

VENTURA PORT DISTRICT

BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020



CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The Ventura Board of Port Commissioners Regular Closed Session Meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Stephens at 5:30PM at the Ventura Port District Administration Office, 1603 Anchors Way Drive, Ventura, CA 93001 and via Zoom meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Chris Stephens, Chairman
Brian Brennan, Vice Chairman
Jackie Gardina, Secretary via teleconference
Everard Ashworth via teleconference
Michael Blumenberg via teleconference

Commissioners Absent:

None.

Port District Staff:

Brian Pendleton, General Manager
Todd Mitchell, Business Operations Manager
Jessica Rauch, Clerk of the Board

Legal Counsel:

Andy Turner via teleconference
Elsa Sham via teleconference

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:32PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Closed Session was adjourned at 6:58PM.

OPEN SESSION

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

The Ventura Board of Port Commissioners Regular Open Session Meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Stephens at 7:02PM at the Ventura Port District Administration Office, 1603 Anchors Way Drive, Ventura, CA 93001 and via Zoom Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By Vice Chairman Brennan.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Chris Stephens, Chairman
Brian Brennan, Vice Chairman
Jackie Gardina, Secretary via teleconference
Everard Ashworth via teleconference
Michael Blumenberg via teleconference

Commissioners Absent:

None.

Port District Staff:

Brian Pendleton, General Manager
Todd Mitchell, Business Operations Manager
Jessica Rauch, Clerk of the Board
Robin Baer, Property Manager via teleconference
John Higgins, Harbormaster via teleconference
Joe Gonzalez, Facilities Manager via teleconference
Dave Werneburg, Marina Manager via teleconference

Legal Counsel:

Andy Turner via teleconference
Elsa Sham via teleconference

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Brennan moved, seconded by Commissioner Gardina, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt the September 2, 2020 agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regular Meeting and August 19, 2020 Special Meeting were considered as follows:

ACTION: Commissioner Blumenberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the July 15, 2020 Regular Meeting and August 19, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: Mr. Turner stated that the Board met in closed session; discussed and reviewed all items on the closed session agenda. The Board gave direction to staff as how to proceed. No action was taken that is reportable under The Brown Act.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

STAFF AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS: Mr. Pendleton reported that staff has created a new staff report template that includes the District's long-term goals and 5-year objectives as it relates to the item.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Approval of New Restaurant Lease Agreement for Rigoberto Lopez Rangel dba Baja Bay Surf Taco

Recommended Action: Roll Call Vote.

That the Board of Port Commissioners approve a new restaurant lease agreement for the premises located at 1567 Spinnaker #104, consisting of 773 square feet with 623 patio square feet between the Ventura Port District dba Ventura Harbor Village and Rigoberto Lopez Rangel dba Baja Bay Surf Taco for a two-year term with a two-year option.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: Commissioner Brennan moved, seconded by Commissioner Gardina and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve a new restaurant lease agreement for the premises located at 1567 Spinnaker #104, consisting of 773 square feet with 623 patio square feet between the Ventura Port District dba Ventura Harbor Village and Rigoberto Lopez Rangel dba Baja Bay Surf Taco for a two-year term with a two-year option.

STANDARD AGENDA:

1) Consideration of Preliminary Operations Plan and Draft Economic and Fiscal Impacts of the Proposed Ventura Shellfish Enterprise Project

Recommended Action: Informational.

That the Board of Port Commissioners receive an informational report on the Preliminary Operations Plan and Draft Economic and Fiscal Impacts of the Proposed Ventura Shellfish Enterprise Project.

Report by General Manager, Brian D. Pendleton; Robert Smith, K&L Gates; Laurie Monarres, John Davis IV, and Andrea Dransfield, Dudek; Ralph Imondi, Coastal Marine Biolabs, Scott Lindell, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; and Michael Wright, Illuminas Consulting.

Public Comment:

Sam Sadove, owner of Ventura Harbor Marina Associates, LLC would like more time for the public to review the documents and comment, especially the commercial fishermen who are currently out fishing and have not seen it. He commented that Blue Whales have been excluded from the report, which he believes is not true and should be added to the document. He stated commercial fishermen will not be able to afford the startup costs and suggested staff look into grant opportunities.

Mike Conroy, West Coast Fisheries Consultants and Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations agreed with Mr. Sadove's comments, would like more time to review and stated that there have only been three entanglements reported in lobster gear.

ACTION: The Board of Port Commissioners received an informational report on the Preliminary Operations Plan and Draft Economic and Fiscal Impacts for the Proposed Ventura Shellfish Enterprise Project. The Board requested staff return on October 7th to authorize the General Manager to submit to regulatory agencies, giving the public and Commissioners approximately one month to review and submit comments.

2) Ventura Port District Operations Update as it Relates to COVID-19

Recommended Action: Informational. (Verbal Report)

That the Board of Port Commissioners receive an update on:

- a) The COVID-19 Ventura Harbor Rental Abatement and Deferment Program; and
- b) Status of Ventura Port District operations.

Report by General Manager, Brian D. Pendleton.

Public Comment: Sam Sadove, owner of Ventura Harbor Marine Associates, LLC. reported that he temperature checks his employees twice a day. They had a scare a few weeks ago and his staff all did the rapid testing, which is now available. However, to get it for free, you have to have symptoms or have a doctor's note.

ACTION: The Board of Port Commissioners received an update on COVID related items.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:16PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2020.



Jackie Gardina, Secretary