

**Minutes of Everett Port Commission
Special Joint Meeting with City of Arlington and City of Marysville
January 8, 2020**

PRESENT:	Glen Bachman	President
	Tom Stiger	Vice President
	David Simpson	Secretary
	Lisa Lefeber	Executive Director
ABSENT:	Eric Russell	Chief Finance Officer
	Brad Cattle	Port Attorney

CALL TO ORDER: Commission President Glen Bachman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Port of Everett Commission President Glen Bachman thanked everyone for joining together for the special joint meeting of the Port of Everett and Cities of Arlington and Marysville to celebrate their historic partnership to bring economic opportunity to their communities through collaboration on the Cascade Industrial Center. He thanked Elemental Cider for their hospitality, and for the fascinating tour before the meeting. It was great to see a CIC success story firsthand. He thanked Pertee for their support of the event and sponsoring the drinks. Port Commissioners David Simpson and Tom Stiger joined Commissioner Bachman as well as key north county leaders who represented Arlington and Marysville, City of Arlington Mayor Barb Tolbert and City of Marysville Mayor Jon Nehring. He also recognized all city councilmembers present for the momentous event. He recognized and thanked other elected officials and community leaders in the room as well and thanked them for their continued participation and support. The common theme that everyone shares is the vision of a bright and prosperous future for their communities and greater Snohomish County. 2020 will be a great year. This celebration has been a long-time coming. The Port of Everett, in its role as an economic enterprise, has been working for a couple years now in partnership with the City leaders and teams on the Cascade Industrial Center (CIC).

Presentation overview of the Cascade Industrial Center

Commissioner Bachman invited Terrie Battuello, the Port of Everett's Chief of Business and Economic Development to the podium to introduce their agency community development teams and provide a quick overview of the Cascade Industrial Center and the work that has taken place to date. Terrie reported that the Port has a focused economic development mission and serves the Port District utilizing economic development tools provided by the State and through its many efforts to create jobs and expand the tax base. The Port's adopted strategy recognizes the significance of the Cities of Marysville and Arlington Cascade Industrial Center (CIC). The CIC is a 4,019-acre area comprised of many individually owned parcels and is situated within the boundaries of both Marysville (43%) and Arlington (57%). Through the leadership of these two municipalities and the development of the CIC, it's anticipated that >20,000 Full Time Employees (FTE) will be created. On January 16, 2019 and in recognition of the planning efforts of the cities, the CIC location was designated as one of 10 *Puget Sound Regional Council* "Regional Manufacturing and Industrial" centers and identified in the region's VISION 2020 plan as an area anticipated to host the region's *most significant growth and serve as focal points for infrastructure investment at all levels of government*. The economic development activities in this location serve

to benefit the entire county, including the Port of Everett District and operations at its international deep-water port. As such, the Memorandum recognizes the Port as a partner to these Cities in supporting recruitment, development and finance, permit and other types of support. Additionally, through this process over the long-term, the Port will work with the Cities to become more familiar with their economic needs and examine benefits of expanding the Port District to include this area which would require the vote of those residing in the area proposed to be annexed to the district.

Introduction to Memorandum of Understanding

Commissioner Bachman invited Port of Everett CEO Lisa Lefebber to the podium to formally introduce the joint Memoranda of Understanding between the Port and Cities. Lisa thanked everyone for coming to this event to celebrate this momentous occasion. She appreciates the City of Marysville Mayor and City of Arlington Mayor inviting the Port of Everett to be part of this partnership along with Snohomish County, the Governor's office, Economic Alliance, PUD and all the agencies that came together to make this event happen. She truly appreciates all the hard work and dedication that the respective community development teams have brought and continue to bring to this project to benefit the entire County. On behalf of the Port of Everett, she is honored to be here tonight to celebrate this historic multi-agency partnership focused on bringing new economic opportunity, jobs and expanded tax base to north Snohomish County, the region, and particularly, the Cascade Industrial Center.

It is estimated that between 2015 – 2040, the Arlington/Marysville area will experience an 88% increase in job growth. The Port is so fortunate to be in a position to be able to support and help facilitate and manage this growth, along with the transportation corridor. She respects and appreciates the strong, committed and forward-thinking leadership of their neighboring cities to the north, their partners, the Cities Arlington and Marysville. Their hard work and creative foresight have brought significant projects like the CIC to the table, among the many other initiatives their teams are working toward to support growth in north Snohomish County.

A few years back, during the Port Commission's annual workshop, the Port was heavily focused on the future. What does the future look like for the Port? What does the future look like for the surrounding communities? What's next? The Port of Everett was at a point where all the property they currently owned was already developed, under construction, or slated for development. This is still the case today; they are effectively out of industrial lands to develop, the key ingredient to the economic development work the Port specializes in. It was time to look at business diversification options and hone in on opportunities where the Port could continue putting their unique tools to use to continue supporting economic development in the County, even if that meant looking outside of the boundary lines at projects that share a nexus with their mission. The direction following that workshop was to find ways to support their neighbors to the North and the opportunities ahead.

The Port Commission recently adopted the Port's new Strategic Plan, providing a road map for the next decade, commitment to helping facilitate economic opportunity in their communities is incorporated. And while the Port has been working with both Cities for a couple of years now, they have reached a point where a more official partnership could lend itself to the Port's greater participation and support of the CIC and other projects.

Lisa presented for consideration the joint Memoranda of Understanding between the Port of Everett and the Cities of Arlington and Marysville. The MOUs recognize the Port of Everett as a partner to the Cities and formalize the Port's role in supporting developer and business recruitment, development and finance, planning, environmental regulatory strategy and legislative advocacy.

With the MOUs in place, the Port will be able to bring additional economic tools to the table and the Port will be able to offer a lot more synergies and passion to bring this complex together. With that being said, Lisa would like to entertain a motion to authorize the Port CEO/Executive Director and the Port Commission to sign the MOUs between the Cities.

Commissioner Bachman thanked Lisa Lefebber. He wanted to echo her comments of appreciation for the strong and committed leadership at the Cities of Arlington and Marysville who have had the foresight to bring the CIC to life to benefit their entire county.

Commissioner Bachman said before they move into the ceremonial signing, he'd would first like to take this time to invite their partner agencies to share comments.

Snohomish County

Commissioner Bachman introduced Lacey Harper, Snohomish County Chief of Staff, wanted to echo the comments that were already stated. This is the future and it is exciting. Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers has said in the past, Snohomish County is growing and to grow, they need places to have jobs and what is next is the Cascade Industrial Center. Snohomish County is excited to work with the Port of Everett, City of Marysville and City of Arlington. With Paine Field continuing to be a center of economic activity for the county, it is vital for the long-term growth and economic health that north county has its own economic powerhouse. The future is right here, in Arlington and Marysville. The economic health over the next 50 years may well be determined on what happens at the CIC. She appreciates all the work that has gone on and looks forward to partnering in any way possible.

WSU Everett

Commissioner Bachman introduced Alistair Boudreaux, WSU Everett, who was there on behalf of Chancellor Pitre. One of their missions is to focus on developing labor workforce for Snohomish, Skagit and Island County areas. In partnership with the CIC, WSU looks forward to working with everyone to develop the talent that everyone is looking for and hopes it will be a first choice to go to WSU Everett for school instead having to drive across the mountains or down to Seattle. WSU is really looking forward to the relationship they will have at the CIC as it grows, and when the jobs become available, they will be working closely to make sure WSU has programs that align with the businesses, so they produce really good talent for this area and help develop the economy.

Economic Alliance Snohomish County

Commissioner Bachman introduced Patrick Pierce, President and CEO of Economic Alliance Snohomish County who has been a strong and supportive partner to the Port and Cities for many years. Patrick Pierce wanted to highlight a few things; this is not only a premier location for economic development here in Snohomish County, it is really the premier location across the entire

Puget Sound. As the region grows, this is critical of what is happening today. This formalizes a partnership that has been in place for many years. He wanted to thank the leaders for their strategic vision and leadership on coming together to make this happen. There are a lot of great things to come.

Snohomish County PUD

Commissioner Bachman welcomed Snohomish County PUD Commission President Sidney Logan up to the podium. Sidney Logan wanted to thank the Cities of Arlington and Marysville as well as the Port of Everett for inviting him tonight. This is a wonderful initiation and the PUD is happy to work with these partners to support the new Cascade Industrial Center. Sidney lives in Arlington and is encouraged by the investment that is being put directly into his community and excited for the economic employment opportunities that it will provide. The PUDs motto is "energizing life into our community" and community engagement is a profound significance for commissioners, managers, and employees. Projects like the CIC are the kind of thing the PUD desires to be a part of. He is proud of the work they have already accomplished. The PUDs job is to prepare for power to be available when new buildings are completed. The PUD is not only supporting the CIC, they are making a direct investment in it.

Commissioner Bachman thanked everyone for their kind words of support and look forward to continuing to partner into the future. He requested the commission to make motion for both MOUs.

Action

Commissioner David Simpson moved that the commission authorize the Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Arlington and the Port of Everett.

Commissioner Tom Stiger seconded the motion. A vote was called for:

Vote:	3-0
Yes:	Stiger, Simpson, Bachman
No:	None
Abstained:	None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Tom Stiger moved that the commission authorize the Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Marysville and the Port of Everett.

Commissioner David Simpson seconded the motion. A vote was called for:

Vote:	3-0
Yes:	Stiger, Simpson, Bachman
No:	None
Abstained:	None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Bachman introduced the City of Arlington Mayor Barbara Tolbert for comments. She thanked all the partners in the room for having a vision and pressing forward with a vision to bring prosperity to the citizens of Arlington to have a good quality of life and opportunities for the future. These partnerships are providing that. They are very excited to sign this formal partnership with

the Port of Everett and look forward to the assets that the Port can bring. The challenging parts of economic development are bringing in the infrastructure and right type of planning that needs to be done. When businesses come, they will need to be able to move freights and goods and they will need to move efficiently and effectively out of the north part of Snohomish County. With the Port's deep relationships with other organizations, as well as WSU and other institutions of higher learning, it only makes sense currently in the development of the CIC for Arlington and Marysville to collaborate with the Port of Everett.

Commissioner Bachman introduced the City of Marysville Mayor Jon Nehring for comments. He thanked everyone and commented on what an exciting evening it was. He's worked in the government for a long time and can't recall any other projects that have these many partners coming together. This all started with a vision a couple decades ago. They have staff and councilmembers in both cities that have stood strong even when people came out and said this will never happen. The Cities of Marysville and Arlington have a lot of partners with a lot of visions. And one of those great partners that is being added to this mix is the Port of Everett. He couldn't be prouder to be working with the Port of Everett, they add a very valuable partnership to list of partnerships that the City of Marysville has. He thanked the Commissioners for their vote.

Ceremonial Signing

Commissioner Bachman invited City councilmembers, Port leadership, community development teams and partnering agencies to join behind the table for a quick photo op and ceremonial signing.

Internship Program

Commissioner Bachman wanted to bring attention to a special announcement by Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent Arlington Public Schools. Students need to be prepared and trained so they have a trained, qualified workforce. Together, with the City of Arlington and the school district, they are ready to launch a Student Arlington Career Internship Program. In the summer, their hope is to have at least 30 interns that will go out into the industries and businesses and experience school to work. Get hands on, real life experiences that are authentic and meaningful. They will start that this summer, 2020. The school district itself will host five interns. There will be other internships that will take place with other organizations. It is important for students to have these experiences that will support the local community and businesses.

City of Arlington Mayor Barbara Tolbert talked about workforce development. She is very excited for this local program to provide pathways to the students in Arlington directly into the businesses in Arlington. It is one of the things she hears from employers consistently is that they need qualified workforce ready to work. This internship program is the perfect opportunity to do career connective learning to the young people. Let them work inside these businesses and find out what goes on. It will provide businesses that access to the talent pipeline. The City of Arlington will host five interns this summer as well. The Stillaguamish Tribes and Commercial Aircraft Interiors will also be hosting one intern each.

Citizen Comments

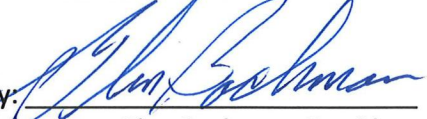
There were no citizen comments.

Commissioner Glen Bachman thanked everyone again for joining the Port of Everett on this historic occasion. He closed with words from Timbuk 3 "Our future is so bright, we're going to need shades."

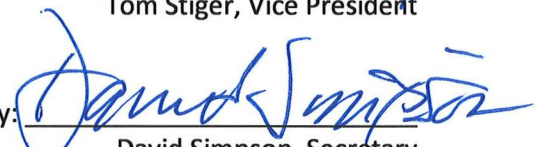
THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 5:41 p.m.

APPROVED this 11th day of February, 2020.

EVERETT PORT COMMISSION

By: 
Glen Bachman, President

By: 
Tom Stiger, Vice President

By: 
David Simpson, Secretary