



Anchorage Port Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Aug 21, 2024

Scheduled Time: 12pm – 2pm

Location: Port Admin third-floor conference room/virtual via Microsoft Teams

Present	Port Commissioners:	Commissioner Dick Traini (seat 1), Commissioner Simon Lisiecki (seat 2), Commissioner Christopher Manculich (seat 3), Commissioner Peggy Jean Rotan (seat 5), Chair Ron Ward (virtual) (seat 8), Commissioner Stephanie Kesler (seat 9)
	Staff:	Port Director Steve Ribuffo, Operations and Maintenance Superintendent Ronnie Poole, PAMP Engineer Manager John Daley, Finance and Administration Manager Cheryl Beckham, Deputy Director Programs and Security Jim Jager, Ruthanna Carr, Kathleen King, Diane Bickford, PAMP project controls consultant Brite Niezek
	Guests:	Dylan Faber (Matson); Art Dahlin, Lisa Simmons and Billy Godwin (TOTE); Jade Gamble, Anna Carey (ADEC); Tom Rueter (ALMAR), Paul Mailer (Marathon), Patrick Duffy (Petro Star), Hina Kilioni (North Slope Borough)
Absent	Port Commissioners:	Commissioner Mike Robbins (seat 4), Commissioner Scott Selzer (seat 6), Vice-Chair Aves Thompson (seat 7 - Excused)

I. Meeting called to order at 12:01 PM – Commissioner Simon Lisiecki chaired meeting because Chair Ron Ward was participating virtually. Commissioners, staff and guest attendance shown above. There was a quorum.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Commissioner Simon Lisiecki.

III. Safety Minute – Ruthanna Carr discussed seasonal home safety tips in preparation for Fall and Winter.

IV. Approval of Agenda – Moved by Commissioner Kesler and seconded by Commissioner Traini, and unanimously approved with removal of Service Plaque Presentation to former Commissioner Kevin Mackey (because he was not at meeting)

V. Approval of Minutes of the June 24, 2024, Meeting – Moved by Commissioner Kesler and seconded by Commissioner Traini, and unanimously approved with minor edits.

VI. Port Director’s Comments – Mr. Ribuffo addressed the following topics:

- The 1 Percent for Art mural now painted on the new admin office building. Mr. Ribuffo thanked the artist (Shan Evans from Las Vegas) for his great work, which he did even in the



rain, and which resulted in one of the better displays you'll find around town. So far, no criticism; just a lot of praise!

- PCT Line Soak – discussions continue with the Marathon home office staff to satisfy their insurance and indemnification concerns prior to their giving approval for the fuel purchase necessary to complete the test. Staff is still shooting to have this done before end of year.
- PAMP Surcharge for T1 Coming – The Assembly is looking at the need to adjust the PAMP surcharge for T1 debt service, to include the “when” and “how much.” Nothing decided yet; more to come.
- Old Port Admin being used by APD and AFD – Mr. Ribuffo offered the old admin offices to APD and AFD for training purposes. Both accepted. Feedback from the Chiefs is that the experience has been a worthwhile one for all who participated.
- Port engineering opening update -
- Ship Creek small boat launch – It has been decided that the Ship Creek Small Boat Launch will remain with the Port for management, at least for the next 2 years while the Assembly and Administration determine what a longer-term arrangement would look like.
- PIEP-related sheet pile sale – With the help of Alaska Premier Auctions, all the excess sheet pile purchased for the old expansion program was sold. Removal will begin next spring, and the start to clean up the North Extension can begin.
- FY25 budget cycle – FY2025 budget preparations have begun with the mayor's office, the CFO's office and OMB.

VII. Staff Reports –

- Operations and Maintenance (Ronnie Poole) – Mr. Poole gave a rundown on what has been a busy August and September, and thanked the Port users and ALAMAR for helping to safely juggle the volume. The last cruise ship port call of the season will be on September 19th. It will be an overnigher. He also talked about the ongoing maintenance on the South Float and antenna re-alignment for the PCT crane controls. Lastly, he reminded all that we're gearing up for snow season and will be ready when needed.
- Engineering – Mr. Ribuffo touched on a few points, as we're still trying to fill the Port Engineer vacancy. Uppermost is some storm drain repair and improvement projects around and under the TOTE leasehold spaces. Michael-Baker has the contract; it's being funded in large part by a Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant. Also underway is the relocation of all the comms antennae on the old port offices. Next is the assistance we're giving Atlas Tower—or new tenant with the comms tower at the top of Tract J—in order to them to get the easement for power and communications connectivity to it. He also mentioned that effort is under way to replace the cranes on POL 2, which has become a maintenance challenge.
- PAMP (John Daley) – John reported on the progress being made on PAMP's NES1 project, which has been amazing given the two-month delay before work could begin. He also announced that a demolition contract has been let for the old port offices and transit shed, and that this work should start by late September/mid-October. Mr. Daley also shared that Jacobs will also need to move out of that area and that they will occupy a trailer that will be siter near the new Port offices. Discussions are also currently under way with Matson with



respect to codifying the business arrangements and responsibilities associated with bringing the new ship-to-shore cranes to Anchorage and certifying them, and how/when they will/can be used for other than Matson’s purposes. Mr. Daley also mentioned the discussions under way with the petroleum users and Matson with respect to placing a fuel offload capability on T1 so that we can always have two locations for fuels operations during all the PAMP construction activities. Item last was to mention that the Port and Jacobs are also discussign a different site plan for the electrical substation that will be needed for the cargo docks so that it will not occupy valuable transit yard space, which will be in short supply when cargo dock construction is under way.

- Finance (Cheryl Beckham) – Ms. Beckham did her usual thorough walk-through of the most current port financials and fielded questions from Commissioners.
- Programs, Policy and Security (Jim Jager) - See attached written notes

VIII. Old Business – None

IX. Correspondence Received by Commission

- None received

X. New Business

- Service Plaque Presentation – On behalf of the Port staff, Mr. Ribuffo presented to Capt. Paul Mehler a service recognition plaque in thanks for his years on the Port Commission.

XI. Public Comments

- None

XII. Port Director’s Closing Comments –

- Steve mentioned the possibility of getting the Muni’s surplus Sprung building (homeless shelter) to replace our Warm Storage Building (AKA “the sand tent”). At the request of the new Administration, we are investigating whether it would be feasible.

XIII. Commissioners Closing Comments:

- Commissioner Kesler noted how much she loved the One-Percent for Art work
- Commission Chair Ward thanked former Commissioner Mehler for his service, and Commissioner Lisiecki for chairing the meeting in his and Vice-Chair Thompson’s absence.

XIV. Next Meeting Date: Tentatively scheduled Oct. 16, 2024, in third-floor conference room

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 1:07 PM