

PORT OF ORCAS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 10,2024

Commissioners Present: Mia Kartiganer, Jason Laursen, Michael Triplett

Commissioners Present by ZOOM: Robert Hamilton, Annalies Schuh

CALL TO ORDER: At 5:01, Secretary Michael called the meeting to order as Chair Hamilton was having trouble with his ZOOM connection.

PUBLIC ACCESS;

Staff Member Kim Kimple began public comment by addressing Michael's concern ( which was expressed on the morning of June 3) that the June 2+3 Port meetings were illegal as they didn't fulfill the State posting requirements. Kim has " tattled" this lapse to the State Auditor's office and reports that since it was Executive Session and no public comment taken, and no action was taken, the matter will resurface at our accountability audit in the fall but it is likely no repercussions will result.

The following members of the public then expressed their endorsement of Chip Long to be the next Port Executive Director:

Rick Fant , Eric Gourley, Rick Hughes, Robin Watson, Barbara Brash, Bob Waunch

( 05:38) EXECUTIVE SESSION;

Chair Robert continued to have issues with his ZOOM connectrion. Michael polled the Commissioners as to how long they felt the Executive Session should last....Robert was then able to connect and after further discussion, it was decided to break for executive session until 5:40—the public was invited to return to the meeting at 5:40.

(14:36) GENERAL SESSION:

Robert reviewed the history of the Executive Directory search process from the hiring of Prothman to our present day and time.

Mia moved to authorize Chair Robert to negotiate with Chip Long for the position of Executive Director for the Port of Orcas within the advertised salary range and benefits. Jason seconded the motion. There were no comments or discussion from the Commissioners. Robert called for the vote. 4 Yea and Michael Abstained. Robert explained the results of his negotiations with Chip will be presented at our next meeting June 24 at which the Commission will decide whether a hiring will take place.

(19:40) Reimbursement of Travel expenses for the Candidates: Robert moved we reimburse Candidate Rich at \$2,306.07 for his travel expense receipts. Michael seconded. Mia thought \$2,000 should be the limit. Motion passed with 3 Yea with Mia and Jason No.

PUBLIC COMMENT;

Bob Waunch praised the hiring process and the decision to negotiate with Chip for the job.

Robert thanked Alan Baker who was attending by ZOOM to thank him for his participation as a Candidate for the Executive Director position. Robert also expressed the Port's condolences (especially to Bob Waunch) regarding the recent passing of Bill Anders.

Mia wanted to say that the fact that Chip already had housing on Orcas Island had nothing to do with the Commissions decision to pursue his hiring.

(26:26) Robert adjourned the meeting at 5:53

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Triplett, Secretary

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