

PORT OF CASCADE LOCKS

A Budget meeting of the POCL Commission and Budget Committee was held May 26, 2021 at 6pm in Cascade Locks, Oregon 97014 via ZOOM

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Budget Committee President, Myra Walker, called the meeting to order at 6:17pm. No pledge of allegiance was performed due to the virtual platform of the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL:

- **Commissioners Present:** Groves, Caldwell, Lorang and Stipan were present. Bump was absent.
- **Budget Members (BM):** Donna Mohr, Myra Walker, Rob Peterson, Diana Reedy VanWinkle were present. Terry Zwanziger was absent.
- **Others present:** GM Olga Kaganova, Accounting Specialist Melissa Warren, Bridge Supervisor Jeremiah Blue, Maintenance & Construction Manager Todd Mohr, Secretary Sally Moore, Event Coordinator Jeanetta Blue, Secretary-in-Training Colette Black and Museum Director Janice Crane.

3. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST: BM Mohr, Commissioner Groves and Commissioner Caldwell all declared a potential conflict of interest.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. GM KAGANOVA'S FOLLOW-UPS FROM THE LAST MEETING: GM Kaganova stated that she queried pFriem Brewery and ascertained that there are four Cascade Locks residents who currently work for pFriem.

GM Kaganova reminded the committee that they will need to approve the tax rate which is then recommended to the Commission. Essentially, at the conclusion of the budget discussions, the committee will need to put forth two (2) motions: one to approve the tax rate and one to approve the budget.

GM Kaganova had a few line-item revisions to the original budget provided to the committee which provided more detail to the committee.

6. REVIEW OF THE BUDGET DETAIL –

- Review of Fund Summaries** - GM Kaganova reviewed the Fund Summaries of the budget.
- Review of Budget Detail** – GM Kaganova reviewed budget details for the committee.
- Questions, Clarifications and Discussions** - GM Kaganova took questions from the committee members regarding specific elements of the budget. BM Mohr stated her concern regarding the \$2.4 million of appropriated funds from the State of Oregon being included in the budget revenues when it has not been received by the Port. GM Kaganova responded advising the committee that although the funds have not yet been received, there is a high

probability that they will be received this budget year. Therefore, from a budget perspective, they must be in the budget in order for the funds to be used during the fiscal.

BM Walker and BM Mohr asked why the staff salaries were going to be increased this fiscal over \$400,000 from last fiscal. GM Kaganova stated that last year, the staff was reduced by several personnel due to the effects of the pandemic to the budget. However, the duties of those five employees were not eliminated but had to be absorbed by the remaining staff. The increase in the budget is to replace some of those positions both with full-time and seasonal employees to alleviate some of the pressure on the current staff.

BM Mohr also expressed her concern regarding the funding of the pFriem expansion based on the low number of Cascade Locks residents employed by the firm. Several members of the committee commented on this point essentially stating that the Port has no authority to force any business to employ certain persons in any way.

Commissioner Lorang asked if anyone had any different ideas for the budget than what has been put forth to the committee. No further ideas or suggestions were presented.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – BM Mohr wanted to make the statement that she felt the Budget was being pushed through committee process.
8. **APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 BUDGET OR SET ANOTHER MEETING DATE –**

COMMISSIONER LORANG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STIPAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED:

Commissioner Groves – Abstained

Commissioner Stipan - Aye

Commissioner Caldwell – Nay

Commissioner Lorang – Aye

Budget Committee Member Myra Walker – Nay

Budget Committee Member Donna Mohr – Nay

Budget Committee Member Rob Peterson – Aye

Budget Committee Member Diana Reedy Van Winkle – Aye

The 2021-2022 Budget was approved with a vote of 4 – 3.

GM Kaganova stated that the committee still needed to vote on the tax rate which was the same tax rate as for fiscal 2020-21.

COMMISSIONER STIPAN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE TAX RATE AS PROPOSED. COMMISSIONER LORANG SECONDED THE MOTION.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote. 8-0


9. **ADJOURNMENT –**

COMMISSIONER CALDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER MOHR SECONDED THE MOTION.
The motion passed with a unanimous vote. 8-0


THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:41 PM.

Port of Cascade Locks:

Attest:



Jess Groves, President
Port Commission



Joeline Caldwell, Secretary
Port Commission

DATE APPROVED: June 3, 2021
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