



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Held November 30, 2020**

The November 30, 2020 Special Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Grubenhoff. 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 is to (1) authorize the acceptance of the gift of property and authorize Jay Hester to sign on behalf of the Port; and (2) to consider the sale of real estate, which may be done during an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(c).

**Commissioners and Staff present at the Business Meeting:**

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

**GUEST:** None

**COMMENTS:** Jay explained to the Commission that the owner of the Planter's Hotel property is interested in gifting the property to the Port. The title report has been ordered on the property and this deal is anticipated to close by the end of the year. The intent of this special meeting is to have the commission authorize the Executive Director to accept this property on behalf of the Port. The Port is working with the Department of Ecology and EPA officials on the clean-up of the property. Initial funding has been secured for the clean-up.

Port staff is working with Maul Foster Alongi and Department of Ecology staff to apply for an Integrated Planning Grant for the redevelopment of this property.

Jay commented that this property is significant to the community and once cleaned up and redeveloped, it can be a great asset to the Port. Commissioner Martin stated that he believes it is a good idea to move forward with this project as this will be a good investment. Commissioner Grubenhoff stated that this is a great opportunity for the Port.

**LEGAL COMMENTS:** Rob commented that once the property is officially transferred, it should be added to the comprehensive plan immediately so the Port can develop it.

**ACTION ITEM:** To authorize the acceptance of the gift of the KFC/Planter's Hotel property and authorize Jay Hester to sign on behalf of the Port. Commissioner Schilperoort moved to approve; Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Executive Session was opened at 12:44 p.m. by President Grubenhoff to consider the sale of real estate as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 (c). The session was expected to last 20 minutes with no action expected to be taken. At 1:04 p.m. the session was extended for 10 minutes by President Grubenhoff. At 1:14 p.m. the session was extended for another 10 minutes by President Grubenhoff. The session ended at 1:24 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Special Meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m., peace and harmony prevailing.

  
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Jim Grubenhoff, President

**ATTEST:**  
  
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Arnold Martin, Secretary