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Minutes
Special Meeting of the
PORT OF CENTRALIA
September 13, 2023
Port of Centralia Administrative Office & Via Teleconference
4:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners: Kyle Markstrom; Julie Shaffley; and Peter Lahmann
Executive Director: Kyle Heaton
Counsel: Ray Liaw, Van Ness Feldman
Press: Owen Sexton, The Chronicle
Public: Bob Jackins
Teleconference: Six unknown callers

1) **Call Meeting to Order/Introductions:** Commissioner Markstrom called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2) **Public Hearing:** Commissioner Markstrom called the public hearing to order at 4:01 p.m.

   a) **Review of Amending Master Plan and Declaring Property Surplus:** Kyle Heaton gave a brief overview of the proposed Master Plan amendment and the proposed surplus property.

   Commissioner Lahmann stated that the proposed new Map 6-A for the Port's Master Plan was confusing and it does not match up with Exhibit B of the proposed Resolution 2023-5.

   Ray Liaw, with Van Ness Feldman, stated that it was tricky because the property that is proposed to be surplussed is within the Industrial Development District, but part of it has never been part of the Master Plan so it is not reflected on the map, yet they are described on Exhibit B of the proposed Resolution 2023-5 because the Port owns them. Kyle Markstrom asked Peter Lahmann if that answered his question. He replied yes.

   b) **Public Testimony:** There was no public comment given.

   c) **Adjourn:** Commissioner Markstrom adjourned the public hearing at 4:06 p.m.

3) **Reconvene:** Commissioner Markstrom reconvened the special meeting at 4:06 p.m.

4) **Resolution No. 2023-05 to Declare Property Surplus and Amend Master Plan:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-05 to Declare Property Surplus Not Needed for Port Purposes and to Amend Its Industrial and Commercial Parks Master Plan. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion.

   Commissioner Lahmann stated that the public would not be able to read the legal description on Exhibit B of the Resolution and know what was being sold. He did not receive background information on it until the day before the meeting and he could not make out the details of Map 6-A

on his Port-issued iPad. He asked why the Master Plan map did not include all of the properties. He said that he could not in good conscience vote in favor of the Resolution based on the documentation even though he would vote in favor to surplus every piece of property the Port owns.

Commissioner Markstrom asked Commissioner Lahmann if he understood that the Resolution was mostly in order to dedicate the new Yew Street extension to the City of Centralia. Commissioner Lahmann replied that he did not, but he knew that needed to be done.

Commissioner Shaffley asked if by taking the properties out of the Industrial Development District, it would remove the restrictions on the properties for only industrial use to now include other uses such as retail and commercial for whoever purchases them. Kyle Heaton replied that it was a very black-and-white explanation but was essentially correct.

Commissioner Markstrom and Commissioner Shaffley voted in favor of approving Resolution 2023-05. Commissioner Lahmann opposed the motion. The motion carried.

5) **Adjourn:** Commissioner Shaffley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m. Commissioner Lahmann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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