

Maryland Port Commission
Open Session Minutes
July 2, 2019

The Three Hundred and Fifty Fifth Session of the Maryland Port Commission was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Earl Lewis at the World Trade Center, 401 E. Pratt Street, Stanton Room, 20th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The Commission met in Open Session from 9:00 am until 9:35 am.

Present: Chairman Earl Lewis and Commissioners Dandy, Dean (by phone), Huber, Lunn, Richardson and Tilley (by phone).

Staff: Jim White (Executive Director), Dave Thomas (Deputy Director), Phil Whaling (MPA Deputy Counsel), Mike Miller (Director of Maritime Commercial Management), Richard Powers (Director of Marketing), Richard Scher (Director of Communications), Kristen Fidler (Director of Harbor Development), Steve Johnson (Director of Engineering), Dave Espie (Director of Security), Brian Miller (Director of Operations), Jim Dwyer (Director of Planning), John Thornton (Manager of Procurement), Jennifer Guthrie (Legislative Affairs Manager) and Chris Nichols (Executive Office).

Minutes of the Three Hundred and Fifty Fourth Open Session Meeting

Commissioner Dandy moved to approve the Open and Closed Session Minutes of the Three Hundred and Fifty Fourth Port Commission meeting. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously without discussion.

Legislative Update, Jennifer Guthrie, Legislative Affairs Manager

Ms. Guthrie provided an overview of the State, Local, and Federal Government legislation, briefings, outreach, and priorities:

- State Government
 - Session 2019:
 - HB1401/SB 1038: Heavy Weight Truck Corridor was signed into law.
 - HB 800/SB797: Property Tax – Exemption for Crane Located on State Property failed in committee
 - HB 1282: Board of Public Works – Lan Acquisition – Requirements failed in the Senate
 - SB 66: Railroad Company – Movement of Freight – Required Crew was vetoed
 - Briefings
 - Baltimore City/County
 - Harford County
 - Anne Arundel County
 - House Environment and Transportation Committee

- Senate Finance Committee
 - Interim Outreach
 - Senate Finance Committee Port Tour and Land Acquisition Discussion – September 11, 2019
- Local Government
 - Baltimore City
 - Changes to City Government
 - Council Bill 19-0373: Removes 1200 S. Haven Street from the Canton Industrial Urban Renewal Plan (In Committee – Housing and Urban Affairs)
- Federal Government – Outreach and Priorities
 - Outreach
 - Maryland Congressional Delegation
 - Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
 - Army Corps of Engineers Director of Civil Works
 - Legislative Priorities
 - Howard Street Tunnel Project – INFRA Grant
 - Mid-Bay Island Project
 - Full-Use of Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT)
 - FAST Act Reauthorization
 - Customs and Border Protection

American Association of Port Authorities Awards, Richard Scher, Director of Communications

Mr. Scher provided a presentation on the American Association of Port Authorities Awards, Communications Awards Program 2019. The Port of Baltimore was recognized for its Captain Trash Wheel Project, Social Media Accounts, Captain Trash Wheel’s Happy Halloween Video, and the Sea Bots Video.

Contracts for Approval

Mr. Thornton requested approval for the following contract:

1. Contract 519802 – Comprehensive Paving Agency Wide; P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc., Baltimore, MD; \$8 million, three years.
Presented by: John Thornton

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Huber and approved unanimously by the Commission.

2. Contract 219054-S – WTC Emergency Completion and Preventive Maintenance; Flo-Tron Contracting, Inc., Cockeysville, MD; \$492,779; 06/14/2019 – 10/31/2019.
Presented by: John Thornton

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Dandy, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Move into Closed Session

At 9:35 am, in accordance with State Government Article, Section 10-508 (a)(4), Annotated Code of Maryland, Commissioner Huber moved that the Commission meet in Closed Session, and Commissioner Lunn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. See attached Closing Statement. The Commission met in Closed Session from 9:35 am until 10:25 am: Jim White (Executive Director), Dave Thomas (Deputy Director), Phil Whaling (MPA Deputy Counsel), Mike Miller (Director of Maritime Commercial Management), Richard Powers (Director of Marketing), Richard Scher (Director of Communications), Kristen Fidler (Director of Harbor Development), Steve Johnson (Director of Engineering), Dave Espie (Director of Security), Brian Miller (Director of Operations), Jim Dwyer (Director of Planning), John Thornton (Manager of Procurement), and Chris Nichols (Executive Office).

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dandy and seconded by Commissioner Huber. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.