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Relentless Record Breaking at Port Houston *Delivering Expanded Customer Service and Community Impact*

HOUSTON – The Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority met Tuesday in its regular monthly meeting and received news of continued record-breaking activity across the public terminals. In his staff report, Executive Director Roger Guenther said business remains strong for the container and general cargo terminals, with 21.6 million tons handled through May.

Container activity continues at record levels for the year and is 20% higher through May. “In fact, the 335,866 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent unit) total represents the best month in Port Houston history,” Guenther said. “There are really no signs of imports backing off, and exports – especially resins – are beginning to rebound” as well, Guenther added. Port Houston also experienced another record day of transactions through its truck gates last week.

General cargo volumes through the multi-purpose facilities are also up 116% for the year, with nearly 3.3 million tons recorded.



Busy days are relentless at Port Houston's Bayport Container Terminal.

During the meeting, Guenther highlighted the Saturday availability of truck gates at the container terminals. Port Houston added the additional day earlier in June to provide more opportunity for handling the tremendous amount of freight moving through Houston. “It is critical our industry take advantage of the extended hours we are providing for our customers,” he stressed.

“Expanding these hours must be a way of the future,” Guenther emphasized. “We are making this commitment to continued efficiency, and we strongly encourage our truckers and shippers to take advantage of this opportunity.”

Separately, Chairman Ric Campo expressed his appreciation to the men and women working at the terminals and keeping goods and commerce moving, and reminded them to stay safe and hydrated through the hot summer months.

Actions taken on Tuesday included the award of Port Houston’s Community Grants Program funding to 15 community groups. This program is an outreach initiative, focused on investing resources into projects and programs that enhance the community and are consistent with the mission and vision of Port Houston’s 2020 Strategic Plan. More details and a list of the award recipients can be accessed at this link: <https://porthouston.com/community-outreach/grantsprogram/>



Port Houston employees volunteer at a Houston Habitat for Humanity Project.



Port Houston volunteers at a Target for Hunger project. In line with its 2020 Strategic Plan, the port recently awarded funding totaling \$325K to 15 groups through its Port Houston Community Grants Program. The Port Commission also approved funding totaling \$404K to support three projects as part of the East Harris County parks and greenspace program.

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area's largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 public and private terminals, collectively known as the Port of Houston, is the nation's largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports the creation of nearly 1.35 million jobs in Texas and 3.2 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling \$339 billion in Texas – 20.6 percent of Texas' total gross domestic product (GDP) – and \$801.9 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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