

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2023 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver
Commissioner Deena Vietzke
Commissioner Kenny Schutte

Executive Director Chris Faix
Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests: Jack Barrett, Meritage
Dave Erwin, Meritage
Homer Montemayor, incoming Commissioner

Called to order at 9:03 am.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda; K. Schutte seconded, motion passed.

K. Schutte made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; G. Weaver seconded; motion passed.

K. Schutte made a motion to approve the vouchers with questions about the CSD invoice; G. Weaver seconded; motion passed.

Meritage

J. Barrett gave a history and update on the project at Highway 26/Reynolds. A project design was presented. There is an issue with DOT for the 3rd access point off Highway 26 that is needed by fire requirements. There is an idea to temporarily add another access to Reynolds. Meritage is looking for an extension of the March 27th, 2024 final date for about 1 year and partial releases. The partial releases would be for the commercial part of the development which seems to be what is being looked at first and will allow for the infrastructure to be brought in. The example for the partial release, 50% of the sale of the partial release would be given to the Port as paydown for the note. The housing will not be low income/subsidized – it will be affordable and covering apartments, single family and townhouses. There will be a more detailed plan available once the meetings are finished this week.

AIRPORT

BRUCE

There is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the infrastructure for the new water tower. This will clarify the piping to loop the system. There was a suggestion of moving the tower along the canal and more center on the land for the possibility of better flow.

We have 3 years to begin paying the CERB loan back and they monitor the progress for 5 years.

HIGHWAY 26/REYNOLDS

There was a 3-phase study done for the drains. It shows the actual replacement of the pipes. The Port of Othello will not be replacing the drains, that would be up to any developers if necessary. Port of Othello was under the impression that they just needed to be tied into an interceptor drain that would run parallel to the canal.

OTHER

The Commissioners entered into Executive Session for 10 minutes from 9:08 am to 9:18 am for discussion on land sale per RCW 42.30.110 (c). No decision was made.

The Commissioners checks have always been dated for the last meeting of the month and staff are at the end of the month. The decision was made to date all checks for the last meeting of the month.

The Commissioners signed the updated Levy Certificate.

The Commissioners entered into Executive Session for 12 minutes from 10:35 am to 10:47 am for discussion on land sale per RCW 42.30.110 (c). No formal decisions were made.

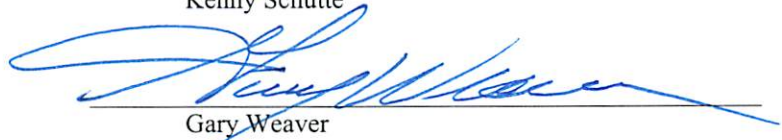
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 am with a motion made by G. Weaver, K. Schutte second and motion passed.

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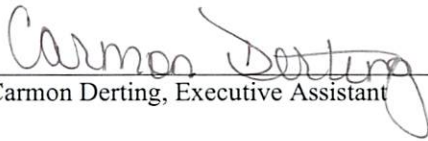
Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant