



MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
Held September 21, 2015

The September 21, 2015 Business Meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Vice President Matson. The meeting was held at the Port of Sunnyside's Administration Office located at: 2640 E Edison Avenue, Ste. 1, Sunnyside, WA

Commissioners and Staff present at the Business Meeting:

Jeff Matson, Commission Vice President
Arnold Martin, Commission Secretary
Jay Hester, Executive Director
Carol Carter, Finance Officer
Robert Farrell, Port Engineer
Nikki Jech, Administrative Assistant
Rob Faber, Legal Counsel

John Fannin-Daily Sun News, GUEST

The public hearing on the 2016 Preliminary Budget was opened at 5:16 pm by Vice President Matson.

Legal Comments: Rob Faber commented that as per RCW 53.35.020 notice was given of the public hearing on the 2016 Preliminary Budget via publication in the Daily Sun News. The notice ran on Friday, September 11, 2015 and again on Friday, September 18, 2015. As of meeting time, there were no written public comments.

Comments: Carol commented that there were two main items to be highlighted. The first being the revised totals for the 2016 budget. The current draft budget contains the cost of the Carnation building demolition which will most likely occur in 2016 as well as a few other minor changes. The second was the tax levy request. She stated that we will be requesting the maximum legal amount of 1%.

The public hearing was closed at 5:24 pm with no further comments or questions.

PORT ENGINEER: Bob Farrell presented a written report and the following items were discussed; (a copy of the report is available upon request)

- Bob stated that the CAL has recently experienced some challenges but they are working through them.
- Bob also stated that elevated volatile acids and the resulting filaments caused a decrease in the amount of effluent from the SBR's. The effluent quality has since improved thus allowing more discharge to JD 33.4.

NOTICE ITEMS: None

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Staff Comments:

- Nikki informed the Commissioners that YCDA will be using the conference room on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 from 5-7 pm for an economic development forum.

- Jay commented that the search for Dave McFadden's replacement at the YCDA office has been narrowed down and they are closer to filling his position.

Commissioner Comments: None

ACTION ITEMS:

- The consent agenda includes:
Minutes of the Business Meeting held on September 8, 2015. Payables in the amount of \$137,637.04 issued on September 10, 2015 and payroll in the amount of \$37,951.11 issued on September 18, 2015 totaling \$175,588.15. Commissioner Martin moved to approve, Commissioner Matson seconded. Motion approved 2-0.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2015-08 "A Resolution Supporting S. 1694, the Yakima River Basins Water Enhancement Project Phase 888 Act of 2015". Commissioner Martin moved to approve, Commissioner Matson seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


The Executive Session was called to order at 5:40 pm by Vice President Matson to discuss Real Estate issues and Personnel issues as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 Subsections C & G respectively. The session was called for 15 minutes. At 5:55 pm the session was extended an additional 5 minutes. The Executive Session was closed at 6:00 pm by Vice President Matson.

ADJOURNMENT: The Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm, peace and harmony prevailing.



Jeff Matson, Vice President

ATTEST:



Arnold Martin, Secretary