

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

Councilors Present: Herzig, Warr, Price, Mayor LaMear

Councilors Excused: Nemlowill

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Assistant City Manager/Police Chief Johnston, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA) There were none.

CHANGES TO AGENDA There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

- 5(a) **City Council Minutes of 4/20/15**
- 5(b) **City Council Work Session Minutes of 4/20/15**
- 5(c) Boards and Commission Minutes
 - (1) Design Review Committee Meeting of 3/5/15
 - (2) Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting of 3/31/15
 - (3) Library Board Meeting of 3/31/15

Councilor Price requested that Items 5(a) and (b) be removed for further discussion.

City Council Action: Item 5(c) of the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved. Ayes: Councilors Price, Warr, Herzig, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

Item 5(a): City Council Minutes of 4/20/15

Councilor Price amended the second sentence of the third paragraph on Page 10, to state, "However, the ladder truck would be necessary at her house, ***just as it would at so many other houses in Astoria that are built high above retaining walls and have no driveway access.***"

Item 5(b): City Council Work Session Minutes of 4/20/15

Councilor Price amended the seventh and eighth sentences of the last full paragraph on Page 1 as follows: "~~This process is starting with~~ ***starts by specifying the Metz recommended square footage must be met, the basement of the existing building will not be used, and the renovation will not include use of the Waldorf space. that it must be met all on one floor, also that the Merwyn/Waldorf cannot be demolished.*** Therefore, she believed the only option was to build a new library in a new location. ***That means the basement of the existing building cannot be used. It means the renovation cannot include the Merwyn/Waldorf building. So, what the criteria say is that the only option left for us is to build a new library in a different location.***" She said she wanted to clarify that she was not actually supporting the Heritage Square site, but simply questioning what the City should do.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herzig, seconded by Councilor Price, to approve Items 5(a) and (b) of the Consent Calendar, as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Warr, Herzig, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Item 6(a): Liquor License Application from MNC Enterprises Inc., dba Triangle Tavern, Located at 222 W. Marine Drive, Astoria for a Greater Privilege for a Full On-Premises Sales Commercial Establishment License (Finance)

A Liquor License Application has been filed by Nadine Cearly, MNC Enterprises Inc., doing business as Triangle Tavern, located at 222 W. Marine Drive, Astoria. The application is for a Greater Privilege for a Full On-Premises Sales Commercial Establishment License. The appropriate departments have reviewed the application and it is recommended that Council consider approval.

Mayor LaMear confirmed there were no public comments.

Councilor Herzig asked for the definition of Greater Privilege. City Manager Estes understood a Greater Privilege allowed hard liquor sales by the drink in addition to the beer and wine currently sold.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herzig, seconded by Councilor Warr, to approve the liquor license application by Nadine Cearly for a Greater Privilege for a Full On-Premises Sales Commercial Establishment License. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Warr, Herzig, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

Item 6(b): Authorization to Solicit Bids – Astoria Aquatic Center 2015 Capital Improvements (Parks)

It is proposed that needed Capital Improvement projects take place at the Astoria Aquatic Center during the facility's annual maintenance closure in the first two weeks of September. Improvements include plaster replacement, HVAC updates, shower plumbing and fixture replacement, and energy efficient lighting fixture replacement. Due to the limited timeframe for these projects to be completed, staff is requesting authorization to solicit bids in an attempt to secure contractors to perform the work during the facility's scheduled two-week closure. The work is estimated to cost \$250,000. It is recommended that Council authorize the solicitation of bids for the 2015 Aquatic Center Capital Improvement projects.

City Manager Estes noted this was discussed at a recent Budget Committee meeting. This expenditure is included in the draft 2015-2016 budget. Staff would solicit bids during the current fiscal year, but a contract would not be presented to Council for approval until after July 1, 2015, after the next fiscal year begins.

Mayor LaMear confirmed there were no public comments.

City Manager Estes confirmed for Councilor Herzig that the expense would be paid in the next fiscal year, but Staff needed to begin soliciting bids now. If Staff waited until after the budget is adopted and the next fiscal year began, there would not be enough time to secure bids and make the September deadline. He confirmed the expense has been budgeted for the next fiscal year.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herzig, seconded by Councilor Warr to authorize the solicitation of bids for the 2015 Aquatic Center Capital Improvement projects. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Warr, Herzig, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

Item 6(c): Reimbursement of Expenses – Friends of Astoria Column (Police)

The Friends of the Column have been working with City staff and Verizon to relocate the communications tower from Coxcomb Hill to a City-owned site northeast of Reservoir 3. This work has been to the advantage of the City and to date the Friends have incurred \$69,657 in expenses. At the December 15, 2014 Council meeting, the City Council discussed this matter and appeared to have consensus toward considering reimbursement of the Friends. It is recommended that Council approve the appropriation of \$69,657 from the Capital Improvement Fund and authorize the reimbursement to the Friends.

Assistant City Manager/Police Chief Johnston reviewed the history of the relocation of the existing communications tower at Coxcomb Hill. Completion of the emergency communications system is currently a City Council Goal that this effort supports. His presentation included the following timeline of events that led to this request:

- 1989 – The City consolidated independent “efforts” on to a single facility, a City-owned communication tower on Coxcomb Hill.
- 1996 - GTE Mobile (now Verizon) added equipment to the tower to accommodate cell phones, added 20 feet to tower, and turned ownership back over to City.
- 2007 – A storm in October resulted in significant failure of emergency communications.
- 2008 – The Police Department took over management of the communication facility with the understanding that the location of the tower would always be under political pressure to move and always be threatened by trees.
- 2010 – Staff presented to City Council that Coxcomb Hill was not ideal location for emergency communications and proposed a better location.
- 2013 – At the April 1st City council meeting, Jordan Schnitzer and Friends of Column presented their plan to cut down trees near the communication facility and develop a parks master plan. Immediately following the presentation, Staff presented a deal with Verizon to hide a cell tower in the trees.
 - After the meeting, Staff began working with the Friends of Column and Verizon to compel Verizon to move the tower. Staff had already been talking to Verizon for three years about moving to the preferred location by the caretaker house.
 - In cooperation with City Staff, The Friends engaged with Converge Communications to convince Verizon to move the tower when the City was unable to. This cost the friends just under \$70,000.

City Manager Estes added that the Friends would begin a restoration and improvement project on the Column, which will cost about \$1 million. While the Column is City-owned, the Friends are raising the necessary funds independent of the City. If City Council approves this appropriation, Staff would present a budget resolution to City Council at a subsequent meeting because this expenditure is not included in the current budget. The beginning fund balance of the next fiscal year would not be affected by this expenditure because the beginning fund balance includes a buffer.

Mayor LaMear confirmed this would be paid out of the current budget.

City Manager Estes confirmed for Councilor Warr that \$750,000 of the \$1 million in renovation costs had already been raised by Friends of the Column members.

Councilor Price thanked City Council, City Manager Estes, and Assistant City Manager/Police Chief Johnston for indulging the long list of questions she had earlier about this reimbursement. She recalled former Mayor Van Dusen saying at a Council meeting in December 2014 that the Friends might be asking for this reimbursement. She believed Councilor Warr had suggested the request be discussed at the 2015-2016 budget meeting. Therefore, she was surprised to see the request on this meeting’s agenda. However, the Friends do a lot. The Column is an expensive landmark in the community.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Price, seconded by Councilor Warr to approve the appropriation of \$69,657 from the Capital Improvement Fund and authorize the reimbursement to the Friends of the Astoria Column.

Councilor Herzig said he wished Mr. Schnitzer had mentioned this request when he attended a recent City Council meeting. It would have been better to hear the request directly from Mr. Schnitzer. The reimbursement does not compare to the \$750,000 the Friends have raised. However, he did not feel comfortable approving a lump sum and wanted an itemized list of expenses. At this time, he will have to vote no.

Mayor LaMear called for public comments.

George McCartin, 490 Franklin Avenue, Astoria, believed it was very daring for anyone to oppose the request for this reimbursement in light of all that the Friends have done and the tremendous amount of money the Friends have spent over the years. However, City Council has certain procedures, according to their own code and State law that must be followed when contracting. He asked if the City’s contract with the Friends included a clause that indicated the Friends would request a reimbursement under certain circumstances. The last administration set a precedent, but City Council is about to set another precedent. The City does not have control of who is bidding or the scope of work and now the Friends want a reimbursement. He believed this was irregular.

Chris Farrar, 3023 Harrison Avenue, Astoria, agreed with Mr. McCartin and Councilor Herzig. He believed Council should have more documentation, adding that \$70,000 is a significant amount, even if it is only a tenth of what the Friends have raised for renovations. Citizens deserve to see how the money was spent. He also

believed the Friends should have come forward earlier in the process to say they would be requesting a reimbursement. He did not believe it was a good idea for the Friends to make the request after all of the work was complete. He liked the Column, but the City needed to get tighter financially.

Mayor LaMear said the Column is a city treasure. Without the help of the Friends, the Column would not be repaired. She confirmed that City Manager Estes and Assistant City Manager/Police Chief Johnston were part of the selection committee that chose to contract with Converge Communications. The Friends were able to accomplish something the City could not, which was getting Verizon to move. Most citizens in Astoria did not want a big tower on the top of Coxcomb Hill competing with the beautiful Column. The Friends did a great job. This request indicates that the Friends are willing to take care of renovations, maintenance, and improvements. However, the administrative work should be done the City of Astoria. She supported the request.

Zachary Frank Seidel, 364 9th Street, Suite C, Astoria, asked how much the tower was estimated to cost. Assistant City Manager/Police Chief Johnston said he had not seen a valuation in a few years. However, five years ago, when building a new tower was discussed, the costs were estimated at about \$750,000.

Mr. Seidel asked if the tower were owned by Comcast, Singular, or Verizon, would they be responsible for building it. He also asked if the companies would receive funds from use of the tower. City Manager Estes said the City owns the existing tower. Currently, negotiations with Verizon indicate Verizon would build a new tower and would cover the expenses of moving the City's communication antennas to the new tower. Assistant City Manager/Police Chief Johnston added that the City's current communications facility is over capacity, has structural issues, and is nearing the end of its life, so it needs to be replaced. Converge has done what the City believed was impossible.

Councilor Price believed Mr. Seidel was asking if the City would have to pay to build the tower. City Manager Estes said no, Verizon would pay to build the new tower. Councilor Price confirmed Verizon would own the tower while the City owned the land the tower is built on and the City will be allowed to keep its communications equipment on their tower. City Manager Estes reminded the specific details were still being negotiated.

Mr. Ziedell wanted to know what was involved in wooing a communications company. Staff explained that the current tower, which is owned by the City and holds Verizon's equipment, needs to be replaced. The City needed to get a new tower with the least fiscal impact. The City had to convince Verizon it was in their best interest to use a new configuration of towers that will increase service and potentially increase revenue. Negotiations have involved hundreds of meetings and finding technical data to support the new site. Converge did research that Verizon was unwilling to do. However, this research demonstrated the new site would work for both Verizon and the City.

Mr. Seidel said he wanted to review all of the information and preferred the reimbursement be postponed until the community had the opportunity to review the information.

Councilor Herzig did not believe anyone was questioning that the City would not have been able to relocate the tower with the influence of the Friends or that the City desperately needs a new tower. The issue before Council is \$69,657 of unitemized expenses to be awarded back to the Friends of the Column. He believed Council needed the expenses to be itemized. The next item on the agenda is reimbursing Converge Communications separately. This is not about the help the Friends have given or the need for a new tower; it is simply about money being turned over to the Friends without any itemization.

Assistant City Manager/Police Chief Johnston confirmed he did not have an itemized list of this expense.

City Manager Estes said staff could present Council with more information at the next City Council meeting.

Councilor Price said in light of the comments, she would withdraw her motion. Councilor Warr agreed to set the item aside for one meeting.

Mayor LaMear confirmed delaying action to the next meeting would not create any issues time wise.

The City Council consented to continue Item 6(c): Reimbursement of Expenses – Friends of Astoria Column to the next City Council meeting, scheduled for June 8, 2015.

Item 6(d): Approval of Personal Services Contract Amendment – Converge Communications (Police)

City staff has contracted with Converge Communications to negotiate the lease between the City and Verizon Communications. This work is in process and related to the relocation of the Coxcomb Hill communications tower. There is additional work to be done ensuring that the project moves from its current status to construction. Converge Communications, who has been working on behalf of the Friends, is uniquely suited to continue this work. It is recommended that Council approve expansion of the Scope of Work and that Converge be authorized to expend up to \$20,000 in this Fiscal Year.

City Manager Estes suggested this item be continued to the next City Council meeting, as it is a companion matter to Item 6(c): Reimbursement of Expenses-Friends of the Astoria Column.

City Council agreed to continue this item to the next City Council meeting on June 8, 2015.

Councilor Herzig said Converge is a technical firm that contracted to do Verizon's work for them and convince Verizon that they could find a suitable and more profitable location. He wanted to know when Verizon's franchise with the City expired and if the City could replace Verizon with a company that would work better with the City. Converge provided the technical information relating to the relocation of the Verizon tower that includes emergency communications tower.

Item 6(e): Ordinance Establishing an Assessment Fee that shall be known as the Police Officer Training Fee (1st Reading) (Police)

The Police Department wishes to establish funding for enhancing their training activities. The training budget for Police employees has been largely unchanged for 10 years. While resources have not increased, costs to train have. The Department proposes imposing an assessment on traffic citations that would fund additional Police training. Persons who are found not to have committed the offense will have no fee imposed. Estimated revenue from this fee is \$20,000 annually. These dollars would be earmarked for equipment related to training, training costs, and contractually obligated tuition reimbursement. It is recommended that Council conduct the first reading of this ordinance.

City Manager Estes said the cities of Warrenton and St. Helens have similar ordinances. Staff proposes a fee of \$15 for traffic offenses and code violations and \$50 for conviction of crimes. The use of these fines to support training would relieve pressure on the General Fund. City Council was provided copies of amendments to the draft ordinance proposed by City Attorney Henningsgaard.

Councilor Herzig noted a typographical error on Page 44, second paragraph, last sentence of the agenda packet: "It seems appropriate that those who are ~~contacted~~ **convicted** for violations of law directly support the efforts to further professionalize the department.

Councilor Price understood fines, particularly on criminal cases, were difficult to collect because these fines were typically imposed upon people at the lower part of the socioeconomic status. She supported these fees. However, she believed the City should avoid any kind of bounty and avoid making officers feel they must meet a quota in order to make the anticipated \$20,000 each year. If the fees do not provide enough support for training, she preferred training expenses be paid for out of the General Fund. She did not want the Police Department to feel it must go bounty hunting for training funds. Assistant City Manager/Police Chief Johnston responded he would be the first to request repeal of the ordinance if that were to happen.

Councilor Herzig preferred the \$20,000 come out of the City budget. Mr. Cantor advised the Budget Committee that if the City paid off some of its outstanding debts in modest amounts, the City would save over \$20,000 annually. He was concerned about directly linking police citations with income to the Police Department because he believed it would send a troubling message to the public. He did not believe the police would abuse this fee structure, but it gives the appearance that the more violations the police can maintain in court, the more money flows into police training.

Councilor Warr believed the fees would be fine, but would not raise a lot of money. The problem with taking funds out of the General Fund is that such an ongoing expense is easy to cut. Therefore, he favored the request.

Mayor LaMear called for public comments.

David Oser, 254 W. Irving, Astoria, said he was not concerned about bounty hunting. However, he did not believe it was appropriate to raise training funds in this manner because many people who have convictions are not people who have a lot of money. People who are living on the edge get a traffic citation, cannot afford to pay the fine, and cannot get to work because they lost their license. There is a growing sense in the country that adding these amounts to the poorest of citizens is not the right way to raise money. He believed everyone agreed that police training is very important, but he did not believe this was the right mechanism for raising the necessary funds.

Councilor Price asked if it was possible to take \$20,000 from the General Fund and allocate it to the Police Department for training. City Manager Estes said the funds would be taken from the General Fund's contingency, which would leave almost no contingency. In response to Councilor Herzig's comment, he explained that the City did not have any debt in the General Fund. The City's debt service is being paid for out of the Capital Improvement Fund, Promote Astoria Fund, and Astor East Urban Renewal District. The Budget Committee has recommended a fairly tight General Fund. The Police Department was trying to be creative and recommend another funding mechanism because the General Fund does not have much capacity right now.

Councilor Price said the City has \$2 million+ contingency for the next fiscal year. City Manager Estes explained the budget is based on projected revenues and projected expenditures. An additional \$20,000 in expenditures would put the fund at close to zero. The City would have the contingency, but it would have to be drawn down in future years in order to maintain sustainability.

Councilor Price asked what happens when a person cannot pay their fines. City Attorney Henningsgaard confirmed Astoria did not have debtor's prison. The municipal court puts very few people in jail. When fines and fees are not paid, the municipal court issues a warrant and sends the account to a collection agency.

Councilor Herzig believed the City could find training funds elsewhere and \$20,000 could be raised for police training in a way that does not affect some of the most disadvantaged people in the community. The proposed fees could spiral a person into a situation where they owed thousands of dollars to the City and could not work. He requested that Council support the police and their need for training and direct Staff to find other sources of police training funds.

City Manager Estes suggested that Council discuss directing Staff to find training funds in the budget at the next City Council meeting on June 8th, during review of the budget.

Item 6(f): Resolution Amending Fee Schedule for Maritime Memorial Park (Parks)

The Maritime Memorial Park was designed to commemorate the people who were intimately involved with maritime activities during their lives. Engraved individual Memorial Wall spaces are approximately 4" x 12" and include the name of the deceased person, year of birth and death, and a maritime related inscription that pertains to the deceased. An additional option for the memorial space is to include a maritime related graphic closely associated with the deceased. For example, a gillnet boat if the deceased was a gillnetter. On April 21, 2015, the City of Astoria's Maritime Memorial Committee unanimously voted to approve a proposed fee increase for memorial engravings on the Maritime Memorial Wall. This fee increase will close the gap between fees charged for services and the cost of services. It is proposed that the fees be increased \$150 for engraving and \$50 for a customized graphic or artwork effective June 1, 2015. The fee amounts are shown below:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Effective 6/1/15</u>
Engraving	\$350	\$500
Customized Graphic/Artwork	\$100	\$150

It is recommended that Council authorize this fee schedule amendment in order to offset costs at the Maritime Memorial Park.

City Manager Estes noted the agenda packet included information that clarified the proposed fee increases.

Councilor Warr declared a conflict of interest, as he has done most of the work at the memorial. Therefore, he would not engage in conversation about this item.

Mayor LaMear confirmed there were no public comments. She said the Maritime Memorial was one of her favorite memorials in Astoria. It is extremely moving to read the inscriptions and see the boats. The community wants to keep up the excellence of the area and the City cannot keep doing so without charging enough to cover the costs. Therefore, she was in favor of the resolution.

Councilor Herzig said Page 64 of the agenda packet had not been revised. He asked if this could be corrected as needed. City Manager Estes confirmed the signature packet had been amended correctly. Councilor Herzig explained the agenda packet did not reflect the increased fees on plaques with graphics, which would be increased to about \$650.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herzig, seconded by Councilor Price to adopt the resolution amending the fee schedule for Maritime Memorial Park. Motion carried 3 to 0 to 1. Ayes: Councilors Price and Herzig and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None. Abstentions: Councilor Warr.

Item 6(g): Ordinance Amending Astoria City Code Section 1.964 Relating to Local Government Public Contracting Regulations (1st Reading) (Public Works)

The Public Works Department is requesting that the City Council consider adopting an ordinance that would modify the spending authority of the City Manager for adjustments to the contract amount of public works Improvement projects. The proposed ordinance amends Astoria City Code Section 1.964 Public Contracts - Authority of Purchasing Manager, which authorizes the purchasing manager (City Manager) to execute contract change orders in accordance with the project contract documents so long as the total project cost does not exceed the total funding for the project in the approved construction budget. It is recommended that Council conduct the first reading of this ordinance.

City Manager Estes explained the new procedure being proposed by Staff, as noted on Page 71 of the agenda packet. The new procedure proposed that Staff would give Council financial status updates upon request. However, financial status updates would automatically be presented to Council on a monthly basis. A revised copy of the ordinance, which included language amended by City Attorney Henningsgaard, was presented to City Council.

Councilor Warr believed the City should have some flexibility. However, some of the larger contracts, like the contracts for mandated work on the CSO projects, have contingencies of more than \$500,000. The amendments to this ordinance would give the City Manager the authority to spend up to \$500,000 without consulting with City Council. For as long as he has been on City Council, he could not recall every denying a change order. He did believe some things could be changed to make the process go more quickly. However, the proposed amendments could tempt future Staff to do some irregular things. He was uncomfortable giving Staff this level of spending authority.

Councilor Herzig agreed. He did not believe Council should waive its responsibility to manage City funds in this way. He understood the proposal was in the interest of efficiency. However, City Council has recently demonstrated it is willing to convene for emergency meetings. If it became critical to move a large adjustment of funding forward, he believed City Council could meet to approve the request. He held nothing against the City Manager or his predecessor, but believed City Council needed to retain the oversight.

Councilor Price agreed.

Item 6(h): Consideration of Draft City Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The City Council held a work session on January 23, 2015 to set goals for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. From that work session, a list of Council goals was drafted. The draft goals were discussed at the Council meeting of February 17, 2015 and were posted on the City website. In addition, an article reviewing the goals was published in the January 26, 2015 edition of *The Daily Astorian*. After the April 20, 2015 City Council Work Session regarding the Library, a revised draft of the goals was posted on the City's website. This was done in advance of the May 4, 2015 Council meeting, and to date, no comments or suggestions for modifications or additions to the goals have been received from the public. It would be in order for the Council to consider adopting the draft list as the official City Council goals for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Councilor Price believed she had been overly hasty when agreeing to pursue only one option for the library, the development of Heritage Square. She wants to see Heritage Square developed soon and believed a library as a

public/private partnership at Heritage Square could be a good use of the space. She hoped the City would vigorously pursue this option. However, she also believed it was essential to consider two options because the finances could be different. At this point, the City does not know what the citizens are willing to finance and it is likely that help from the citizens will be necessary. She suggested the City consider using the current library building as a second option. She believed developers, architects, and others should be allowed to suggest ways of satisfying the criteria, even if it means considering adjacent spaces. This option could be pursued at the same time as Heritage Square. The City removed the notion that there would never be additional funding for library Staff. If the City is going to build a community hub, it must be willing to put some money behind operations and Staff to ensure the library will be the great community hub Astoria is looking forward to. This was the main reason for insisting on a one-floor library. However, more Staff is a possibility so a multi-floor library can be considered. She believed the City should consider the tremendous community effort being put into the rehabilitation of the Van Dusen building by the harbor. The City should question whether the only option should be that an entire block of abandoned buildings be left behind and/or give a developer of Heritage Square the burden of having to find an appropriate use for the library, which was part of Council's motion at the last meeting. The City's volunteers who serve on the Planning Commission and the Historic Landmarks Commission spend so much time and effort trying to encourage building owners to rehabilitate and use existing buildings instead of building new structures or moving to Warrenton. She believed the City should do the same for its own property. After the last work session, she spoke with City Manager Estes who said it was not Staff's intention for Council to choose one option. Staff simply wanted Council to review the criteria to see if they were the types of criterion Council wanted Staff to use when considering the four options on the table at that time.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Price to direct Staff to explore two options for the library, a new development at Heritage Square and renovation of the current library building, with or without adjacent spaces.

Councilor Price did not want to end up after some period of time without a plan for Heritage Square and have to start the process all over again.

Councilor Warr noted the library goal stated, "Investigate locating the Astoria Public Library as part of a mixed use residential development within Heritage Square to facilitate redevelopment of this space." He did not believe this language locked the City into one option. He believed it would be too expensive to consider both options simultaneously and each option should be investigated one at a time. Architects do not present plans in the hopes the City will purchase them and it will be expensive to fund development and research at both locations. Councilor Price made a great argument; however, he did not believe her argument helped the goals. Therefore, he was not in favor of her suggestion.

Councilor Herzig agreed. Council needs to give Staff clear direction. When a report on Heritage Square comes back, Council can then decide if a second option should be investigated. He wanted to leave the library goal as is. He was sorry the goals might be adopted with Councilor Nemlowill absent. He hoped this was the last year the City used this format for goal setting. The City has no marker for achievement, no reporting, and no specific departments to shepherd the goals. There is no tracking mechanism or way to prioritize the goals. He hoped that next year, the City would adopt a vision plan to see how the City's vision might be implemented by specific goals through specific departments with specific tracking mechanisms. He suggested a quarterly report on each goal.

Councilor Price said at the work session in April, Staff presented the criteria it would use to pursue the four options that were on the table at that time. The four options were the two included in the Metz study, an option suggested by Ted Osborne, and Heritage Square. Staff was prepared to move forward with those four options either simultaneously or one at a time. She asked if pursuing two options would be a burden on Staff. City Manager Estes clarified that the criteria proposed at the work session were to be used when considering a location. The criteria would not have allowed Staff to develop a cost estimate. Staff needed Council to consider a preferred location at a policy level. This goal would take into account a more detailed analysis that could result in some rough cost estimates and feasibility studies. Staff could pursue two options. However, this work would be more in depth than he originally anticipated. When this goal was developed at the last City Council meeting, he understood that Council wanted more information.

Councilor Price restated her motion. Motion died for lack of a second.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herzig, seconded by Mayor LaMear to adopt City Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Motion carried 3 to 0 to 1. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Herzig, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None. Abstentions: Councilor Price.

NEW BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

REPORTS OF COUNCILORS

Item 11(a): Councilor Herzig reported Parks After Dark begins on Saturday, May 23rd at McClure Park with the showing of the film *Jurassic Park*. This new event that will support the Parks Department's scholarship program for families that cannot afford Parks programs. In 2014, the Parks Department awarded \$35,000 in scholarships. The entry fee is \$5 and the event is for ages 21 and over because beer will be available for purchase. The park will open at 8:00 pm. There will be one Parks After Dark event each month through September. Flyers were available in the lobby.

Item 11(b): Councilor Warr reported that on Sunday, May 17th, the CHIP-IN event was held at Oceanview Cemetery. He supported volunteerism and the way the City has promoted the program.

Director Cosby noted there were 23 volunteers and a large group from Tongue Point at the cemetery. The volunteers cleaned up headstones, picked up garbage, and prepared the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Item 11(c): Councilor Price reported that over the last couple of weeks she had visited some of the business owners in Astoria. She described some of the businesses in the downtown area. She noted that at the last City Council meeting, Council had to deny a request to place a boat food cart next to the Bowpicker; however, Scott Bechtoldt has decided to open a boat food cart area with eight or nine food carts in the space in front of Number 10 6th Street, right along the Riverwalk. She spoke with Senator Johnson about a range of issues, including the appointment of Bruce Buckmaster to the Fish and Wildlife Commission. A contested hearing has been scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, May 19th in Salem, OR. She believed the vote would be postponed. The Senate is considering a bill to raise the statute of limitations on rape from 12 to 20 years. She was asked on Facebook for an update on the Bond Street slide area by someone who was very distressed by the fact it had not been mentioned in the budget. A feasibility study and topographic survey are being conducted. If deemed feasible, Director Cook will present a proposal to City Council to approve the expansion of the Astor West Urban Renewal District (AWURD) and use about \$100,000 for debris removal and reopening of Bond Street to two-way traffic. However, it is unlikely the street could be widened enough to accommodate on-street parking. If approved, work would take place over about two weeks at the beginning of October. Two million dollars has been budgeted in the AWURD for capital improvements.

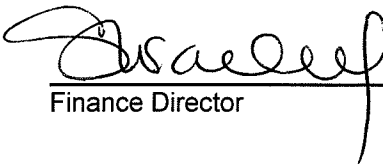
Item 11(d): Mayor LaMear reported that she has appointed new members to the Maritime Memorial Committee. The current members are Bob Ellsberg, Rae Goforth, Scott McMullen, and Shirley Tinner. The new members are Jim Bergeron, Kim Supple, and Carolyn Wuebben. Russ Warr will be leaving the committee, but will continue to serve as an ex-officio member to avoid conflicts. The Parks and Recreation Board has requested that a member of City Council also serve on their board. She believed it was best that Councilors refrain from serving on boards and commissions so they could work more independently. However, the Parks Board strongly believes they need a Council member. She has appointed Councilor Herzig to the Parks Board because he has already been attending their meetings regularly. She announced the new Community Development Director has been chosen. She reported that Columbia Memorial Hospital and the Harbor had successful fundraisers, which demonstrates the community supports great causes.

ADJOURNMENT

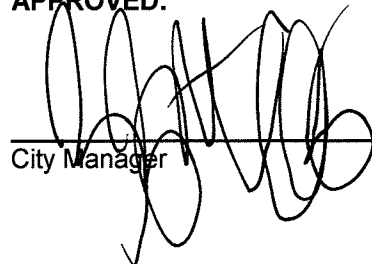
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Finance Director



City Manager