



CITY COUNCIL – PORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Monday, August 17, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Port of Ilwaco Meeting Room/Zoom 837 7908 7802

A. Call to order

Port Commissioner Chairman Bennett called the workshop to order at 4:10 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Present: Port Commissioners Bennett, Shirley, Glenn. City Councilmembers Cundiff (arrived via zoom at 4:11 p.m.), Vela, Rubio, Lessnau, Phillips, and Mayor Hillard.

D. Discussion

1. Howerton Way Parking/Maintenance

It was reviewed that Howerton Way is a city street from curb to curb. Howerton Way from First Ave S to Pearl Ave will be included in the current TIB project for a chip seal treatment. Crosswalks will be repainted after the project is complete. The TIB paving schedule was recapped by Councilmember Lessnau. Scheduling discussions with the contractor will be ongoing and shared with the port in an effort to reduce impacts on the businesses as much as possible, especially the boatyard and Peninsula Sanitation.

2. Baker Bay Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance

Councilmember Vela provided a review of the collaboration between Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership and the Dylan Jude Harrell Community Center volunteer youth session to teach the volunteers how to keep the basins free of invasive and non-native plants. LCEP has supplied tutorials, tools, and safety vests to DJHCC so that the sessions can continue into the future. Councilmember Lessnau asked for more collaboration between the city and port to ensure the project is cared for. Discussion continued on the available resources from both entities, obtaining cost estimates, and structuring communication procedures.

3. Right of Way Obstructions

The city is seeking input on enforcement of removing right of way obstructions such as derelict vehicles, boats/trailers parked on the shoulder long-term, and commercial/recreational fishing gear in the right of way. The council will be drafting a code amendment for additional public discussion which would allow for broad enforcement of removal or relocation. Comments were taken on flexibility for staging during fishing season, the vision of our “fishing village”, historically allowed routine use of the street shoulders because of small lot sizes and local fishermen. Councilmember Vela also asked about enforcement against abandoned vehicles, parking/driving the wrong direction in the port parking lot. Some discussion was presented on safety and appearance of the community. Overall, both the port and the city agreed that involvement from both entities was warranted. The Port of Ilwaco lacks enough boat parking/storage or resources to redirect to. Consideration given to fishing season is a necessity.

4. Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Alexandra Plumb with Facet presented a brief overview of the city's Planning for Local Salmon Recovery Grant from Commerce and that one of the final deliverables was to select one or two locations for Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) design. Explained the Ilwaco Park and Recreation Commission and Pacific Conservation District had met to review potential locations and selected Outer Harbor Way as one area for consideration. Port Commissioner Guy Glenn Jr. commented on existing stormwater maintenance issues and also that the area was used for overflow parking during fishing season. The Port Commissioners suggested the shoulder of Eagle Street SW adjacent to the boat yard as a possible location instead.

E. Adjournment

Port Commissioner Chairman Bennett adjourned the workshop at 5:25 p.m. (Shirley/Glenn)

Eddie Hillard, Mayor

Holly Beller, City Administrator