**Present:** Commissioner Singer, Commissioner Green, Port Accountant Carol Tripp, Melanie Winnett - Harbormaster

**Call to Order 7:00pm**

Commissioner Singer wished to share a formal statement regarding the occurrence on Saturday night. The Port of Poulsbo, as an organization, its Commissioners, and staff, do not tolerate the conduct displayed of former Commissioner DeSalvo that were displayed last weekend. This behavior does not fit our values and we do not condone it. Former Commissioner DeSalvo has done the right thing by resigning. While we know there are no words to utter to reconcile the situation, we understand this as renewed hurt, prevents healing, and justifiably frustrates our community. As members of the community, we understand and share your frustrations. As a Commission we will be working with the community to work toward a solution that does not divide us.

Commissioner Green also wished to make a statement. She wanted to thank the people who have reached out via email and appreciates everyone’s thoughts and concerns. She would like to encourage continued communications for those who would like to reach out. Commissioner Green requested that all contact be made through her work email: commissioner.green@portofpoulsbo.com. She requested to add rules of decorum for the public comments to the next meeting agenda.

Commissioner Singer made a personal statement. To the family of Stonechild Chiefstick, the Suquamish Tribe, and the citizens of Poulsbo, in response to the defacing of the memorial: he does not condone these acts, and he apologized for the actions that have caused pain, and that he finds to be deplorable. The Commissioners and the Port employees do not share the same values of Mark DeSalvo. Stonechild Chiefstick’s memorial represents the love and feelings of his family, tribal members, and others that participated in its creation. The equality for all and caring for and loving your neighbor, reflects how Commissioner Singer was raised by his mother. He and his wife believe in treating all people equally; he is sorry for the loss and is ashamed of the acts against Stonechild Chiefstick’s memorial.

**Public Comments**
Port Accountant Tripp requested any public comments be kept to three minutes, and please speak clearly.

The Poulsbo Boater’s Association gave their report via public comment.

Patricia inquired on the charges that will be brought to Mark DeSalvo and said there is fundamental racism allowed to occur in our community.

Commissioner Singer stated Mr. DeSalvo is no longer a Port Commissioner and because the legal items are with the City of Poulsbo and law enforcement, no one within the Port can make any comment or input regarding Mark’s charges. What goes on depends what the court does for his actions. The Port itself does not have the beliefs Mark has and we are working hard to keep this Port a warm and good part of the city, and ensure the City itself and the Port are successful in supporting the community.

Bill Fulton wished to know if Mr. DeSalvo resigned on his own, and when.

Commissioner Singer said Mark did resign on his own accord on July 14th.

Miriam Stevens thanked Commissioner Singer for apologizing. She acknowledged that it was not the fault of any of the other Commissioners, but since the public did not get an apology from Mark DeSalvo, she thanked the Port for their apology. Miriam also thanked Port Accountant Tripp for calling Chiefstick’s family to apologize. She wanted to know how people can respectfully comment and how their comments can stand. What is happening here is a battle against racism and she would like something on Facebook where comments can stand.

**Commissioner Comments**

The Commissioners read their comments at the start of the meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes of 07/02

**Moved by:** Commissioner Green **Seconded by:** Commissioner Singer

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Move to approve the warrants

**Moved by:** Commissioner Green **Seconded by:** Commissioner Singer

Motion passed unanimously.

**Accounting & Manager’s Report**
See attached.

Port Accountant Tripp did speak with tribal members and the family members of Stonechild to convey the Port’s sincere apologies for what happened. The situation is unfortunate all around and she cannot convey what they must be experiencing. She offered her sincere apologies for what is happening to them, their family, and their children. It is important to the Port to make amends for this even though we are not directly responsible for Mark’s actions. Port Accountant Tripp reached out to the City and there is an area up in the park that would be a good place for a more permanent memorial. Stonechild Chiefstick’s family has thought about this and it is the stages of finalizing some designs. When that time comes the Port needs to be supportive and assist in any way possible. Port Accountant Tripp is prioritizing taking care of that personally if the Port is too busy with the current projects.

**Motion:** Move to approve the Resolution 2020-10 Authorizing Public Sale of a Vessel

**Moved by:** Commissioner Green **Seconded by:** Commissioner Singer

Motion passed unanimously.

**Harbormaster’s Report**
See attached.

**Public Comments/Request for Future Agenda Items**

There were none.

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Singer reflected on current Port projects: the breakwater, boat ramp, and the D-dock ramp. All three of these items are really, truly safety items that impact the Port. The breakwater is falling apart and the City planning and permitting allow us to work together and make this work.

Commissioner Green acknowledged events that have happened. Her heart goes out to the ripple effect that it has on everyone involved and in the community. She encouraged the community and Port employees to communicate ideas and she appreciates the hard work and dedication from the community being proactive regarding safety.

Commissioner Singer said along with working with the tribe, he would also like to set up some time with the tribal leaders so they and the Commission can get together. He would like to arrange a Special Meeting to see their facilities and meet with them to communicate that the Port does not condone what Mark did, as well as work to heal the community. He would also love to see a FLUPSY.

**Final Adjournment 7:33pm**

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Mark Singer, Commissioner

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Jamie Green, Commissioner

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Cassidy Conners, Recording Secretary (Not in Attendance)