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**APPROVED MINUTES  
COMMISSION WORK SESSION MAY 6, 2008**

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a work session at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2008 in the Commission Chambers at Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA. Commissioners Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara and Tarleton were present.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by John Creighton, Chair and President.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to RCW 42.30.110**

The work session was immediately recessed to an executive session to discuss legal, real estate, and personnel matters for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes and reconvened to open public session

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. (00:00:55) Unanimous Consent Calendar**

The following items were placed for vote on the unanimous consent calendar:

**a. Authorization for Quitclaim to City of Seattle, an easement for public access over and across Jack Block Park.**

Request Document: Commission Agenda [Memorandum](#) dated April 29, 2008 from Michael Kriston, Seaport Real Estate Specialist

**b. Authorization to amend contract for auditing services with Moss Adams in an amount not to exceed \$62,000.**

Request Document: Commission Agenda [Memorandum](#) dated April 2, 2008 from Dan Thomas, Chief Financial Officer and Rudy Caluza, Director, Accounting & Procurement Services.

**Motion for approval of Unanimous Consent Calendar - Hara**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (5)**

*Item 6 was advanced on the agenda as follows:*

**6. (00:01:44) Status update on Eastside Rail Corridor Acquisition**

Presentation documents: Commission Agenda [Memorandum](#) dated April 25, 2008 from John Okamoto, Chief Administrative Officer and computer slide [presentation](#) titled, "Eastside Rail Corridor: Status Update."

Presenter: Mr. Okamoto

Prior to beginning his presentation, Mr. Okamoto clarified that elements shown in part of the slide presentation, specifically regarding the deal points, would be deferred to a future commission meeting.

Topics addressed:

- Eastside Rail Corridor Goals
- Corridor Designations
- Port's Corridor Key Dates
- Rail Banking
- Public Agency Reviews of Corridor
- Legislature's Commuter Rail Feasibility Study
- Sound Transit
- Port Public Process Proposal

Commissioner Creighton announced that action item #7 would be deferred, and that public testimony would be allowed on the subject.

**7. (00:19:30) Request for authorization for Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary agreements to complete the Eastside Rail Corridor rail-banking and acquisition, including an Interlocal Agreement and Public Multipurpose Easement with King County. – ITEM DEFERRED**

Public testimony was considered regarding the deferred item as follows:

- Grant Degginger, Mayor, City of Bellevue
- Dave Somers, Chairman, Snohomish County Council
- David Hiller, Cascade Bicycle Club Advocacy Director
- Bruce Agnew, Tom Jones – Cascadia Center. Mr. Jones commented on rail/trail use in other areas, and submitted copies of related photographs. A copy of these, as well as copies of articles related to transit in both Oceanside, California and Austin, Texas, are by reference, made a part of these minutes, are collectively marked Exhibit ‘[A](#)’, and are on file in Port offices.
- Tom Payne, Chairman/Chief Operating Officer, GNP Railway
- Douglas Engle, Chief Financial Officer, GNP Railway
- Paul Zimmer, Eastside Rail Now
- Robert Scheuerman
- Will Knedlik, President, Eastside Rail Now. Mr. Knedlik submitted a copy of a conceptual drawing, which by reference is made a part of these minutes, is marked Exhibit ‘[B](#)’, and is on file in Port offices.

Commissioners reiterated the fact that since a vote on this item would not be taken at this time, public comment would also be welcomed by mail or email.

*The agenda was returned to scheduled items as follows:*

**4. (00:58:25) Briefing on Climate Registry**

Briefing Document: Commission Agenda [Memorandum](#) dated April 2, 2008 from Stephanie Jones Stebbins, Seaport Environmental Manager; Elizabeth Leavitt, Manager, Environmental Aviation Management Department; and Burr Stewart, Strategic Planning Manager

Presenter: Ms. Jones Stebbins

**5. (01:03:51) Strategic Planning Update**

Presentation Documents: Commission Agenda [Memorandum](#) dated April 25, 2008 from Dan Thomas, Chief Financial Officer and Burr Stewart, Strategic Planning Manager and computer slide [presentation](#) titled “Century Agenda Strategic Planning Update.”

Presenter: Mr. Stewart

Topics discussed:

- Background
- Vision for moving forward
- Stakeholder Engagement

- Advisory Panel Leadership
- Advisory Panel Meeting Flow
- Next Steps

Following his presentation, Mr. Stewart introduced Ms. Rita Brogan, who was selected to be the facilitator for the advisory panel for the 'Century Agenda.'

**8. (01:19:32) Request for authorization to transfer surplus authorized budget in the amount of \$713,663 from Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan Program and Definition Project to the Des Moines Creek Basin Plan, bringing the total to \$14,510,372.**

Request Document: Commission Agenda [Memorandum](#) dated March 31, 2008 from Richard Ottele, General Manager, Facilities and Infrastructure; Elizabeth Leavitt, Manager, Aviation Environmental Programs and George England, Program Leader, Aviation Stormwater Programs

Presenter: Mr. England

**Motion for approval of Item 8 – Davis**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (5)**

**9. (01:28:21) Resolution 3598, First Reading: Authorizing the issuance and sale of Subordinate Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2008.**

Request Document: Commission Agenda [Memorandum](#) dated April 11, 2008 from Elizabeth Morrison, Senior Manager, Corporate Finance

Presenter: Ms. Morrison

**Motion for approval of Resolution 3598, First Reading – Hara**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor – Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (5)**

**(01:32:53)** Following scheduled items on the agenda Commissioner Creighton reported on his recent trip to New York where he met with Port staff and members of Port rating agencies.

Commissioner Davis gave recognition to John Okamoto, Port Chief Administrative Officer, noting that this would be his last commission meeting with the Port of Seattle before moving on to his new employment position, and thanked him for his service with the Port.

Commission committee reports were also given:

- Audit Committee – Hara
- Committee on Revisions to Resolution 3181 – Davis
- Investigatory Committee - Bryant

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

(A digital recording of the meeting is available on the Port's website.)

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Assistant Secretary