

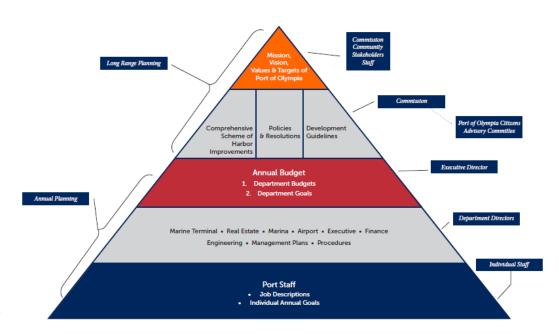
## Agenda

- Commission Meeting Rules
- Financial Policies



### Transaction of Port Business

Port of Olympia Planning





## Commission Meetings Rules

### Overview

- By statute, Port Commissions are required to have rules that govern how Commission business is transacted.
- These include:
  - Organization of the Commission;
  - Times and dates of meetings;
  - Organization of meetings; Guidelines for decision-making and public comment; etc.



## Commission Meetings Rules

- The Port of Olympia Commission recently revised its rules Resolution to address public decorum and civility during Commission meetings.
  - Modifying sign-in procedures to require the commenter to use his or her real name.
  - Clarifying that public comment cannot be used for campaigning or advertising.
  - Defining courteous and disruptive behavior.
  - Specifying the process for enforcing the rules.
- They also added provisions for remote participation by a Commissioner unable to attend a meeting in person.



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- Reasons for financial policies
- Explanation of proposed policies
  - Taxation
  - Financial Measures
  - User Fees & Rates
  - Debt
  - Capital Investment

**Define Financial Success** 

Move the Port toward Financial Success

Resolve issues by an agreed methodology

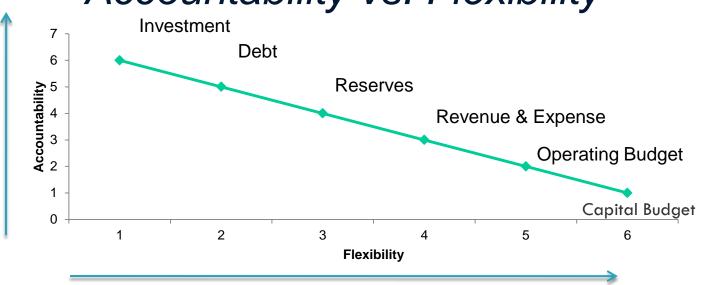
#### **Formal**

- Outlive creators, promote stability
- Increase efficiency & standardize operations
- Increase stakeholder trust
- Educate decision makers who don't have financial background
- Promotes strategic thinking

#### **Informal**

- Vague in application
- May change over time
- Rely on past practice
- Relies more on current leadership
- Lack explicit support of governing body

### Accountability vs. Flexibility



# Policy or Procedure Debt

- Purpose and Use of Debt
- Debt Limitations

Types of Debt

- When to issue Debt
- Refunding Analysis

Commission Policy

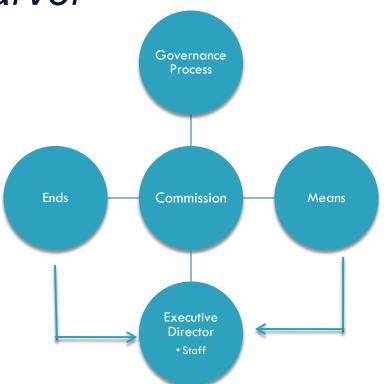
Staff Procedure

## Policy Development

### Methodology - Traditional

- Staff Define Issue
- Research Alternatives
- Draft Policy
- Recommend to Executive
- Commission Approval

# Development Methodology Carver



## Taxation Purpose

- Optimize use of levy
- Reserve ability to increase levy
- . Clear spending goals



## Taxation

### Goals

- Maximize funding from commercial operations so as to minimize the need for tax support
- The Port may levy less than its legally authorized maximum tax amount while "banking" its authority.
- The Port may resume taxing up to the full amount as opportunities emerge to pursue worthwhile capital investments.

# Taxation Tax Uses:

- General obligation bond principal and interest payments;
- Environmental costs;
- Capital asset acquisitions
  - such as Port facilities, public facilities, roads, and infrastructure
- Public facilities maintenance
- Public spaces and roads maintenance

### Financial Measures

## Financial Stability

#### Liquidity

- Current Ratio
- Cash Reserves
- Debt Coverage

#### **Profitability**

- Return on Revenue
- Operating Cash Flow
- Earnings before Tax Levy

#### Sustainability

- Return on Productive Assets
- Maint. Ins. & Environmental
- Financial Capacity
- Economic Value Added

# Capital Investment Project Evaluation - Timing

- Before entry into Capital Budget
- During lease negotiations
- Before Commission approval



## Capital Investment Summary

- Clear Purpose for Capital Spending
- Alignment with Funding Sources
- Agreed Methodology for Decisions
- Sets Priorities
- Agreed upon Measures

# Financial Policies – Application Issues Policies

- Budget Tax Levy
- Performance
- New facility funding
- Rate changes
- Equipment replacement

- -Taxation
- Financial Measures
- Debt
- User Fees
- Capital Investment

## Policies Summary

- Lead to success
- Resolve issues by an agreed methodology
- Outlive creators, promote stability
- Increase efficiency & standardize operations
- Increase stakeholder trust