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**APPROVED MINUTES  
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 24, 2009**

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a special meeting at 3:30 p.m., Monday, August 24, 2009 in the Commission Chambers at Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA. Commissioners Creighton, Davis, Hara and Tarleton were present. Commissioner Bryant was absent.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Gael Tarleton, Vice-Chair and Vice-President.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to RCW 42.30.110**

The special meeting immediately recessed to an Executive Session to discuss Legal Risk matters (RCW 42.30.110) (l)(i) for approximately one hour and reconvened to public session.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**4. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None.

5. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

6. **DIVISION, CORPORATE AND COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

- a. (00:01:16) Resolution No. [3627](#), First Reading. Amending Resolution No. [3626](#),  
Opting out of Tax Redistribution for Local Revitalization Area (Newcastle)

Request document: Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated August 20, 2009 from Clare Gallagher, State Government Relations Manager and Elizabeth Morrison, Senior Manager, Corporate Finance.

Presenters: Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Morrison

Ms. Gallagher explained to the Commission that as a result of recent state legislative action, local municipalities would be allowed to establish community revitalization areas, and that in this case Port district levy monies would be considered part of the revitalization area unless the Port chooses to take official action to opt out. She noted that earlier action had been taken by resolution to opt out for several revitalization areas, and that today's action would amend that resolution to include the City of Newcastle.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Davis as to whether or not there would be other cities going in this direction, Ms. Gallagher stated that hopefully it is; and she believes that no other requests are pending.

Ms. Gallaher also explained that in previous similar programs, it was necessary to 'opt in' rather than choosing to 'opt out' of participating.

**Motion for Resolution No. 3627, First Reading; amending Resolution No. 3626 – Davis**

**Second – Hara**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (4)**

Commissioner Bryant was absent for the vote.

It was then noted that Second Reading and Final Passage of the Resolution would take place at tomorrow's meeting.

7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

None.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Public comment regarding recent issues regarding the Nickelsville encampment, currently staying on Port property, was received from the following individuals:

- Karen Morris, Local Crimewatch Group. Ms. Morris expressed her concern about encampments such as Nickelsville and stated that she hopes the Port will stick to the original decision that it is not appropriate to let this particular group use port land. A written copy of Ms. Morris' comments was also provided; is, by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[A](#);' and is on file in Port offices.
- Sarah Lee Koumbassa, who noted her concern of safety to both herself and to her neighbors in the vicinity of the Nickelsville encampment.
- Donald Marquart, who stated that he believes the encampment has changed the nature of the neighborhood in which he lives.
- Kevin Peterson, who noted several concerns, including a belief that there is a threat to families in the area of the encampment; lack of hygiene; a lack of motivation to get out of the situation; the fact that if the encampment was located in any other community, it would be looked at differently.
- A written copy of testimony was provided by Amy Thomson. A copy is, by reference, made a part of these minutes, is marked Exhibit '[B](#);' and is on file in Port offices.

Following public comment, Commissioner Davis reiterated the fact that the message from the Port must be that the encampment cannot stay where it is currently located.

**9. POLICY ROUNDTABLE**

None.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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

Lloyd Hara  
Secretary