



**SPECIAL MEETING
PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY**

**January 5, 2021
10:30 a.m.
111 East Loop North
Houston, TX 77029**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Governance, legislative, policy, and operational matters

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Port Commission Dredge Task Force Meeting – December 10, 2018

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of selected financial and operational matters

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

F. EXECUTIVE

Awards, Amendments & Change Orders

1. Award a professional services contract to Weisser Engineering Company, Inc. to perform surveying and title research services for the Barbours Cut Container Terminal in an amount not to exceed \$147,183.

G. GENERAL

1. Staff briefing, deliberation, and possible action regarding Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Project (Project 11)
 - a. Developments since 2018 Port Commission Dredge Task Force meeting
 - b. Design progress, including technical issues, contracts, and costs
 - c. Federal approvals, including congressional and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers status
 - d. Construction procurement analysis, including potential strategies and structures
 - e. Environmental stewardship and sustainability update

2. Staff briefing, deliberation, and possible action regarding Project 11 financial matters
 - a. Port Authority funds flows, including general obligation bond proceeds and associated property tax receipts, and other funds sources and uses
 - b. Financing Port Authority Project 11 fiscal responsibilities, including revenue bond issuance and liquidity projections
 - c. Update on proposals by ship channel industry stakeholders to participate in funding Project 11

H. RECESS OPEN MEETING AND CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Consultation with Attorneys (Section 551.071, Texas Open Meetings Act), including consultation regarding 33 U.S.C.A. §§5(b) and 2236
2. Real Estate (Section 551.072, Texas Open Meeting Act), including disposition of Barbours Cut Terminal and Beltway 8 vicinity properties
3. Economic Development Negotiations or Incentives (Section 551.087, Texas Open Meetings Act)
4. Employment and Evaluation of Public Officers and Employees (Section 551.074, Texas Open Meetings Act), including deliberations regarding amendment to the employment agreement with the Executive Director of the Port Authority
5. Security-Related Matters (Sections 418.175-418.183 of the Texas Government Code, and Section 551.076, Texas Open Meetings Act)
6. Adjourn Executive Session

I. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Announce any items from Executive Session requiring Port Commission action

J. ADJOURN MEETING

F. EXECUTIVE

Subject 1. Award a professional services contract to Weisser Engineering Company, Inc. to perform surveying and title research services for the Barbours Cut Container Terminal in an amount not to exceed \$147,183.

Recommended Action The Port Commission, at its January 5, 2021 meeting, award a professional services contract to Weisser Engineering Company, Inc. to perform surveying and title research services for the Barbours Cut Container Terminal in an amount not to exceed \$147,183, determine that this procurement method provides the best value to the Port Authority, and further authorize the Executive Director to do any and all things in his opinion reasonable or necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

Category:

Awards, Amendments & Change Orders

Division:

Executive

Staff Contact:

Erik Eriksson

Background:

The Barbours Cut Container Terminal area was acquired through various methods, including acquisitions, abandonments, and dedications. The proposed boundary survey and title research is intended to clearly define the boundary and verify ownership of the various tracts that make up the Barbours Cut Container Terminal.

This effort is also made in conjunction with the ongoing discussions between the Port Houston and the City of Morgan's Point regarding disannexation of Port Authority-owned property located within the City of Morgan's Point city limits.

There is no statutory requirement to use an advertised solicitation for the selection of engineers, architects, and land surveyors, but the Port Authority's historical default method for procuring such providers for contracts over \$50,000 is using an advertised request for qualifications (RFQ). However, in some limited fact situations, such providers may be selected without using an advertised RFQ, as long as the selection is solely qualifications-based and not price based, in compliance with Texas Government Code 2254.004. The Real Estate department has documented that the selection of this professional services provider was solely qualifications based, and the use of this procurement method has been approved by Procurement Services and the staff Executive Review Committee.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Staff recommends that the Port Commission award a professional services contract to Weisser Engineering Company, Inc. to perform surveying and title research services for the Barbours Cut Container Terminal.

