# **VENTURA PORT DISTRICT**

## BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Ventura Board of Port Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Brian Brennan at 7:01PM at the Ventura Port District Administration Office, 1603 Anchors Way Drive, Ventura, CA 93001.



## **Commissioners Present:**

Brian Brennan, Vice Chairman Jim Friedman, Secretary Chris Stephens Jean Getchell

## **Commissioners Absent:**

Everard Ashworth, Chairman

## **Port District Staff:**

Oscar Peña, General Manager Brian Pendleton, Deputy General Manager John Higgins, Harbormaster Jennifer Talt-Lundin, Marketing Manager Joe Gonzalez, Facilities Manager Gloria Adkins, Accounting Manager Jessica Rauch, Clerk of the Board

## Legal Counsel:

Dominic Nunneri

#### **AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Vice Chairman Brennan at 7:01PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By Commissioner Friedman.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Ashworth was absent.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

ACTON: Commissioner Friedman moved, seconded by Commissioner Getchell and

carried by a vote of 4-0 to adopt the October 24, 2018 agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the October 10, 2018 Regular Meeting were considered as follows:

**ACTION:** 

Commissioner Friedman moved, seconded by Commissioner Getchell and carried by a vote of 3-0 (Stephens abstained) to approve the minutes of October 10, 2018, with the following addition to Standard Item 4:

Note: As a requirement of the FPPC Rules, Commissioner Friedman disclosed that he received a campaign donation from Michael Sondermann.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** Tom Buenger, Real Estate Agent for Julie's Alps, spoke on behalf of the owner to put in a good word for the RFP consideration.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT:** Mr. Nunneri 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:** Commissioner Getchell attended the Island Packers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise, which benefited Project Understanding. She had not been on an Island Packers boat in 20 years and it was nice to see the improvements they have made to the boats. The food was also good.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Peña spoke positively on the increase of tenant sales in the Village and the number of visitors the Village received in September. Mr. Pendleton reported that marketing staff will help get the word out to Village tenants for the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting because the agenda will include the Village Painting Project and Village Parking Plan.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Mr. Nunneri updated the Commission on a California Appellate Court decision in Ribakoff v. City of Long Beach, which held that a transit board's restriction of public comment to three minutes per person, per agenda item, does not violate the Brown Act.

### **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 requests for the following persons:

a) Marketing Manager, Jennifer Talt-Lundin to Monterey, California to participate in the Central Coast Board Workshop and Meeting; and

b) Consultant, Richard Parsons to travel to San Francisco, California to attend a California Coastal Commission (CCC) Meeting.

ACTION:

Commissioner Stephens moved, seconded by Commissioner Getchell and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the out of town travel requests for the for Marketing Manager, Jennifer Talt-Lundin to Monterey, California to participate in the Central Coast Board Workshop and Meeting; and Consultant, Richard Parsons to travel to San Francisco, California to attend a California Coastal Commission (CCC) Meeting.

### STANDARD AGENDA:

# 1) Downtown Ventura Harbor Trolley Partnership and Services

Recommended Action: Informational.

That the Board of Port Commissioners receive an informational report from Kevin Clerici, Executive Director for Downtown Ventura on the Downtown Ventura Harbor Trolley Partnership and Services.

**ACTION:** 

The Board received an informational report from Kevin Clerici, Executive Director for Downtown Ventura on the Downtown Ventura Harbor Trolley Partnership and Services.

Public Comment: Sam Sadove is a supporter of the trolley and was part of its initiation. He does not agree with some things that have occurred in the process and many times during his contribution, which was equal to the District's at the time. He thinks the District is taking an appropriate step in reducing its contribution, due to reduced services. He hopes the Downtown Organization will put a greater effort into getting others to contribute. (See attached letter that was submitted at the meeting) Councilmember Heitmann commented that when she first came on the Council, she was approached by the "Sam's" who had a vision for how to move people around Ventura. She took this project on and started working with Mr. Clerici. She believes it's a benefit to tourism and to the Harbor. Residents in the Pierpont neighborhood also utilize it. She thinks it's a good idea to get the stakeholders together to discuss what the viability and future is of the Trolley. The City has contributed a large capital expense and Councilmember Weir is advocating for the City to be more involved, possibly through advertising or looking into grants. Councilmember Heitmann asked the Commission to think about reinstating the full contribution.

2) Approval of a Budget Adjustment for Repair of a Harbor Cove Beach Water Line Recommended Action: Voice Vote.

That the Board of Port Commissioners approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$44,900.00 to repair a fractured water line at Harbor Cove Beach.

ACTION:

Commissioner Stephens moved, seconded by Commissioner Friedman and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$44,900.00 to repair a fractured water line at Harbor Cove Beach.

AGENDA PLANNING GUIDE AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM.

Secretary

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