

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

Councilors Present: Nemlowill, Jones, Price, Brownson (via telephone), and Mayor LaMear.

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Parks and Recreation Director Cosby, Finance Director Brooks, Fire Chief Gascoigne, Police Chief Spalding, Public Works Director Harrington, Library Director Pearson, and City Attorney Henningsgaard. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

## PROCLAMATIONS

**Item 3(a): Recognizing June 3 – 10 as Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans Queer Intersex Asexual (LGBTQIA) Pride Week**

Mayor LaMear read the proclamation declaring June 3-10 as LGBTQIA Pride Week in Astoria.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Item 4(a): Presentation by Michael McNickle, Clatsop County Department of Public Health regarding Tobacco Retailers in the City of Astoria**

Mike McNickle, Clatsop County Public Health Director, gave a presentation on a proposal to implement tobacco retail licensing that fulfills the requirements of the Tobacco 21 law passed by the State in 2017. He explained that the licensing would allow the County to enforce the age limit, marketing restrictions, and labeling of tobacco products. He provided details about the licensing process, which would include an annual fee, annual inspections, and audits.

Councilor Nemlowill said the intent sounded good, but she hoped the County would provide small business owners with the opportunity to provide input before the ordinance is implemented.

Mr. McNickle said there were 50 to 60 establishments in the County, and he planned on meeting with them to discuss implementing the ordinance in a way that was not too painful, but still met the intent of the law. The ordinance would go into effect January 1, 2019.

## REPORTS OF COUNCILORS

**Item 5(a): Councilor Jones** reported that the Friends of Alderbrook Park cleaned up the landscaping at Birch Field. The Friends of Alderbrook were in the process of developing a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Parks Department.

**Item 5(b): Councilor Price** had no reports.

**Item 5(c): Councilor Nemlowill** said she was glad to be with people who were truly happy that the City was embracing everyone. She and Marco attended a high school that was not as inclusive as the City was now. She appreciated the LGBTQIA Proclamation.

**Item 5(d): Councilor Brownson** had no reports.

**Item 5(e): Mayor LaMear** reported that she enjoyed the commercial fisheries tour, particularly the life raft repair facility at Englund Marine. She commended the people who present the tours because they are a lot of work.

## CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were none.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

- 7(a) City Council Work Session Minutes of 5/2/18
- 7(b) Boards and Commission Minutes
  - (1) Planning Commission Meeting of 4/24/18
  - (2) Parks Board Meeting of 4/25/18
  - (3) Library Board Meeting of 4/24/18
  - (4) Budget Committee Meetings of 4/24/18 and 4/25/18
- 7(c) Finance Department Status Update
- 7(d) Library Status Update
- 7(e) Public Works Status Update
- 7(f) Parks Department Status Update
- 7(g) American Carbon Registry Reversal Risk Management Agreement
- 7(h) Lease Agreement with Columbia Memorial Hospital for use of the East Portion of Heritage Square during the Regatta
- 7(i) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract Excessive Force Resolution

Mayor LaMear noted that the quarterly reports from each department provided a great way to keep up with what is going on in the City. She said the Finance Department report seemed to indicate that the City had increased staffing. Director Brooks clarified that some of the positions listed in the report were vacated positions that had been filled. City Manager Estes added that the City was also getting ready to fill summer positions in the Parks and Public Works Departments.

Mayor LaMear asked if a lack of funding caused the Hanover Sidewalk Project to be delayed until 2019. Director Harrington explained that the contractual part of the project was delayed because the Department of Justice was backed up with a heavy work load.

Mayor LaMear asked how long the post closure period for the landfill closure would be. Director Harrington said the typical term was 30 years, but because Astoria's landfill had been out of operation for so long and the type of closure the City did, the term was reduced to 20 years. Staff was working to get the post closure period reduced down to 10 years, which would be depend on the results of the gas and ground water monitoring.

Mayor LaMear confirmed that the fourth-grade students in Astoria no longer receive swim lessons. Director Cosby explained that eight or nine years ago, the Astoria School District no longer had the funding. However, the Parks Department is working on a way to provide a different style of swimming lessons and water safety education to elementary school students in the Astoria School District.

Mayor LaMear congratulated the Parks Department for getting 29 fliers and program guides translated into Spanish.

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

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

### **Item 8(a): Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Charter Franchise Ordinance**

Included in the packet is a proposed ordinance granting Falcon Community Ventures I, known locally as Charter Communications, a renewed city franchise to locate transmission lines in City rights of way. The first reading of this ordinance was held at the May 7, 2018 City Council Meeting. It is recommended that Council conduct the second reading of the draft as amended at the prior meeting and adopt the proposed ordinance.

Director Brooks conducted the second reading of the ordinance.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Price, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to adopt the Charter Franchise Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

**Item 8(b): Public Hearing and Resolution to Adopt the City of Astoria Budget for FY Beginning July 1, 2018**

Oregon Local Budget Law requires the City Council hold a public hearing on the budget, as recommended for approval by the Budget Committee. Notice of this hearing, scheduled for June 4, 2018, was published in the *Daily Astorian* on Friday, May 25, 2018.

The budget for the City of Astoria, as discussed and recommended for approval by the Budget Committee, is ready for the City Council to consider for adoption. Copies of the approved budget were previously distributed to the Council. The budget was also posted on the City's website and is available in hard copy at the Finance Department and the Astoria Public Library.

The attached resolution will adopt resources and appropriations and authorize the collection of taxes at a rate of \$ 8.1738 per thousand for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018.

Mayor LaMear opened the public hearing at 7:21 pm and called for public testimony on the FY 2018-2019 budget. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing at 7:21 pm.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Price, seconded by Councilor Jones, to adopt the City of Astoria Budget for FY beginning July 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

**Item 8(c): Public Hearing and Resolution to Elect to Receive State Shared Revenues**

Oregon Revised Statute 221.770 requires the City to adopt a resolution to declare its intent to receive state revenue for each new fiscal year. State shared revenues include the state gas tax, alcohol tax, cigarette tax and state shared revenues. The attached resolution expresses the City's intention to receive state shared revenues for FY 2018-2019. It is recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing and consider this resolution for adoption.

Mayor LaMear opened the public hearing at 7:23 pm and called for public testimony on State Shared Revenues. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing at 7:23 pm.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Nemlowill, seconded by Councilor Price to adopt the Resolution to receive State Shared Revenues. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

**Item 8(d): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract Between Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) and the City of Astoria – Housing Rehabilitation**

In March 2018, the City was awarded a grant of \$400,000 for the Northwest Oregon Regional Housing Program. The purpose of the grant is to provide no interest loans to low and moderate-income homeowners in Astoria.

Community Action Team (CAT) would administer the grant on behalf of the City under a separate sub-grantee agreement and receive management and administrative fees to support staff. There would be no direct cost to the City and minimal staff involvement. Once the State has acknowledged the contract with the City, CAT staff will work with the City to complete the agreement and any additional documents necessary to begin the program in July or August.

It is recommended that the Council authorize the City Manager to sign the contract between the City and the State of Oregon.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Nemlowill to authorize the City Manager to sign the CDBG contract between the City and the State of Oregon. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

**Item 8(e): Public Hearing: Ordinance Modifying City Code 6.135 Relating to Special Police Officers**

The City of Astoria partners with the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association (ADHDA) to provide parking enforcement in the Downtown District. The ADHDA Community Outreach Officer (COO) is appointed by the authority of the City Manager as a Special Police Officer. The COO's duties include enforcement of parking violations. Currently the COO does not drive a vehicle and utilizes a small non-electric scooter to improve her mobility. Current City ordinances prohibit roller skates, skateboards, coasters, toy vehicles or similar devices. The law was amended several years ago to prevent damage and injuries by irresponsible individuals in the downtown area.

Attached is a draft ordinance which would allow the City Manager to exempt certain regulations restricting the use of or operation of vehicles, skateboards or similar devices downtown. Passage of this modification would allow increased mobility and productivity for the COO without violating the intent of the City ordinance.

It is recommended that Council hold a public hearing and consider holding a first reading of the ordinance amending City Code 6.135.

Mayor LaMear confirmed that the ordinance would not allow skate boards and roller skates downtown, but only allow the City Manager to exempt the regulations for the COO to allow the COO to legally ride her scooter around town.

Mayor LaMear opened the public hearing at 7:28 pm and called for public testimony on the proposed amendment to City Code. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing at 7:28 pm.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Nemlowill, to hold a first reading of the ordinance amending City Code 6.135. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

Director Pearson conducted the first reading of the ordinance.


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

There was none.

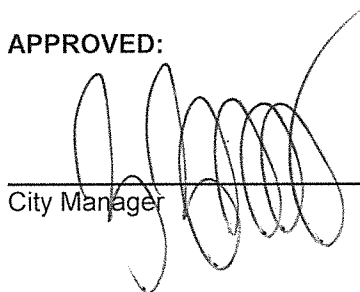
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm to convene the Astoria Development Commission meeting.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Finance Director

**APPROVED:**

  
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City Manager