

# MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING Held February 1, 2016

The February 1, 2016 Business Meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by 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:

Jeffrey Matson, Commission President Arnold Martin, Commission Vice President Jim Grubenhoff, Commission Secretary Jay Hester, Executive Director Travis Jansen, Project Manager Lucia Navarro, Administrative Assistant Adam Anderson, Legal Counsel

Laura Gjovaag, Daily Sun News GUEST George V. Johnson, GUEST

<u>GUEST COMMENTS:</u> George Johnson, a local Sunnyside historian and previous employee of the Carnation plant spoke to the commission regarding the proposed demolition of the Carnation plant. He shared that local residents are interested in holding a commemorative party at South Hill Park with a possible walk through prior to demolition. Mr. Johnson stated that Sunnyside residents and previous Carnation employees would greatly appreciate the opportunity to bid farewell to the Carnation plant. Considering the current condition of the plant and potential hazards to the public, the Commissioners suggested that Mr. Johnson work closely with the Executive Director, Jay Hester, to develop a plan that supports his request while also maintaining the safety of the public.

Travis Jansen presented Mr. Johnson with a copy of the original Carnation tower building plans he received this week during the Carnation demo bids.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** A written report was presented and the following items were discussed; (a copy of the report is available upon request)

- Jay submitted the annual renewal lease with Sunnyside Beauty Academy.
- Jay discussed the proposed approval of Resolution 2016-02 Rejecting the Proposals Received by The Port of Sunnyside for the Carnation Demolition Project.

**PROJECT MANAGER:** A written report was presented and the following items were discussed; (a copy of the report is available upon request)

Travis discussed the meeting the Port had with the City of Sunnyside regarding
the type of building code required for the Water Works Building. During the
meeting it was decided that the building would operate under the same "Light
Industrial" code as previously set. This will allow for a more streamlined

approach during the future remodeling of the building.

Travis mentioned the bids received for the Carnation building were more than
originally budgeted for and suggested that the Commission reject both bids. He
stated that a new plan for bidding with a reduced scope of work would be
presented at a later time.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Staff Comments: None

<u>Commissioner Comments</u>: Commissioner Jim Grubenhoff expressed his gratitude to George V. Johnson for attending the Port meeting to share his ideas regarding a potential Carnation celebration.

Commissioner Arnold Martin shared that his daughter Rachelle recently celebrated the birth of her 5<sup>th</sup> boy and he spent the weekend with her family.

Commissioner Jeff Matson stated that he will recuse himself from voting on the annual lease renewal with the Sunnyside Beauty Academy, as she is a client of his.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

The consent agenda includes:

Minutes of the Business Meeting held on January 18, 2016. Payroll in the amount of \$40,939.87 issued on January 20, 2016, payables in the amount of \$133,790.12 issued on January 25, 2016, totaling \$174,729.99. Commissioner Martin moved to approve, Commissioner Grubenhoff seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

- Motion to approve the annual lease renewal with Sunnyside Beauty Academy.
   Commissioner Grubenhoff moved to approve, Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion approved 2-0.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2016-02 Rejecting the Proposals Received by The Port of Sunnyside for the Carnation Plant Demolition Project. Commissioner Martin moved to approve, Commissioner Grubenhoff seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Executive Session was called to order at 5:53 p.m. by President Matson to discuss real estate issues as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 subsection C. The session was expected to last 15 minutes. The session was extended at 6:08 p.m. for 12 minutes by President Matson. At 6:20 p.m. another extension was called for 10 minutes by President Matson. The session ended at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m., peace and harmony prevailing.

eff Matson, President

Jim Grubenhoff, Secretary

ATTEST: