

## **Port of Cascade Locks**

The Port of Cascade Locks Special Commission Meeting was held Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6 pm at the City of Cascade Locks Council Chambers, Cascade Locks, Oregon.

- I. **Meeting called to order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Commission President Lee called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner's Lee, McLean, Caldwell, Woosley & Janik were present.

**Others present:** General Manager Chuck Daughtry, Port Attorney Jerry Jaques, Staff: Kristi Bengtson, Pat Albaugh, & Anna Tompkins. Others: Peter Cornelison.

Commission President Lee stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting is to consider approving an option agreement and agreement of lease and sale of Port Industrial Property to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, or Oregon and authorize the Port President and Secretary to sign the agreement.

Peter Cornelison left the meeting.

### **III. Recess into Executive Session under ORS 192.660**

- **2 (e) Real Property Negotiations**
- **2 (f) Exempt Documents**

Commission President Lee recessed into Executive Session Under ORS 192.660 – 2 (e) Real Property Negotiations and 2 (f) Exempt Documents at 6:08 pm.

- Discussion on Agreement with Warm Springs Tribe

### **IV. Adjournment of Executive Session**

Commission President Lee adjourned the Executive Session at 6:30 pm and reopened the Regular Meeting.

Peter Cornelison returned to the meeting.

Commission President Lee apologized that the Camera was not working.

Commissioner Lee stated that the Commission has just returned from Executive Session where they have been considering the approval of an option agreement and agreement of lease and sale of Port Industrial Property to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and authorize the Port President and Secretary to sign the agreement.

**COMMISSIONER JANIK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPTION AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT OF LEASE AND SALE OF PORT PROPERTY TO THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON FOR A CASINO AND RELATED USES AND THAT THE PORT COMMISSION PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER WOOLSEY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Discussion:

Commissioner Lee stated that the Port Commission feels that this is a good deal for the local business's, it's good for the housing situation in Cascade Locks, it will create many jobs, it's a clean activity, and will promote additional development of Port and other properties in Cascade Locks. Commissioner Lee also stated that the Commission feels that this will possibly help to reopen the high school; this project will utilize the city services, which will generate funds for the City, will provide better funding for police and fire services, and will provide an interchange into the industrial park, which will help for future economic growth.

Commissioner Lee stated that this land is not needed for public use is not needed for other purposes, and the land is zoned industrial and is meant to be used for job creation.

Commissioner McLean stated that it is not only good for the City of Cascade Locks, but is good for all the towns in the Gorge. This will be a catalyst for increased business throughout the Gorge.

Commissioner Caldwell stated that from day one that she has been involved, she feels that even more than the casino and their operations that they need for survival, she is so grateful to be able to bring the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs people back home and develop our relationships with each other and with the land that is rightly there's.

Commissioner Janik stated that she feels that the construction jobs it will bring initially will be a great jumpstart for the area and the State of Oregon.

Port Attorney Jaques stated that based on the comments that he has heard, the Port Commission believes that this is in the "public interest" and to move forward with this project. Commission President Lee stated, "That is correct".

**Commission President Lee asked for a vote on the motion presented. COMMISSIONER LEE-YES, COMMISSIONER MCLEAN-YES, COMMISSIONER WOOSLEY –YES, COMMISSIONER CALDWELL –YES, COMMISSIONER JANIK – YES. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. Modifications, Additions to Agenda: None**

**VII. RECESS/ADJOURNMENT**

Commission President adjourned the Regular meeting at 6:37 pm.

Submitted by Kristi Bengtson