

A regular meeting of the Astoria Common Council was held at the above place at the hour of 7:00 pm.

Councilors Present: Nemlowill, Herzig, Warr, Price, Mayor LaMear

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Police Chief Johnston, Community Development Director Cronin, Parks and Recreation Director Cosby, Finance Director Brooks, Fire Chief Ames, Library Director Tucker, Public Works Director Cook, and City Attorney Henningsgaard. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

REPORTS OF COUNCILORS

Item 3(a): Councilor Warr had no reports.

Item 3(b): Councilor Price had no reports.

Item 3(c): Councilor Nemlowill reported that work continues on the Parks Master Plan. She serves on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the planning process, which represents a variety of interests, expertise, and perspectives. The public has had many opportunities to provide input on the future of Astoria's parks. The draft recommendations and draft master plan reflect what the City has learned and heard from the public and the Citizen Committee. She has been pleased with the process so far. Upcoming public input sessions will provide the opportunity to review the draft master plan and provide input. Sessions have been scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th at the Fort George Lovell Showroom from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday, April 9th at Old Town Framing during the Art Walk from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A third session might be scheduled in the downtown area. More details are available at www.astoriaparks.com.

Item 3(d): Councilor Herzig reported that he, Councilor Price, and Mayor LaMear attended a housing conference with Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR), Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District (Col-Pac), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the State. Discussions at the conference attempted to define the housing shortage problem and where to direct efforts. A special study has been funded in Tillamook to research the same situation that is occurring in Columbia and Clatsop Counties. Tillamook Creamery has provided thousands of dollars to fund the study because employers realize that business is not viable if workers cannot be housed. Providence Seaside cannot bring in doctors because it is too expensive to put them up in hotels. The discussions at the conference were very healthy. He believed CEDR and Col-Pac planned to meet again that week to develop some recommendations. The best approach still has not yet been determined, but several groups are working on it. Earlier that day, he met with the Coast Guard Housing Director and previewed the new housing units, which have a garage on the ground floor with a stairway up to the main part of the house where the kitchen, living room, bathroom, and bedrooms are located. The third floor has more bedrooms and bathrooms. Each unit has two and half or three bathrooms with great views of Young's Bay. A lot of work has gone into the environment. More trees have been planted than were removed and the groundwater is being directed appropriately. The attention to detail was impressive. He believed a ribbon cutting would be held in May. It was exciting to see how much the Coast Guard wanted quality housing that anyone would want to live in. People who spoke at the Oregon Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) hearing received a letter indicating the hearings officer denied the LNG application. The pipeline was permitted, but not the facility. The warming center would be open that night because the temperature was expected to drop below 40 degrees. One or two inches of rain is predicted for Wednesday night, so the warming center might be open then as well. Tuesday, March 15th will be the last night the warming center will be open for the season. One of the warming center's guests had been killed in a hit and run accident in Portland. She had stayed at the warming center several times and had an untreated mental illness. He had heard that she went to Portland looking for better care. However, he understood why she had been wandering the streets considering the state she was in. This caused a lot of sadness among the warming center guests over the weekend.

Item 3(e): Mayor LaMear had no reports.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Mayor LaMear said she received a request from Councilor Herzig to add Regular Agenda Item 7(d): Consideration of Items to add to the November Ballot. The agenda was approved with changes.

PRESENTATIONS

Item 5(a): Astoria/Warrenton Chamber of Commerce

Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce will provide Council with a report regarding their projects from the past year.

Skip Hauke, 92732 Deer Valley Rd, Astoria, explained how the Lower Columbia Tourism Committee (LCTC) spends the City of Astoria's annual investment of \$180,750, noting that most of the funds are spent on marketing. This marketing program being funded by the City has been successful, as Astoria has been number one in the state for the percentage in increase of transient room tax dollars over the last 10 to 12 years. In 2015, the \$1.2 million in transient room taxes paid by visitors was divided equally between the City's General Fund and the Promote Astoria Fund.

- He said some people believe the Chamber's marketing is bringing too many people to town, resulting in traffic issues during the summer. However, no money is spent on marketing between May 1st and September 30th and all of the funds granted by the City are spent on shoulder and off-season advertising. Most hotel rooms are full during the summer and the biggest increase in transient room tax dollars came during the off-season. Astoria is on the most direct route for visitors from Washington and Canada traveling along the Oregon coast, which is the second most desired region in Oregon. Astoria only has 708 rooms, while Cannon Beach has 2,816, Seaside has 1,812, and Warrenton has 655 recreational vehicle and trailer spots. Visitors from Washington and Canada heading south along the Oregon coast will start in Astoria. He recommended a toll gate south of Warrenton to fund a by-pass.
- Some of the reasons the tourism industry was important to the City of Astoria and its economy included tourism related employment, transient room tax dollars, and money spent by tourists. He estimated total tourism spending in Astoria in 2016 would be about \$100 million.
- For 2016, the Chamber plans to ask the City for the same amount it requested in 2015. He believed the Chamber was doing what the City has asked and hoped they received a positive response from the Budget Committee and City Council. One minor drawback of the tourism industry is the four or five months of excess traffic that some people are unable to deal with; however, Astoria's retail shops, restaurants, art galleries, attractions, and lodgings would suffer without visitors. He believed the traffic was a small price to pay for the amount of money visitors pump into the economy and the jobs they provide.

Councilor Warr believed Mr. Hauke had done remarkable work at the Chamber over the last 13 years.

Councilor Nemlowill believed the off-season marketing was paying off. The slow season is now only about two months long in Astoria because of the collective efforts of many people working together as a team. During one week in February, there were no vacancies at any of the hotel rooms in Astoria. She asked if the Chamber or LCTC planned to ask for an increase in funds in future years.

Mr. Hauke noted that the City is paying the Chamber to bring many people to town in the off-season. He reminded that Astoria gave the Chamber an increase in funds in 2015, which was put to very good use. That was the first increase in three years. City Manager Estes added that 51 percent of tourism related revenues could be deposited into the City's General Fund. Other communities fund greater portions of their General Fund with transient room taxes, but they are all part of grandfathered programs established prior to current legislation. Mr. Hauke discussed the State's increase of its portion of the transient room tax in anticipation of the 2016 Olympic Trials in Eugene, which will raise a significant amount of money for all of the tourism regions in Oregon.

Councilor Price said now that the Irving Avenue Bridge and Lewis and Clark Bridge were open, visitors would have travel options they did not have last year. She confirmed with Councilor Nemlowill that April and November were the slow tourism months. Mr. Hauke added that the seafood festival was scheduled for the end of April and even though the festival offers plenty of food and wine, Astoria's restaurants and bars are busiest the Friday night of the festival because the festival closes at 8:00 pm.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

- 6(a) City Council Minutes of 2/1/16
- 6(b) City Council Minutes of 2/16/16
- 6(c) City Council Special Meeting Minutes of 2/2/16
- 6(d) City Council Special Meeting Minutes of 2/4/16
- 6(e) Boards and Commission Minutes
 - (1) Library Board Meeting of 1/26/16
- 6(f) Mutual Aid Agreement between City of Astoria Fire Department and Medix Ambulance (Fire)
- 6(g) Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Astoria and the State of Oregon for Hazardous Waste Materials Emergency Response Team Services (Fire)
- 6(h) Request for Authorization to Submit Grant and Receive Funds for Pedestrian Safety Program (Police)
- 6(i) Dr. Edward Harvey Historic Preservation Award Nominations (Community Development)
- 6(j) Authorization to Light the Astoria Column a Teal Hue for the Month of April in Recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (Parks)
- 6(k) Authorization to Submit Certified Local Government Grant Request (Community Development)

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Warr, seconded by Councilor Price, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Warr, Herzig, Nemlowill, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Item 7(a): Resolution Approving Referral to the Electors of the City of Astoria the Question of Imposing a Three Percent Tax on the Sales of Marijuana Items by a Recreational Marijuana Retailer within the City (Police)

At its February 16, 2016 meeting, Council adopted a resolution setting the ballot title, question, and summary that referred the implementation of an ordinance taxing recreational marijuana to the voters. During the meeting, Council provided direction that they desired to edit the ballot title, question, and summary. This edit was adopted by the Council. When staff attempted to publish the title on February 17, 2016 as required by law, they learned the title and question had exceeded the maximum word count allowed. This matter cannot be edited by staff since the issues were adopted by Council. Staff has prepared a new title and question that they believe reflect the intent of the Council and return it for Council consideration. To refer the matter to the voters, Council would adopt the resolution. This adoption will set the ballot title. The ballot title will be published in the "newspaper of general circulation in the city." After a period of review, if no objection to the ballot title is filed, the matter will be filed with the County Elections Official. It is recommended that Council consider adopting the proposed resolution to refer a 3 percent local option tax to the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Councilor Herzig said when this issue came up, he sent an email to City Council suggesting the third "whereas" phrase be removed, which had been added at the last Council meeting. He read the phrase aloud, noting that the phrase indicated tax revenues from recreational marijuana sales would be used to fund law enforcement activities related to the sale of recreational marijuana. This is not Council's intent, and because the phrase creates a lack of clarity, he believed it should be removed.

Mayor LaMear said she had no opinion about the phrase, but believed the intent was to let voters know that a 10 percent remainder would be left in the Oregon marijuana account, which should go back to the cities. However, the 10 percent would be insufficient.

Councilor Price believed the phrase was simply a useful communication tool that would help future Councilors and others who were interested in why the tax was implemented. She did not believe Council was implementing a tax simply because the State allowed it, but because Council believed the tax was necessary, as the City would not receive any part of the 10 percent from the State. The phrase is just an informational footnote and is not critical to the resolution.

Councilor Herzig did not believe the phrase added relevant information. Council wants to tax marijuana because the State allows them to do so. The City cannot anticipate the costs or benefits from the sale of recreational marijuana. Therefore, there is no connection to the assumption that the City will not receive funds from the State. City Council is not indicating the City is losing money or failing to gain expected funds from the State. The ability to charge a sales tax is not related to the fact that the State will not give the City a share of their tax revenues. He supported the tax, but objected to the wording of the resolution.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Warr, seconded by Councilor Nemlowill, to adopt the resolution to refer a 3 percent local option tax to the November 8, 2016 ballot. Motion carried 4 to 1. Ayes: Councilors Price, Warr, Nemlowill, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: Councilor Herzig.

Item 7(b): Request to Purchase City Owned Property Adjacent to 323 Alameda Avenue (Public Works)

A request has been received from Bruce Conner to purchase City-owned property directly southeast of his property located at 323 Alameda Avenue. The City property is approximately 1.0 acre (Lots 25 to 41, Block 17 Map number 80907CD, Tax Lot 06400). Mr. Conner intends to construct his retirement home on the property in the future. If Council is willing to consider the potential sale of this property, an appraisal will be ordered. Once the appraisal has been received and Mr. Conner has been notified of the appraised value, staff will return to Council with the information and the request that a public hearing be set to discuss the sale. It is recommended that Council consider the potential sale of City property across from 323 Alameda Avenue and direct staff to order an appraisal of the subject property.

Councilor Nemlowill asked how much work had been done updating the Development Code to increase the ability to develop more densely. Director Cronin responded that the first work session was held in February. A second work session would be held at the next Planning Commission meeting in March. The public hearing would be held in April and updates to the Code would be presented to Council in May.

Councilor Nemlowill asked how Development Code updates would impact property values. Director Cronin said currently unbuildable properties would become buildable, which would increase the values. Councilor Nemlowill believed changing the Code in a way that will increase property prices was counterproductive to their goal of improving the affordable housing situation in Astoria. Even though the Code updates would allow property owners to build more densely, it will become more expensive to build.

Councilor Price said she would love to sell City-owned properties, but the City needs a better inventory. This particular property is 100-feet by 125-feet, which is a little bit larger than a double lot for a single family home. Staff is spending time revising the Code so that single-family homes can be built on smaller lots. She had not surveyed the property, but if it was the last buildable 1-acre lot close to downtown, it could be better used for a different purpose. She believed City Council needed to take a closer look at the buildable lands inventory and prioritize the properties. She also believed Council should wait until the Planning Commission has voted on Code changes.

Councilor Warr said the City has many parcels of property. The last time Council discussed selling City-owned properties, many people became upset. However, he believed the City had no business being a large property owner. Keeping and maintaining this particular property is costly to the City with no return on the investment. It is in the City's best interest to get this property on the tax roll. He was in favor of selling City-owned lots.

City Manager Estes confirmed for Councilor Herzig that a portion of Exchange Street was an unimproved right-of-way not maintained by the City. Infill development standards allow some development on unimproved rights-of-way, but staff has discussed the possibility of an access easement from Mr. Conner's property on Alameda to the City-owned lot. Any costs associated with improving the property would be the responsibility of the property owner. He displayed a map and explained the exact location of the Conner's property, the City-owned property, and Exchange Street. A minimum number of houses can be accessed via an unimproved right-of-way before improvements would need to be made.

Mayor LaMear said she was in favor of selling the property. The City owns a lot of property that is excess and costly to maintain. Putting this property on the tax roll would benefit the City.

Councilor Nemlowill said the buildable lands inventory projects whether Astoria will have enough residential land for the next 20 years. The survey was extensive and included properties that could be built within the city. She asked what the report stated. City Manager Estes said the report stated Astoria has a deficit of residential land. The State of Oregon requires every community to have a 20-year land supply for a variety of uses, including commercial, residential, and industrial. Astoria has a deficit of land for single-family detached residential units. There are more lands zoned for multi-family units than lower density zones. He was unable to recall the exact number of acres the city was short, but Councilor Warr believed Astoria's deficit was 17 acres.

Mayor LaMear believed it would be difficult for anyone other than Mr. Conner to purchase the property unless they received an easement from Mr. Conner. West Exchange is an unimproved road and the lot is not good for developing by someone not living adjacent to the property. She confirmed there were no public comments about the potential sale of this property.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Warr, seconded by Councilor Nemlowill to direct staff to order an appraisal of City-owned property located adjacent to 323 Alameda Avenue (Lots 25 to 41, Block 17 Map number 80907CD, Tax Lot 06400) in consideration of a public hearing to discuss selling the property to Bruce Conner. Motion carried 3 to 2. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Nemlowill, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: Councilors Price and Herzig.

Item 7(c): Ordinance Granting Nonexclusive Right and Franchise to CoastCom, Inc. (1st Reading) (City Attorney/Finance)

The City of Astoria has telecommunication franchise agreements with several telecommunication and utility service providers who utilize City public rights-of-way for the placement of infrastructure. In 2008, the City of Astoria granted CoastCom, Inc., nonexclusive right and entered into a five year franchise allowing CoastCom to construct, operate, and maintain telecommunications system in the City's rights- of-way. Ordinance No. 08-03 with CoastCom, Inc., terminated September 19, 2013. CoastCom has continued to pay franchise fees to the City per the expired ordinance and wishes to renew nonexclusive right and franchise. CoastCom, Inc. provides telecommunications services to Clatsop County, LS Networks, Sunset Empire Transportation, and the City of Astoria. The provisions of this franchise are similar to franchise agreements negotiated with other users of public rights-of- way. Presented for Council's consideration is a proposed ordinance drafted by City Attorney Henningsgaard granting a franchise to CoastCom, Inc., for operation of telecommunications facilities within City rights-of-way. It is recommended that City Council conduct the first reading of the proposed ordinance.

Director Brooks confirmed for Mayor LaMear that changes to the agreement are consistent with more recent franchise agreements. Fees have been increased to be consistent with others and some reporting requirements have been updated.

Councilor Herzig confirmed that CoastCom had fiber installed under the streets in Astoria.

Councilor Price said earlier that day she received a phone call from Ms. Dolores Skillstad about this agreement. She confirmed with City Manager Estes that CoastCom had fiber underground and on utility poles in Astoria; however, most of the poles are owned by Pacific Power. She believed there were too many wires strung on poles, which obstruct views, but this agreement renewal will not add any new wires or poles. Therefore, she supported updating and renewing the agreement.

Mayor LaMear confirmed there were no public comments.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Nemlowill, seconded by Councilor Price to conduct the first reading of the ordinance granting nonexclusive right and franchise to CoastCom, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Warr, Herzig, Nemlowill, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

Director Brooks conducted the first reading.

Item 7(d): Consideration of Items to add to the November Ballot

This item was added to the agenda during Item 4: Changes to the Agenda.

Councilor Herzig said previously, City Council had discussed adding some items to a ballot but was concerned about the costs. When City Council decided to add the recreational marijuana tax to the ballot, Director Brooks contacted the County Elections Office and learned the City would not be charged to add a referendum to the November ballot. However, the City will be responsible for publishing public notices, publicity, and information. He suggested City Council hold a work session to discuss adding other referenda to the November ballot since the City will not be charged. He wanted to discuss removing fluoride from the City's drinking water, amending the City's charter, and changing the boundaries of Astoria's wards.

Councilor Warr stated the number of work sessions has increased, partly because the City is working on a strategic plan. He still works full time and was opposed to discussing this issue at work sessions at this time.

Councilor Nemlowill thanked Councilor Herzig for bringing up the fluoride issue, which she believed was an interesting topic. She has heard from people through email and social media who are both for and against fluoride in the water. This issue would have to be voted on by the public. The most important thing the City does is to provide water. It is important for people to have a say about whether there are additives in their water. She believed fluoride was a good additive and if the majority of citizens agree, the City could keep it in the water. However, if there is new research and people do not want to drink fluoridated water, the citizens could tell the City this as well. She suggested major housekeeping amendments to the City charter be added to the ballot with the fluoride issue. However, if significant changes to the charter were not needed, it would not be necessary to add it to the ballot.

Councilor Price said it would be fine if the public wanted to vote on fluoride, but she was concerned about the City's involvement. She was not in favor of City staff spending any time on the issue. She suggested Councilors Nemlowill and Herzig worked on the fluoride as a private initiative and as private citizens. If the City put this issue forward, the City would be obliged to engage in conversation about it. She did not believe City Council or staff had the time to undertake this issue, which is very divisive. Astoria is currently dealing with some big issues. She was in favor of one amendment to the City charter. Mayor LaMear has allowed City Council to give advice and consent on committee appointments. However, the next mayor may not be so generous. Even though the City is overwhelmed with some big issues, she wanted Council to spend some time on the charter.

Mayor LaMear agreed that the fluoride issue would take a tremendous amount of time. Public Works is still working on the CSO Project and several other large projects, so this is not the time to address this issue.

Councilor Herzig believed the November ballot and presidential election would have a larger voter turnout than general elections. This would be the best time to ask the public to respond to these issues. He was concerned that Councilors were saying the City does not have time to be a democracy and that the City is too busy to ask the public and citizens to vote on an issue as fundamental as what is put into one's body on a daily basis that one has no choice over unless City Council agrees to add the referendum to the ballot. Some people consider fluoride a poison. He did not run for office to go door-to-door gathering signatures. Work sessions are just one option and Council could direct staff to draft something very simple to be reviewed at a Council meeting. He did not like hearing that the City is too busy to take issues to the public because elected officials in a democracy are obligated to do so.

Councilor Nemlowill believed the City could be objective, as it did in the 1950s when this issue was referred to voters. The City does not need to be for or against fluoride in the water. She asked for clarification about the City's role in issues that are referred to voters. City Manager Estes said the process would be similar to the process used for the marijuana tax. A title and summary would be prepared. City staff cannot advocate for a measure, but staff could provide information and answer questions.

Councilor Nemlowill did not understand how this would burden staff. It costs \$300 to put a measure on the ballot, which is not significant. She understood some work was necessary to prepare the ballot title, but did not understand how this would burden the Public Works Department. When she inquired about fluoride in the water, City Manager Estes and Director Cook were able to provide her with information staff already had.

Councilor Warr did not believe there was a public outcry about fluoride. The City is busy and the public is not asking for this issue to be added to the ballot. Councilor Nemlowill said she had heard from certain members of the public, but agreed there was no public outcry.

Councilor Herzig said there was public outcry when the *Daily Astorian* published a story about fluoride. Many comments were posted online and people on both sides really wanted City Council to consider this issue. People should not have to beat down Council's door to get attention. He suggested the ballot title be, "Shall the City of Astoria continue to put fluoride in the drinking water?" The statement could indicate how much fluoride is added to the drinking water and ask if the current practice should continue. He believed some fine-tuning could ensure his recommendation would fit the word count. This would not take an exorbitant amount of staff's time. The City would not take a position, but would simply ask the voters what they wanted.

Councilor Nemlowill has encouraged people to contact City Council about this issue and attend Council meetings. People talk to their representatives so the issues can be brought to Council meetings, but the issues do not get traction because there is no public outcry. People who want to vote on issues need to come forward and be more vocal.

Councilor Herzig hoped this discussion would get coverage in the newspaper and that people who care about the fluoride issue would attend meetings to ask Council to take action. He added at least two Councilors have tried.

Mayor LaMear called for public comments.

Chris Farrar, 3023 Harrison Avenue, Astoria, said he was a groundwater hydrologist and geologist. He has worked in the field of energy resources for 37 years for the federal government. He did not claim to have any health knowledge about water, but knew quite a bit about water from a scientific perspective. He was interested in the health impacts of water nationwide. He used to believe strongly in fluoride in water, but the fluoride only benefits teeth when it is surrounding them. Fluoride in drinking water goes straight into the stomach, so it is a big waste of money. He understood fluoride came to the City as part of a waste product from metallurgical processes. The City is paying for a waste product. Just take this unnecessary chemical out of the water because it is not helping people's teeth at all. He believed it was best to keep the water as basic as possible with something that kills bacterial problems. It is a big mistake to mess with mineralogy to try to improve health. People will live a lot longer if they get rid of water softeners and the fluoride is removed.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herzig, seconded by Councilor Nemlowill to direct staff to draft a referendum for the November ballot on the use of fluoride in the City's water system. Motion failed 2 to 3. Ayes: Councilors Herzig and Nemlowill; Nays: Councilors Price, Warr, and Mayor LaMear.

NEW BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS, PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

Larry Miller, 1111 Exchange Street, Astoria, thanked the City for remodeling the Astoria Senior Center, which is now a community senior center. At least 400 people attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and membership is up to 538 people. In February, the Columbia Senior Diners served 991 meals and 2,124 people that came through the door. The Senior Center board and members thank the City for the remodel.

Councilor Price said the new building looks beautiful day and night. Councilor Herzig said temporarily relocating to the Yacht Club during the renovation resulted in a loss of membership and a shuttle bus service was required to keep the meal program going. He added that Mr. Miller spent a tremendous amount of energy keeping attendance levels healthy so that programs could continue. The Senior Center is finally back in its new home and he was glad Mr. Miller was still the director.

Roger Warren, 37th Street, Astoria, said his neighborhood has seen an uptick in Goonies fans over the last several weeks. The large ugly sign that directs people from the highway to the house is out of compliance and most of the people that walk up to view the house are parking in no parking zones. Hostilities by neighbors on the hill have increased and have led to numerous police calls. He believed each Council member received a letter of concern from Will Caplinger. Councilors who responded were trying to get a handle on the situation. He was one of 20 to 30 people who were trying to resolve the problem before it becomes a giant traffic mess this summer when the situation will become desperate. A City sponsored and funded event that draws 1,000 people each day to his neighborhood on a dead end street without Port-a-Potties for visitors who have been tied up in a vehicle from Portland or Seattle, results in a mess. Any other venue drawing 1,000 people a day would have regular hours and permits w be required. This is not a phenomenon because the City funded the event through the Chamber of Commerce without permits. No one in his neighborhood voted on this, but the money came from

Council Chambers and went through the Chamber of Commerce. Some of the volunteers that worked the commercial events at the house were City staff. He appreciated what Council had done so far, but wanted more help to prevent this issue from turning into an ugly situation. He lives in the neighborhood and sees people yelling.

Dulcye Taylor, 1287 Commercial Street, Astoria, invited City Council and the community to the Jane Barnes Review on April 2nd, which is the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association's (ADHDA) second largest fundraiser. She understood the event was not everyone's cup of tea, as Astoria's most treasured citizens are put in dresses and pranced down a 24-foot catwalk. She noted this is the sixth year of the event and she would love to see everyone attend.

Councilor Herzig believed the ADHDA deserved a lot of credit for helping businesses flourish year-round. The ADHDA hosts more events and festivals than the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Taylor said the ADHDA only does three big fundraising events each year, but they try to hold events during the slow months to give locals and visitors something to do.

City Manager Estes added that the ADHDA would give an annual report at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor LaMear adjourned the regular City Council session to convene the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 9(a): ORS192.660 (2) (i) – Performance Evaluations of Public Officers and Employees

The City Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss performance evaluations.

ADJOURNMENT

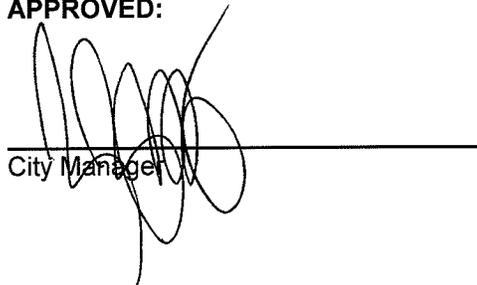
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED:



City Manager