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**APPROVED MINUTES
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 6, 2009**

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a special meeting at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2009 in the Commission Chambers at Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA. Commissioners Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara and Tarleton were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Bill Bryant, Commission President.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to RCW 42.30.110

The regular meeting was immediately recessed to an executive session to discuss Legal Risk matters for approximately one hour and reconvened to public session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(00:01:00) Motion for approval of minutes for the October 21, 2008 Special Work Session, the October 27, 2008 Special Meeting, and the October 28, 2008 Regular Meeting – Davis

Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (5)

4. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

(00:01:36) Election of Officers for 2009

The following slate of officers was proposed by Commissioner Tarleton:

President and Chair – Bryant
Vice-president and Vice-chair – Tarleton
Secretary – Hara
Assistant Secretary – Davis
Commissioner – Creighton

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Hara stated that he would vote no on the motion as he believed discussions were held in secret regarding the proposed slate of officers.

Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Tarleton (4)

Opposed: Hara (1)

Commissioner Creighton provided outgoing remarks, commenting on his past two years of serving as Commission Chair and President.

There was a short recess for a photo opportunity of the passing of the gavel to incoming Commission president Bryant, and the meeting was reconvened.

Commissioners Bryant and Hara expressed their appreciation of Commissioner Creighton's service over the past two years as Commission Chair. CEO Yoshitani also commented on the leadership and successes of Commissioner Hara over the past two years since he has been at the Port as Chief Executive officer, and thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Bryant then provided incoming remarks, and thanked Commissioner Creighton for his leadership.

5. UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

Policy and Staff Briefing 6b was advanced on the agenda as follows:

6. POLICY AND STAFF BRIEFINGS

b. (00:27:58) Alaskan Way Viaduct/Seawall Replacement Project: Status Update

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Presentation document: Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated December 29, 2008 from Kurt Beckett, Director, External Affairs and Geri Poor, Regional Transportation Manager

Presenters: Ms. Poor and Mike Merritt, Government Relations Manager

Staff reviewed the recent Commission motion which was passed on December 15 regarding the Viaduct, supporting a sub-surface hybrid replacement option. It was noted that at a recent meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, the committee voted nearly unanimously that the leadership group of the state, the county and the City of Seattle should continue study of the option of a deep bored tunnel, along with improvements to I-5, transit, and the surface streets. The Stakeholder Committee's decision was taken in recognition that the state's financial contribution would be capped at about \$2.8 billion and that additional money to fund the extra cost of the tunnel should come from regional sources.

Commissioner Tarleton encouraged further public discussion regarding the Viaduct.

a. (00:37:27) Briefing on Airport Response to Snow Emergency

Presentation documents: Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated December 31, 2008 and computer slide [presentation](#) from Mark M. Reis, Managing Director, Aviation Division

Presenter: Mr. Reis

Mr. Reis presented an overview of the response at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to the recent snow incident in the area. Statistics included the facts that over a period of 13 days, nearly 14 inches of snow fell, and at times there were sustained winds at the Airport of 30 knots.

Mr. Reis commented on snow removal on runways and taxiways, on airport roads and drives, terminal management, and employee volunteers.

Commissioner Tarleton read into the record a letter that she had sent to all Port employees recognizing the Port's performance in response to the recent snow storm. A copy of the letter is by reference, made a part of these minutes, is marked Exhibit 'A,' and is on file in Port offices.

c. (01:02:18) Update on Cruise Vessel Biomass Study and Phase 1 Draft Report

Presentation documents: Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated December 19, 2008 from Stephanie Jones Stebbins, Senior Manager, Seaport Environmental Programs and Peter K. Ressler, Seaport Environmental Programs Compliance Manager and [DRAFT Report](#) titled 'Cruise Vessel Biomass Management Study.'

Presenters Ms. Jones Stebbins and Mr. Ressler

At the beginning of the presentation, Ms. Jones Stebbins noted that they are currently in the beginning of a 30-day public comment period on the report. She stated that the biomass study is being done in response to a Commission motion made in February, 2007, directing staff to work with other stakeholders to look at cruise waste and cruise biomass as well as a motion from the County Council to their staff to also work on the issue, and to work with Port staff. The County took the lead in the study, and the focus of the work was on cruise wastewater. During the past year, further work was done with a broader focus on biomass.

Public comment regarding Item 6c was received from the following individuals:

- Bill Morani, Holland America Line. Mr. Morani spoke in favor of their work with the Port of Seattle and committed to doing so in the future.
- Fred Felleman, Friends of the Earth. Mr. Felleman commented that he felt the draft report being discussed was contradictory to the Environmental Protection Agency's report.
- Heather Trim, People for Puget Sound. Ms. Trim stated that she appreciates the public comment period on the report, and also noted that she does not believe the report is fulfilling what the Port's motion requested and feels that the report needs more detail
- Marietta Sharp, Department of Ecology. Ms. Sharp urged the Commission to have staff continue the study and look at options for a more in-depth study.

d. (01:45:47) Federal and State Legislative Update

Presentation document: Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated December 31, 2008 from Kurt Beckett, Director External Affairs and Clare Gallagher, Manager, State Government Relations

Presenters: Mr. Beckett and Ms. Gallagher

Mr. Beckett noted that at the Federal level, the three top priorities are infrastructure investment, green port related opportunities, and port security. He also commented that the Federal economic stimulus package was expected to be finalized prior to the President's Day recess.

Ms. Gallagher provided background on upcoming work to be done at the State level, including a significant amount of work as a result of the significant economic downturn. She commented on proposed work to be done regarding the state budget, transportation funding, and anticipated stimulus spending, and also noted that there would be a strong focus on environmental initiatives.

e. (02:07:32) Briefing on the 2008 Audit Committee Accomplishments

Presentation documents: Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated December 31, 2008 and computer slide [presentation](#) from Tom Barnard, Research and Policy Analyst

Presenter: Mr. Barnard

Mr. Barnard reviewed accomplishments of the 2008 accomplishment of the Audit Committee, which included:

- Background of the Audit Committee and Related Tasks
- Organizational Strengthening
- Future Work

f. (02:29:42) Briefing on Pier 66 Outer Berth Activity

Presentation document: Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated December 31, 2008 from Charlie Sheldon, Managing Director, Seaport Division

Presenter: Mr. Sheldon

Mr. Sheldon presented information as requested by the Commission regarding options for the relocating of the Matson ship currently berthed at Pier 66. Options and financial impacts for relocating the vessel were reviewed.

Public Comment regarding Item 6f was received from the following:

- Shelley Tomberg, Director of Marketing at Bell Harbor. Ms. Tomberg spoke against the option of moving the Matson ship north.

g (02:46:50) Briefing on Declaration of Emergency

Briefing document: [Memorandum](#) dated December 31, 2008 from Ralph Graves, Managing Director, Capital Development Division.

Presenter: Mr. Graves

Mr. Graves commented on information that had been presented to the Commission earlier via e-mail regarding a declaration of emergency at Terminal 91 related to a leak in a water main at Terminal 91.

Mr. Graves also referenced an additional notice to the Commission regarding a water line break which had occurred at Terminal 104.

7. MARINE ITEMS

a. (02:49:58) Resolution No. 3210, First Reading. Naming the new cruise terminal located on Pier 91 “Smith Cove Cruise Terminal.”

Request document: Commission agenda memorandum dated December 30, 2008 from Charlie Sheldon, Managing Director, Seaport Division.

Presenters: Mr. Sheldon and Mike McLaughlin, Senior Manager, Cruise and Industrial Properties

Following Commission discussion of the proposed resolution, it was suggested that further study of the naming of the Cruise Terminal needed further review, and the item was tabled until the next Commission meeting.

8. AVIATION ITEMS

None.

9. CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

None.

10. REAL ESTATE

None.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Commission discussion, led by Commissioner Tarleton regarding a proposal that would be moving forward regarding an Ethics Advisory Forum. It was suggested that a motion would be presented to the Commission at the end of January, 2009

Commissioner Davis commented that she would like to see on future agendas more information which reflected where the Port is headed.

Prior to adjournment, Commissioner Bryant announced the final amount for the McKay investigation, which totaled \$1,399,464.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

(A digital recording of the meeting is available on the Port's website.)

Lloyd Hara
Secretary