



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
Held March 13, 2018

The March 13, 2018 Special Business Meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by President Martin. The meeting was held at the Port of Sunnyside's Administration Office located at 2640 E. Edison Avenue, Ste. 1, Sunnyside, WA. The purpose of the meeting was to extend the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Ostrom Mushroom Farms and hold an Executive Session to discuss issues as allowed in RCW 42.30.110 subsection C.

Commissioners and Staff present at the Business Meeting:

Arnold Martin, Commission President
Jim Grubenhoff, Commission Vice President
Tyler Schilperoort, Commission Secretary
Jay Hester, Executive Director
Travis Jansen, Projects Manager
Lucia Navarro, Administrative Assistant
Rob Faber, Legal Counsel

Julia Hart – Daily Sun News

LEGAL COMMENTS: Rob shared with the Commission that as a result of the \$1 million grant from the state this extension of the Ostrom Purchase and Sale Agreement is needed to determine the most correct way to allocate these funds. The current contingency due date of March 13, 2018 doesn't allow any time to work out the details of the new grant. The proposed extension will allow both Ostrom's and the Port time to structure the deal properly. The new proposed due dates will be April 16, 2018 for the contingencies and a closing due date of May 16, 2018.

COMMENTS: Commissioner Schilperoort asked if Ostrom were to only provide 120 full time jobs instead of the proposed 200 would the state require the Port to repay a portion or all of the grant. Jay responded he is not sure because the official grant award has not been sent out yet. He stated once the award offer is received it will be presented to the Commission for approval. The offer will include all contingencies attached to the grant. Commissioner Schilperoort asked if the Port is able to advertise for the project and/or accept bids prior to receiving the grant funds from the state. Jay responded that is something that needs to be discussed so the Port can determine how far out they are willing to go before the funding is actually received.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve the 2nd extension Agreement to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with The Ostrom Company extending the contingency period to April 16, 2018 and the closing date deadline to May 16, 2018, and authorize Jay Hester to sign on behalf of the Port. Commissioner Grubenhoff moved to approve, Commissioner Schilperoort seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Julia Hart asked if the extension was requested by Ostrom's or the Port. Rob responded that Ostrom's has requested the extension and it will allow both parties time to incorporate the new grant into their plans. She then asked what the new due dates would be under this extension.

Rob responded the new contingency due date will be April 16, 2018 with the closing due date of May 16, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Executive Session was opened at 3:17 p.m. by President Martin to discuss real estate as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 subsection C. The session was expected to last 10 minutes with no action expected to be taken. At 3:27 p.m. the session was extended for 20 minutes by President Martin. Executive session closed at 3:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m., peace and harmony prevailing.



Arnold Martin, President

ATTEST: 

Tyler Schilperoort, Secretary