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**APPROVED MINUTES
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 18, 2012**

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a special meeting Monday, June 18, 2012, at King County Council Chambers at the King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington, for the purpose of meeting jointly with the King County Council Committee of the Whole. Commissioners Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, and Tarleton were present. Commissioner Albro was absent prior to 10:37 a.m. Also present were King County Councilmembers Ferguson, Lambert, Patterson, Phillips, von Reichbauer, Gossett, Dunn, and McDermott and Councilmember Hague, Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

The special meeting of the Port of Seattle Commission was called to order at 10:21 a.m. by Gael Tarleton, Commission President.

Committee Chair Hague welcomed the Port of Seattle Commission to King County Council Chambers and recognized Port Chief Executive Officer Yoshitani. Committee Chair Hague and Commission President Tarleton made brief opening comments stressing the value of coordination and collaboration between the two groups.

King County Strategic Plan Overview and Status Report.

John Resha, Principal Legislative Analyst, King County Council, reported on the adoption in 2010 of the King County Council's first countywide strategic plan. He presented a summary of the eight primary strategic plan goals focused on justice and safety, health and human potential, economic growth and built environment, environmental sustainability, service excellence, financial stewardship, public engagement, and a quality workforce.

Port of Seattle Century Agenda Briefing and Video.

Commissioner Albro arrived at 10:37 a.m.

Commissioners Creighton and Bryant commented on common interests of the Port of Seattle and the King County Council; the process of developing the Port's Century Agenda; the importance to the Century Agenda goals of complementary land-use, transportation, and tax policies; the role of tourism, workforce development, and promotion of small business in the Century Agenda; and the environmental responsibility component of the Century Agenda and the Port's day-to-day operations. A five-minute video on the Century Agenda was presented.

Local Economic Development Panel and Discussion.

Ray Moser, Economic Policy Advisor/Business Relations Manager, King County Executive's Office, made a presentation on the composition and mission of the King County Aerospace Alliance to foster the long-term economic vitality, growth, and competitiveness of the aerospace industry in King County.

Mark Reis, Aviation Division Managing Director, Port of Seattle, reported on passenger growth trends at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, including growth in international destinations, and Airport capital projects.

Linda Styrk, Seaport Division Managing Director, Port of Seattle, commented on activities of the Port of Seattle's seaport, noting economic impacts and describing Century Agenda goals relating to various lines of business in the Seaport division. She presented information relating to Port infrastructure investments and development trends in container freight.

Michael Merritt, Local Government Relations Manager, Port of Seattle, reported on regional freight mobility efforts in which the Port has been a partner. He commented on mobility interests related to highway and street improvements and extensions, rail capacity and intermodal connections, transit extensions and funding stability, and Seattle seawall improvements.

John Resha, Principal Legislative Analyst, King County Council, commented on the role of King County Metro Transit in supporting regional transportation needs and agency funding concerns.

Commissioner Tarleton chaired the discussion that followed, which included remarks by Councilmember Patterson on the need to obtain passage of worker retention legislation; comments by Commissioner Creighton on the Port Commission's support for a worker retention policy; the complexity introduced by the injunction issued in the matter of *CityIce Cold Storage v. Port of Seattle* and the Port Commission's decision to hire outside counsel to review and seek a modification of the injunction; remarks by Councilmember Phillips on conveying the message of the importance of regional job growth and collaboration on transportation issues; and Commissioner Holland's comments on the need to balance worker retention interests in the concessions program and policies that hurt small and disadvantaged businesses at the Airport.

International Trade Panel and Discussion.

Eric Schinfeld, President, Washington Council on International Trade, and Federal Policy Director for the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, commented that there is a strong international market for goods and services in Washington and noted potential areas of collaboration between the Port Commission and County Council.

Bill Glassford, Board Chair, Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle, commented on the work of the trade alliance's public entities and businesses to promote international trade.

Tom Norwalk, President and Chief Executive Officer, Seattle Convention and Visitors Bureau, commented on the "Brand USA" marketing campaign focused on international customers and local

increases in international tourism and on the need to develop a sustainable funding mechanism for tourism promotion in Washington.

Motion to Strengthen Regional Cooperation between King County and the Port of Seattle.

Nick Wagner, Principal Legislative Analyst, King County Council, presented a motion, proposed for adoption by both the King County Council and the Port of Seattle Commission, the Port of Seattle version of which reads as follows:

- (1) The Port of Seattle Commission (“Commission”) appreciates that King County supports the goals of the Port’s Century Agenda and is pleased that the King County Council will designate one or more members to meet with a temporary committee of the Commission to identify issues of common interest in the King County Strategic Plan and the Century Agenda, and areas where the Port and King County can work together to achieve their mutual goals. This motion serves to establish a temporary committee to work with King County Councilmembers in furtherance of achieving their mutual goals in accordance with Article III, Section 6, of the Commission’s Bylaws.**
- (2) The Port will seek opportunities to form joint state and federal legislative agendas with King County.**
- (3) The Port will seek opportunities to partner on environmental initiatives and transportation planning with King County.**
- (4) The Port will seek opportunities to partner with King County on economic development and tourism, including support of strong air, rail and freight industries.**

[Clerk’s Note: A copy of the complete motion, including the statement in support of the motion, is available for inspection in Port offices.]

The motion was moved and seconded by the King County Council Committee of the Whole, and Councilmember Patterson offered an amendment to include an additional focus of consideration for the temporary committee in furtherance of the mutual goals of the Port of Seattle and the King County Council. The amendment was adopted by the King County Council Committee of the Whole, as was the amended motion, which was referred to the King County Council for expedited action.

The Port of Seattle Commission then took up the original motion, as described above, as follows:

Motion to Strengthen Regional Cooperation between King County and the Port of Seattle – Creighton

Second – Bryant

AMENDMENT

Commissioner Creighton offered an amendment to the motion in order to conform it to the amended motion passed by the King County Council Committee of the Whole by inserting the following text in the first paragraph, after “Strategic Plan and the Century Agenda,”:

including social justice and equity principles as they relate to economic development and environmental sustainability,

Commissioner Holland noted that the Port of Seattle is a special purpose government and therefore more limited than the general purpose governments of King County and the City of Seattle in adopting legislative measures appropriate to social justice and equity principles, such as adoption of a living-wage ordinance, which he suggested the King County Council has the authority to do. Commissioner Albro noted that the motion was a good first step toward improving the future of King County residents, although he noted there is still much work to do.

Motion to amend – Albro

Second – Holland

Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, Tarleton (5)

The question recurred on the motion, as amended, to strengthen regional cooperation between King County and the Port of Seattle, which now reads as follows:

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Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, Tarleton (5)

Commissioner Tarleton announced that Commissioners Creighton and Bryant had agreed to serve on the temporary committee on behalf of the Port of Seattle.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.