

Maryland Port Commission
Open Session Minutes
January 5, 2021

The Three Hundred and Seventy Second Session of the Maryland Port Commission was called to order at 9:02 am by Secretary Greg Slater via teleconferencing. The Commission met in Open Session from 9:02 until 10:03 am.

Present: Secretary Slater and Commissioners Dandy, Dean, Huber, Lunn, McDonald, and Richardson

Staff: William Doyle (Executive Director), Brian Miller (Deputy Executive Director), Bob Munroe (MPA Principal Counsel), Jason Sayers (MPA Assistant Attorney General), Christina Nichols (Chief of Staff), Richard Scher (Director of Communications), Rick Powers (Director of Marketing), Wonza Spann-Nicholas (Director of Finance), Kristen Fidler (Director of Harbor Development), David Espie (Director of Security), Ryan Barry (Director of Operations), Dominic Scurti (Director of Planning), Steve Johnson (Director of Engineering), Brad Smith (General Manager of Strategic Initiatives), Jennifer Guthrie (Legislative Manager), John Thornton (Manager of Procurement), and Kristen Keene (Harbor Development).

Minutes of the Three Hundred and Seventy First Open Session Meeting

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the Open Session Minutes of the Three Hundred and Seventy First Port Commission meeting. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously without discussion.

Executive Director Update, William P. Doyle, Executive Director

Mr. Doyle provided a business update and remarked that the Port has been and continues to remain open during the pandemic with vigilant advocacy of Covid-19 safety measures in place. Longshoremen continue to adhere to strict protocols including social distancing, mask wearing, and personal hygiene.

The Executive Director reported that the Port of Baltimore continues with very positive cargo numbers trending upwards during the Covid-19 pandemic off the lows of May and June. Highlights of Mr. Doyle's presentation included:

- Automobiles/light trucks increased 173% from lows in May.
- General cargo increased 26% from lows in June.
- Ro/Ro increased 19% from lows in June.
- Containers increased 19% from lows in June.
- Containers and general cargo experienced year over year monthly gains for the second consecutive month over 2019 with containers up 11% and general cargo up 4.1% over November 2019.

New and increased port business covered in Mr. Doyle's presentation included:

- The Metsa Group of Finland contract begins January 2021.
- Mercedes Benz is processing 600 units per day with consumer demand up.
- Maryland Port Administration (MPA) welcomed the maiden voyage of Wallenius Wilhelmsen Tannhauser, the third High Efficiency Roll on/Roll off vessel to join their fleet.

Mr. Doyle thanked Secretary Slater for his support in advancing \$34 million in funding for the reconstruction of Dundalk Marine Terminal Berth 3 that was approved at the Board of Public Works Meeting held on December 16, 2020. Seagirt Marine Terminal dredging continues on Berth 3 through winter 2020/2021, Super Post-Panamax Cranes will arrive at Seagirt for Ports America Chesapeake, and Berth 3 is expected to be operational by Summer 2021. Mr. Doyle also noted that Cruise Lines International is continuing its No-Sail Order and while there is no expected date for a return to cruise for the Port of Baltimore, MPA staff are communicating with Carnival and Royal Caribbean Cruise lines on a daily basis.

In closing, the Executive Director thanked all MPA employees for continuing to do a great job through challenging times.

Legislative Update, Jennifer Guthrie

Ms. Guthrie provided a legislative update for the Maryland Port Administration, the update included:

- State Government
 - SB 230: MPA Land Acquisition and Payment to Counties
 - Budget Hearings
 - MDOT Overview February 4, 2021
 - MPA scheduled for February 26, 2021
 - Mid Bay, Eastern Shore Delegation hearing March 5, 2021
- Local Government
 - Baltimore City Legislative Outreach
 - Point Breeze Business Center – Property Rezoning
 - Baltimore City Government – New Administration/Five New Councilmembers
- Federal Government
 - Outreach
 - Maryland Congressional Delegation
 - Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
 - Army Corps of Engineers Director of Civil Works
 - Office of Budget and Management

- Legislative Priorities
 - Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island project
 - Howard Street Tunnel – Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant
 - Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)
 - COVID Relief

Contracts for Approval, John Thornton, Manager of Procurement

Mr. Thornton requested approval for the following contracts:

Contract 220021-S – Rail Maintenance Services; Amtrac Railroad Contractors of Maryland, Inc.; Term: 03/01/2021 – 02/28/2026; \$2,291,850.00. Presented by: John Thornton

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

Contract 220005B-S – Innovative Reuse of Dredged Material; Susquehanna Concrete Products, Inc.; Term: 02/11/2021 – 02/11/2022; \$274,200. Presented by: John Thornton

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

Contract 220005C-S – Innovative Reuse of Dredged Material; Harford Industrial Minerals, Inc.; Term: 02/11/2021 – 02/11/2022; \$270,400. Presented by: John Thornton

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Dean. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.