

A special meeting of the Astoria Common Council was held at the above place at the hour of 5:30 pm.

Councilors Present: Brownson (via telephone), Rocka, Herman, West, and Mayor Jones.

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Finance Director Brooks, and City Attorney Henningsgaard. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

#### CHANGES TO AGENDA

No changes.

#### REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

**Item 4(a): Appeal AP19-02 by Stewardship Homes LLC of the Planning Commission's Decision to Deny Conditional Use CU19-04 for Conversion of a 5-unit Apartment to a Short-Term Lodging at 641 Commercial Street**

On April 5, 2019, Stewardship Homes, LLC submitted a conditional use application (CU19-04) to locate a 5-room short term lodging facility in an existing apartment building. The proposal would allow use of the five, one-bedroom units as short term (less than 30-day) rentals. The application was deemed complete on May 5, 2019. On May 21, 2019, planning staff issued a staff report recommending denial of the application. On May 28, 2019, the Planning Commission conducted its first hearing on the application, after which they closed the evidentiary record and granted the applicant two weeks to submit final written argument. On June 11, 2019, the applicant submitted final written argument. On June 25, 2019, the Planning Commission deliberated and voted to deny the application. On July 12, 2019, the applicant appealed the decision (before the July 15, 2019 deadline) to the City Council. On August 19, 2019, the City Council heard the appeal de novo and tentatively voted to deny the appeal, pending revised findings of fact. A meeting was scheduled for 5:30 PM, August 27, 2019 to review the revised findings of fact for denial of the appeal. The public hearing was closed at their August 19th meeting. The 120-day review period expires on August 28, 2019.

The City Attorney and staff have prepared the attached findings of fact in support of the denial of the appeal by Stewardship Homes, LLC.

Staff recommends that the City Council review and consider the revised findings of fact.

Councilor Herman said she heard all of the tenants had been evicted, but the Findings stated only one unit was unoccupied.

City Attorney Henningsgaard explained that only one unit was unoccupied at the time the application was filed. He believed there was still one tenant in the building.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Rocka, seconded by Councilor West, to adopt the revised Findings and Conclusions contained in the Staff report and deny Appeal AP19-02 by Stewardship Homes LLC. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, West, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

Mayor Jones read the rules of appeal into the record.

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

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.

**ATTEST:**



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Finance Director

**APPROVED:**



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City Manager