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COMMISSION

AGENDA MEMORANDUM Item No. 8b _____

ACTION ITEM Date of Meeting May 14, 2024 ____

DATE: May 3, 2024

TO: Steve Metruck, Executive Director

FROM: Eloise Olivar, AFR Senior Manager Disbursements

SUBJECT: Claims and Obligations – April 2024

ACTION REQUESTED

Request Port Commission approval of the Port Auditor's payment of the salaries and claims of the Port pursuant to RCW 42.24.180 for payments issued during the period April 1 through 30, 2024 as follows:
Payment

Payment Type Payment Reference Reference End Amount

Start Number Number

Accounts Payable Checks 952972 953563 \$6,611,101.26

Accounts Payable ACH 065245 066055 \$113,913,100.54

Accounts Payable Wire Transfers 016289 016307 \$9,986,180.23

Payroll Checks 212008 212388 \$63,007.94

Payroll ACH 1191687 1196496 \$16,068,853.03

Total Payments \$146,579,235.06

Pursuant to RCW 42.24.180, "the Port's legislative body" (the Commission) is required to approve in a public meeting all payments of claims within one month of issuance.

OVERSIGHT

All these payments have been previously authorized either through direct Commission action or delegation of authority to the Executive Director and through his or her staff. Detailed information on Port expenditures is provided to the Commission through comprehensive budget presentations as well as the publicly released Budget Document, which provides an even greater level of detail. The Port's operating and capital budget is approved by resolution in December for the coming fiscal year, and the Commission also approves the Salary and Benefit Resolution around the same time to authorize pay and benefit programs. Notwithstanding the Port's budget approval, individual capital projects and contracts exceeding certain dollar thresholds are also subsequently brought before the Commission for specific authorization prior to commencement of the project or contract—if they are below the thresholds the Executive Director is delegated authority to approve them. Expenditures are monitored against budgets monthly by management and reported comprehensively to the Commission quarterly.

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Effective internal controls over all Port procurement, contracting and disbursements are also in place to ensure proper central oversight, delegation of authority, separation of duties, payment approval and documentation, and signed perjury statement certifications for all payments. Port disbursements are also regularly monitored against spending authorizations. All payment transactions and internal controls are subject to periodic Port internal audits and annual external audits conducted by both the State Auditor's Office and the Port's independent auditors.

For the month of April 2024, over \$130,510,382.03 in payments were made to nearly 755 vendors, comprised of 2,606 invoices and over 9,242 accounting expense transactions. About 94 percent of the accounts payable payments made in the month fall into the Construction, Public Expense, Employee Benefits, Contracted Services, Payroll Taxes, Utility Expenses, Janitorial Services, Sales Taxes, NWSA Construction Payments and Environmental Remediation. Net payroll expense for the month of April was \$16,068,853.03.

Top 10 Payment Category Summary:

Category Payment Amount

Construction 67,628,497.56

Public Expense 16,667,099.43

Employee Benefits 11,819,161.51

Contracted Services 8,892,005.13

Payroll Taxes 6,643,855.34

Utility Expenses 4,212,290.58

Janitorial Services 2,529,101.22

Sales Taxes 1,815,583.52

NWSA Construction Payments 1,631,605.58

Environmental Remediation 1,254,872.55

Other Categories Total: 7,416,309.61

Net Payroll 16,068,853.03
Total Payments 146,579,235.06

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Appropriate and effective internal controls are in place to ensure that the above obligations were processed in accordance with Port of Seattle procurement/payment policies and delegation of authority.

At a meeting of the Port Commission held on May 14, 2024, it is hereby moved that, pursuant to RCW 42.24.180, the Port Commission approves the Port Auditor's payment of the above salaries and claims of the Port:

Port Commission