Commissioner Brennan moved, seconded by Commissioner Stephens and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2017 regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: Mr. Trinh stated that the Board met in closed session; discussed and reviewed all items on the closed session agenda. Staff was given instructions on how to proceed as appropriate and there was no action taken that is reportable under The Brown Act.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Parsons announced that the District should be ok for funds for 2018 dredging. Mr. Higgins announced that the Harbor is having a red tide event and that staff is looking into ways to help the marine life. Ms. Talt-Lundin invited the Commission to the last Rock on the Dock event this weekend, announced other events occurring this weekend and congratulated our winners of the "Best of Ventura County."

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A) Approval of Out of Town Travel Requests

Recommended Action: Voice Vote.

That the Board of Port Commissioners approve the out of town travel request for Electrician, John Collins and Harbormaster, John Higgins.

ACTION:

Commissioner Valance moved, seconded by Commissioner Brennan and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the out of town travel request for Electrician, John Collins and Harbormaster, John Higgins.

STANDARD AGENDA

1) Phase II Ventura Harbor Village Reroofing Project Contract Award Recommended Action: Voice Vote.

That the Board of Port Commissioners award the Phase II Ventura Harbor Village Reroofing Project to The Garland Company, Inc. in the amount of \$638,849.00.

ACTION:

Commissioner Friedman moved, seconded by Commissioner Brennan and carried by a vote of 5-0 to award the Phase II Ventura Harbor Village Reroofing Project to The Garland Company, Inc. in the amount of \$638,849.00.

2) Assignment and Assumption of the Lease Agreement for Coffee Dock & Post Recommended Action: Voice Vote.

That the Board of Port Commissioners approve the proposed Assignment and Assumption of Lease between Sandra Aiken, Ashley Hwang, Janice Hwang, and Priscilla Levy dba Coffee Dock & Post and Josefina Aguilar for the premises located at 1575 Spinnaker Drive #105 A&B, Ventura, California 93001.

ACTION: This item was pulled from the agenda.

Public Comment: Sandra Aiken, one of the owners of Coffee Dock & Post, commented that she and her co-owners have been trying to sell their business for a while. Referring to Josefina Aguilar, she said they found a buyer they like that they think will be successful. Sandra asked the Board why the Assignment to Ms. Aguilar has not been approved. Josefina Aguilar, potential buyer of Coffee Dock & Post, also spoke and provided some written documents from third parties supporting her attempt to acquire the business. Both Sandra and Josefina said that the current owners of Coffee Dock & Post are willing to issue a promissory note to help make the deal more secure for the District.

3) Continuation of General Manager's Employment

Recommended Action: Voice Vote.

That the Board of Port Commissioners approve Amendment No. 5 to the General Manager's Restated Employment Agreement.

ACTION:

Commissioner Friedman moved, seconded by Commissioner Valance and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Amendment No. 5 to the General Manager's Restated Employment Agreement.

4) Ventura Shellfish Enterprise Site Selection Alternatives

Recommended Action: Informational.

That the Board of Port Commissioners receive a report on the Ventura Shellfish Enterprise Site Selection Alternatives.

ACTION: The Commission received a report on the Ventura Shellfish Enterprise Site Selection Alternatives.

Public Comment: John Gingerich, bait fisherman, said that the stretch along the one three mile line that the VSE is proposing is going to affect a lot of people, particularly fishermen. Mike McCorkle, President of the Southern California Trawlers Association, said at this time we cannot agree to any of these options, and provided a single option that they can support (see attachment). Jamie Diamond, Stardust Sportsfishing, said these options do not work for the bait trawler and sportfishing is reliant on bait trawlers. She also mentioned that the whales travel through this zone and will throw off the migration. All parties asked the Board to reconsider their proposed site selection.

AGENDA PLANNING GUIDE AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) Homelessness; 2) Painting/Signage; 3) Traffic; 4) Project Schedules (key dates);
- 5) Employee Classifications.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM.

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