

**MINUTES OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010
HARBOR CENTER BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM
1801 ROEDER AVENUE, BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Present:	Jim Jorgensen Michael McAuley Scott L. Walker	President Vice President Secretary
Staff:	Fred J. Seeger Mike Stoner Dan Stahl Sylvia Goodwin Lydia Bennett Carolyn Casey Shirley McFearin Elizabeth Monahan Mary Matyas	Interim Executive Director Director, Environmental Programs Director, Marine Services Director, Planning and Development Director, Real Estate Communications Manager Real Estate Development Manager/Broker Human Resources Manager Executive Secretary

CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER AND RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:00 p.m., Commissioner Jorgensen called the Commission meeting to order and immediately recessed to a closed executive session to discuss real estate transactions pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). Commissioner Jorgensen noted that no formal action would be taken during the closed session and he expected the closed executive session to last approximately one (1) hour.

RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Commission meeting was reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

1. DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO SELECTION OF A FIRM TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH.

The Commission discussed each of the three (3) search firms that attended the March 2, 2010, Commission meeting: Jensen & Cooper, Waldron & Company, and Hagel & Company. The Commission discussed each firm's services including past history, processes used for an executive search, and what differentiated each search firm from the others. Individually each Commissioner ranked the firms, resulting in Waldron & Company coming out on top. After

each Commissioner ranked the firms, Commissioner Walker made the following motion which was seconded by Commissioner McAuley.

Motion: Authorize the Human Resources Manager to negotiate a contract with Waldron & Company for the purpose of conducting an Executive Director search.

The Commission clarified that Ms. Elizabeth Monahan, Human Resources Manager, would report and work directly with the Port Commission in the search process for an executive director rather than reporting to the Interim Executive Director, Mr. Fred Seeger. Both Ms. Monahan and Mr. Seeger stated that they understood.

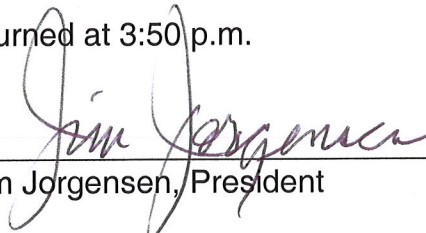
Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

2. YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT.


This agenda item was postponed due to unavailability of staff to present it because of illness and schedule conflicts.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.



Jim Jorgensen, President



Scott L. Walker, Secretary