

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, and Mayor LaMear.

Councilors Excused: None

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

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **Item 3(a): National Historic Preservation Month**

Each year the National Trust for Historic Preservation dedicates May as Historic Preservation Month. For many years as part of this celebration, the City has recognized the importance of historic preservation in Astoria through the Dr. Edward Harvey Historic Preservation Award.

This year, the Community Development Department is collaborating with local partners to host a number of activities throughout the month. A list of events to share with the public will be available at the Council meeting. Events for 2017 include a 5th grade student exhibit in the Flag Room, and a dedication ceremony in honor of Art DeMuro at Mill Pond.

The City of Astoria would like to recognize one of our exemplary preservation partners. The Historic Preservation Program at Clatsop Community College, staff and students, has participated in local preservation projects throughout the City. Representatives from the college will be present to receive the Proclamation.

Over the past year, students in the Historic Preservation program have actively engaged in preservation projects including:

- Re-siding two sides of Alderbrook Hall
- Re-creating the monitor windows of the mausoleum which are now ready for installation
- Participating in tombstone cleaning and re-mounting at Oceanview Cemetery.
- Researching and documenting the architecture and history of the Tourist #2 Ferry and Masonic Temple
- In conjunction with a recently awarded grant, students will also be doing hands on restoration of the Doughboy statue in Uniontown

Mayor LaMear read the proclamation declaring May 2017 as National Historic Preservation Month. She presented Planner Nancy Ferber and students and staff participating in the Historic Preservation Program at Clatsop Community College with the proclamation.

Councilor Price said some of the students completed a survey of the Astoria Ferry last semester. The ferry is on the National Register of Historic Places. City Manager Estes added that the students have been re-siding Alderbrook Hall with cedar shakes over the last year. They will also be working with the Parks Department to restore the Doughboy Monument in Uniontown.

Mayor LaMear said she was impressed with the work done at the cemetery. Astoria is a historic city and the community appreciates all of the students' efforts.

Lucian Swerdloff noted that the students would be finishing the installation of the stained glass windows in the mausoleum at the cemetery over the weekend.

## **REPORTS OF COUNCILORS**

**Item 4(a): Councilor Jones** reported that the Coast Guard has officially selected Astoria as the home for two new fast response cutters. Each ship will have a crew of a couple dozen people and another half dozen support people. He was in the Coast Guard a few years ago when he, former Mayor Van Dusen, and Senator Johnson unveiled the Coast Guard City monument. The relationship between the City, community, and Coast Guard led to the Coast Guard's acceptance of Astoria's package.

**Item 4(b): Councilor Price** had no reports.

**Item 4(c): Councilor Brownson** had no reports.

**Item 4(d): Councilor Nemlowill** had no reports.

**Item 4(e): Mayor LaMear** reported that the Budget Committee met for six hours last week and she hoped the City was being careful with the citizens' money. The City is doing the best it can with what it has. She was excited about the new Coast Guard cutters coming to Astoria. She reported that she attends the Columbia River Estuary Task Force (CREST) meetings to keep abreast of their projects on both sides of the bridge. CREST is working to promote salmon restoration in the area. She announced that Nicole Williams resigned from the Hospital Authority Board to work for the hospital and Jim Knight has been appointed to take her place.

## **CHANGES TO AGENDA**

There were no changes.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

- 6(a) City Council Work Session Minutes of 3/23/2017
- 6(b) City Council Minutes of 4/3/2017
- 6(c) Accept Grant for Doughboy Restoration (Parks)
- 6(d) Mutual Aid Agreement Provision of Emergency Services (Public Works)**
- 6(e) Agreements to Use City of Astoria Official Logo (City Manager)
- 6(f) Resolution – Parks Scholarships Update to Include Families Outside City Limits (Parks)

Councilor Brownson requested Item 6(d) be removed for further discussion.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Price, seconded by Councilor Nemlowill, to approve Items 6(a), (b), (c), (e), and (f) of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

### **Item 6(d): Mutual Aid Agreement Provision of Emergency Services (Public Works)**

Councilor Brownson said one of City Councils' goals is to improve emergency preparedness in the city and he wanted to publicly acknowledge this provision. He asked Staff to provide an overview of Staff's efforts.

City Manager Estes said this agreement would allow Astoria to participate in a group called the Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ORWARN), which is a group of utilities that provides assistance and mutual aid during emergencies. If Astoria needed assistance after a natural disaster, the City could contact other participating entities to take care of water and wastewater issues.

Director Cook added this agreement covers machinery, vehicles, heavy equipment, and personnel.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Brownson, seconded by Councilor Price, to approve Item 6(d) of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Item 7(a): Resolution in Support of Port of Astoria Bond Measure**

The Port of Astoria has placed a bond measure on the May 16, 2017 Special District Ballot. If approved, \$1,960,000 in bond money would be used in conjunction with the already received Connect Oregon grant, which anticipated a \$950,000 hangar project for Life Flight Network. The bond money will be used to construct infrastructure improvements to approximately 10 acres of property located within the Port's airport industrial area. Extending infrastructure improvements to the south end of the airport will provide additional expansion opportunities for the airport, which is not currently served by sewer and water services.

The Connect Oregon Grant provides funds to build the hangar while the bond monies project would extend the utilities and Flightline Drive to Airport Lane for Life Flight's hangar, adding an additional entrance to the airport. It is recommended that Council consider the resolution in support of the Life Flight Network Bond Measure.

Willis Van Dusen, 2314 Irving, Astoria, said he hoped City Council would pass the resolution in support of the bond measure. His daughter, a surgeon, and his daughter-in-law, an obstetrician and gynecologist, have convinced him that Life Flight is very important. Life Flight helicopters and airplanes are intensive care units that can provide medical care not available in an ambulance. When his mother-in-law had a heart attack in December, both Highways 26 and 30 were closed and the weather prevented a flight in a helicopter. Life Flight flew a fixed wing airplane to Astoria to take his mother-in-law to Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) and she is still alive today. When his brother-in-law had a brain aneurism, the Life Flight helicopter took him to Providence Hospital. This is a grass roots effort. He and Senator Johnson each gave \$5,000 to this cause and no more financial contributions have been made.

Councilor Price said she had not started following this project until about a week ago when she learned the bond might come before Council. The only negative comment she has heard about the bond is that it would be for a private company. However, the package is good and she supported the bond measure after seeing what the Port plans to do with the money and how the air facilities would be expanded to include Life Flight. Her mother had an incident that required her to be transported to a burn center and without Life Flight, she would have died. The hospital continues to improve its services, but there are still many services that cannot be provided in Astoria.

Councilor Jones shared a story about a child who needed Life Flight after being injured in a farm accident. He appreciated that this effort would partner with the Connect Oregon grant, which will allow Life Flight to use money they would not otherwise be able to use. This bond measure will provide the opportunity for future growth at the airport by providing infrastructure that could be used by other commercial entities. The Port Authority will have a better chance at attracting commercial growth to the airport.

Mr. Van Dusen noted that Councilor Jones led the relief efforts in 2005 and he was one of the best helicopter pilots in the world. He added that the hangar would be operating and staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He did not know until he became involved in this campaign that Life Flight was a non-profit organization owned by OHSU, Providence Hospital, Emmanuel Hospital, and a hospital in Idaho, all of which are non-profit hospitals. It is illegal for Life Flight or any of the hospitals to donate money to this campaign. Low funds are a result of the limitations on non-profits, not low support. Non-profits are not allowed to build infrastructure at airports, so he hoped Council would support the bond measure.

Mayor LaMear said the utilities to the Life Flight hangar and six to eight acres of adjacent land will be available for future development. This will open up opportunities for economic development. The new infrastructure will also eliminate the danger of intermingling airplanes and helicopters at the airport.

Mr. Van Dusen added that if the infrastructure had been in place as part of a former project, this bond measure would not be necessary.

Councilor Brownson added it would be good to get the airport out of the trailer. Many times, Clatsop County questions why it should support the Port because the Port is in Astoria. This will be a great example of how the Port will benefit all of Clatsop County. The payoff will be in three years and it is not too much to ask for a bond.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Nemlowill, to approve the resolution in support of the Life Flight Network Bond Measure. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

**Item 7(b): Public Hearing and Ordinance – Modify City Code Providing for Abandoned Vehicles and Seizure of Vehicles (Police)**

In preparation of renewing the contract that Astoria Police Department uses to tow abandoned and impounded vehicles, the City Attorney determined that the City Code required changes to support the contract. The Department has worked with the City Attorney to bring the code into compliance with Oregon Law and the Department's current practices. The changes are detailed in a track changes document that accompanies the ordinance. It is recommended that Council hold a public hearing and consider holding a first reading of the ordinances amending City Code 6.400 and 6.530.

Mayor LaMear opened the public hearing at 7:25 pm and called for public testimony.

Fred Bohne, 824 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Astoria, said a Chevy Malibu station wagon is parked in his yard and it does not run. The car has been parked there for at least six months and his tenant claims he has been working to fix it. He asked if he could have the car towed.

Chief Johnston said the Oregon Revised Statutes sets specific guidelines for towing from private property. The Astoria Police Department is not involved with situations like Mr. Bohne's, but he believed the local towing companies could provide assistance.

Mayor LaMear confirmed there was no more public testimony and closed the public hearing at 7:26 pm.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Price, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to conduct first reading of the ordinance amending City Codes 6.400 and 6.530. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

Director Brooks conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

**Item 7(c): Public Hearing and Resolution – Supplemental Budget (Finance)**

ORS 294.473(1) (b) provides a procedure for a municipality to hold a public meeting for the adoption of a supplemental budget to adjust for changes, which are unforeseen, a pressing necessity and which could not reasonably be foreseen when preparing the original budget. The process requires advertisement of a supplemental budget not less than five days before a Council meeting. There will be a public hearing for consideration of the supplemental budget. Council may consider a resolution to adopt the supplemental budgets as advertised.

Staff is recommending a supplemental budget to increase resources recognizing \$88,000 of unanticipated Motel Tax revenues and a grant reimbursement for Shoreline Erosion work in the amount of \$36,000 for a total increase of \$124,000. Capital Outlay appropriations will increase \$245,500, contingency will decrease \$100,000, and ending fund balance will decrease \$21,500 for a net increase to appropriations of \$124,000. It is recommended that Council hold a public hearing and consider the attached resolution for the Promote Astoria Fund supplemental budget.

City Manager Estes stated a revised copy of the proposed resolution had been provided at the dais. After the agenda packet was published, Staff identified the need for additional language stating it was necessary to respond to an emergency situation to protect and repair the trestles and support the Riverwalk and trolley tracks.

Director Brooks explained the language referring to the emergency allows the City to use any Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance money.

Mayor LaMear opened the public hearing at 7:31 pm and called for public testimony. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing at 7:32 pm.

Councilor Price confirmed that Staff anticipated the hotel tax revenue would exceed budgeted estimates by \$88,000. She asked if the entire amount would be used. Director Brooks said \$88,000 was the best estimate she had at that time, but as an accountant, she always keeps her estimates conservative.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Nemlowill, seconded by Councilor Brownson to adopt the resolution approving the Promote Astoria Fund supplemental budget. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

**Item 7(d): Resolution to Update City Service Fees – Update Parks Aquatic Center Fee Schedule Specific to Youth Swim Teams (Parks)**

The Astoria Aquatic Center partners with the Astoria School District and the North Coast Swim Club (NCSC) to provide space within the lap pool for youth swim team members to practice. The Astoria Aquatic Center's current lane rental fee is \$25 per lane per hour, but neither the Astoria School District nor the North Coast Swim Club can afford the \$25 per lane per hour rate due to the length of their practices and amount of space they require. Following, City Council's direction that private youth swim teams, such as NCSC, should pay less than school district or government operated youth swim teams, numerous negotiations, and a 120-day moratorium on lap lane rentals for youth Swim Teams, City staff propose that in addition to our current \$25 per lane per hour rental fee, an additional reduced rental option specifically for youth swim teams to practice be added to the fee resolution at a reduced rate of \$1 per lane per hour for non-profit swim teams and \$2.50 per lane per hour for school district or government funded swim teams with a \$1.50 per lane per hour increase next year (which would take consideration of a new fee resolution). This rate would be contingent upon the rented space being used by youth swim teams for the purpose of practicing for a minimum of 100 hours per year and that all participants would be required to purchase a monthly or daily pass. Evaluating the North Coast Swim Clubs current practice schedule the additional cost of \$1 per lane per hour for practices is expected increase the clubs cost \$1,692 per year. Evaluating the Astoria School Districts current practice schedule the additional cost of \$2.50 per lane per hour is expected to increase the teams cost \$630.00 per year. It is recommended that City Council adopt the updated fee resolution to establish a reduced hourly lane rental fee for youth swim teams.

City Manager Estes stated that Staff preferred both private and government funded swim teams pay the same rates. With two tiers of fees, Aquatic Center Staff must track which swim team each student is on. If Council decides to charge the same fees to both types of teams, Staff recommends \$1 per lane per hour with a \$1.50 increase next year. The resolution proposed is per Council direction, but changes could still be made.

Mayor LaMear called for public comments.

Patrick Wingand, President, North Coast Swim Club (NCSC), 92015 Hagen Drive, Astoria, stated he appreciated Staff meeting with him and others to discuss this tough situation. The club agrees it should be paying something and has offered the City a guaranteed revenue stream of \$16,000 in the form of facility usage fees and facility rental fees. He did not believe this should be overlooked. The club knows that the biggest deterrent to growing the swim club is cost. People constantly tell him they would join the club if they could afford to. The swim club self-funds two scholarships and they are proud of their relationship with corporate sponsors. The club requires each swimmer to raise a minimum of \$350 in revenue per year, but they budget \$500 per year per swimmer. He asked Council to consider what NCSC should pay in addition to what they are already paying. When the facility usage fee increased a few years ago, the NCSC paid it. When the cost to rent the facility more than tripled for their swim meets, the event went from being a fundraiser to a break-even situation. The swim club wants to bring people to Astoria and one of their meets always coincides with the Sunday Market. He believed the club pays its fair share and as the club grows, revenue to the City grows. NCSC is looking for a partnership with the City. The club cannot pay any more than it is already paying. At some point, the club would price out the small proportion of Clatsop County residents that can afford to swim. Then, the club would no longer exist and revenue to the City would cease. The club has a good thing going and he hoped the City would continue to partner with them.

Brooke O'Conner, 81848 Fill Road, Astoria, said she understood the City wanted to raise fees, but did not know the circumstances of the Aquatic Center's finances. She believed that if swimmers could not afford to pay the fees, they would not be able to stay physically fit. Swimming helps people stay in shape and get healthy, so she believed the rates should be low.

Glen Admire, 372209 Christians Lane, Astoria, said he was the parent of a swimmer and vice president, meet director, and corporate sponsor for NCSC. As meet director, he is the first contact for the club. They host two

meets a year that bring over 100 families to Astoria for the weekend. Additionally, the club will host the championship meet in 2018, which will bring more than 200 families to town for the weekend. The weekends are in March and November. The club pays more than \$2,000 to rent the Aquatic Center for each weekend, when hundreds of families from outside of Astoria spend money at local hotels, restaurants, and other businesses. In addition to each swimmer purchasing a monthly swim pass, the kids are also raising hundreds of dollars to go towards pool rentals. He has had a family pass for eight years so that his daughter can swim. The sport is year-round and expensive. It is disheartening that Council is considering a shortsighted policy that could shut down the NCSC. The kids give back to Astoria much more than they take. He believed NCSC should be heralded as an exemplary youth organization and the Parks and Recreation Department should be encouraging swim lesson participants to join the club. This would further increase pool revenues in the future. He is at the pool from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday. There have been claims that the club hogs the lanes and he has seen lap swimmers leave. However, he believed the policy allowing cannon balls in lap lanes was more disruptive than kids swimming a mile a night with as many as eight swimmers sharing a lane, so this policy should be adjusted to facilitate the swimmers that choose not to share a lane. There are nights when the NCSC swimmers are the only people in the Aquatic Center. This seems to be a marketing issue and he hoped the Parks Department was looking into other options to increase revenue, other than putting the swim club at risk.

Mayor LaMear confirmed there were no more comments from the public and closed the public hearing at 7:46 pm.

Councilor Nemlowill believed Ms. O'Conner made a good point and asked why the City was considering the fee. She also wanted to know what the financial implications would be to the Aquatic Center. City Manager Estes explained that in the next fiscal year, the Parks Department would need an additional \$100,000 to maintain the same levels of service. To save money, Staff has already cancelled the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Monster Bash, and Movies in the Park. However, more savings will be needed to balance the budget. To address the greater needs of the Parks Department, the City needs to make the department's budget sustainable for the future, which will require a savings of \$400,000. City Council will discuss these budget issues in a work session later in the week. Staff is looking for direction from Council to prioritize the most important services. In 2008, the Aquatic Center was proposed for closure and this is being considered again as a way to keep the Parks Department within their budget if no additional monies are found. Staff does not want to recommend this. However, the department needs additional funding resources through a variety of measures.

Councilor Nemlowill stated the issue with lane rental fees came up several months ago because NCSC had not been paying any fees. Director Cosby added that the issue was brought up by Staff at the start of the high school's swim season. The City received several complaints that pool users were not paying the same amounts and certain groups were being given guaranteed lane space. Swimmers believed this was not fair. The fee resolution required a \$25 lane rental fee, per lane per hour. Staff knew it was unreasonable to ask the swim teams to pay \$25 per lane per hour, so Staff is now proposing a reduced rate.

Councilor Nemlowill asked why it was necessary for swim clubs with Aquatic Center passes to rent a lane. She wanted to know why the teams could not simply use the lanes like any other lap swimmer with a pool pass. Director Cosby said the swim teams have organized practices with a coach, so they need a designated space. With lap swimmers in their lane, the teams could not practice. People rent a park for a wedding for the same reason, to keep people from ending up in the middle of the event.

Councilor Nemlowill said reducing the rate from \$25 per hour to \$1 per hour might sound like a lot for the NCSC, but it does not seem like it would add up to much for the Parks Department. Director Cosby said assuming the NCSC maintained their current schedule, the reduced rate would bring \$1,692 per year into the Parks Department. The high school swim team would bring in less. This might not sound like a lot at first, but combining the revenue with program cuts would make a difference. She believed every dollar counts.

Councilor Jones thanked Mr. Wingard for what he does for the community. He congratulated the swimmers for participating in the best youth sport. He was a swim parent for 15 years and his kids were members of six different swim clubs in six states and with six different fee structures. He understood what a challenge it could be to stay in the sport. He believed \$1 per hour per lane was a reasonable compromise. He also understood that the fee would create a hardship and require additional fundraisers. However, the Parks Department cannot afford to charge no fee at all. He agreed with Staff that the fees should be the same for both swim teams.

Councilor Price asked how a fee of \$1 per lane per hour fee charged to both teams would impact the budget. Director Cosby said she did not have the numbers for the high school with her, but she estimated the rate would bring in about \$2,000 per year more. She confirmed that both teams are currently paying for monthly passes, but not lane rental fees.

City Manager Estes reminded that the memorandum states the \$1 rate would cost the NCSC about \$1,692 per year. The \$2.50 rate proposed for the school district would total \$630 per year because they have fewer practices and do not swim year-round.

Councilor Price asked if Council still wanted to have a two-tiered fee system.

Mayor LaMear said she wanted a one-tiered system. She hated to impose anything on the swim teams because the community contributes financially to the teams. However, the City is facing a very tough budget and no one wants to make cuts to the Parks Department. Council does not want to damage the swim programs and she offered to assist with fundraising. It is only prudent to charge a lane fee and to charge the same fee to both teams.

Councilor Nemlowill said she was upset that Council had to consider charging a lane rental fee for youth swimmers because she did not believe it was fair. However, she was afraid the City would have to close the pool. These fees will be a drop in the bucket and may not even help the situation. Considering the current finances of the Parks Department and Staff's recommendations, she did not see any alternative solutions. She hoped things would get better and would continue to support NCSC. The City is currently considering cutting youth sports because the City cannot afford to administer the programs. Astoria has an excellent organization coordinating a fabulous and well-used youth sport in the area, keeping kids healthy and fit. This City does not have to pay for any of it, so it does not seem fair that the swim teams have to pay to use the City's facilities. However, everyone needs to step up to help keep the Aquatic Center open.

Councilor Brownson said this situation is very difficult. He did not believe the City should bother with charging just a dollar because \$1,000 a year is not very much money. The City is looking for hundreds of thousands of dollars. This situation contains many contradictions. He believed the City should look for more money so it can support what it has. He believed the fees are punitive and he was opposed to charging the swim teams at this time. He would be happy to revisit this issue a year from now after the City has considered all of the alternatives for helping the Parks Department. NCSC is a year-round athletic program that wants to grow. He believed the team's growth would make up the revenue for the City.

Councilor Price stated that the Parks Department needs more revenue regardless of what happens and this fee resolution is just one contribution to the solution. She believed charging \$1.50 per lane per hour for all students, instead of \$1, would be a good start. This is a hard pill to swallow and does not do much for the budget. However, larger financial contributions are necessary and should be expected by those who use the Aquatic Center and other Park facilities. Otherwise, facilities will shut down. She did not want a two-tiered system and \$1.50 would split the difference between the two rates proposed by Staff.

Mayor LaMear clarified that Staff recommended \$1 for the first year and \$2.50 next year. City Manager Estes added that Staff had proposed \$1 for the first year in consideration of the NCSC's fundraising challenges. In November, City Council directed Staff to consider a two-tiered system, but Staff would prefer one tier.

Mayor LaMear recommended this discussion be tabled until after the work session on Thursday. City Manager Estes reminded that Council could also extend the moratorium on lane rental fees charged to youth swim teams.

Councilor Jones did not believe anything would change on Thursday. Mayor LaMear said the Thursday meeting would include a discussion about ways to raise money. The estimates presented for each proposed revenue stream would give Council an idea of how much money the City has to work with.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Price, seconded by Councilor Jones to adopt the resolution to update the City's fee schedule and establish a reduced lane rental fee of \$1 per lane for hour for all youth swim teams.

Councilor Nemlowill said she supported the motion, but believed it should be reconsidered after a year. This is not an optimal situation, but updating the fee resolution seems necessary right now.

Councilor Price considered Councilor Nemlowill's suggestion to be a friendly amendment to her motion.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Price, seconded by Councilor Jones to adopt the resolution to update the City's fee schedule, establish a reduced lane rental fee of \$1 per lane for hour for all youth swim teams, and reconsider the fee schedule within one year. [1:06:58] Motion carried 4 to 1. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: Councilor Brownson.

**Item 7(e): Award Trestle Repair Contract (Public Works)**

The 2017 Trolley Trestle Repair Project will address critical repairs on the Columbia Avenue and 1st to 2nd Street trestles. The project has been structured to minimize disruption to the Astoria Riverfront Trolley's operational schedule.

In March, Council authorized bid advertisement of this project. Seven competitive bids were received on April 20, 2017. Bergerson Construction provided the lowest responsible bid for the project. The Engineer's Estimate prepared for the project is \$300,000.

OBEC Consulting Engineers will be providing construction support services for the project. The contract amendment for these services will be presented for consideration at a future Council meeting. Should Council approve the associated budget amendment on this City Council agenda, funds are available for this project in the Promote Astoria Fund.

It is recommended that City Council authorize staff to award a construction contract to Bergerson Construction for the 2017 Trolley Trestle Repair Project in the amount of \$174,500.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to authorize staff to award a construction contract to Bergerson Construction for the 2017 Trolley Trestle Repair Project in the amount of \$174,500. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

**Item 7(f): Liquor License Application – Newport Pacific Corporation Doing Business as Mo's Restaurant located at 101 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Astoria, for a New Outlet for Full On-Premises Sales License (Finance)**

A Liquor License Application has been filed by Bob Scull for Newport Pacific Corp doing business as Mo's Restaurant, located at 101 15<sup>th</sup> Street, for a New Outlet for a Full-On-Premises Sales License. The appropriate departments have reviewed the application and it is recommended that Council consider approval of the application.

Councilor Nemlowill declared a direct conflict of interest as Mo's is a client of her husband's business, Cervecia Gratis, doing business as Fort George Brewery. She recused herself from participating.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Price, seconded by Councilor Jones, to approve the liquor license application by Newport Pacific Corporation for a New Outlet located at 101 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Astoria, for Full On-Premises sales. Motion carried 4 to 0 to 1. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

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

Fred Bone, 824 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Astoria, explained a historic designation plaque is a burden to his friends, who just inherited a historic home, and it will continue to burden future property owners.

City Manager Estes explained that property owners are given the opportunity to object to the historic designation only during the designation process. State law prohibits any repeal of the designation after the designation has been approved and established. This ensures that buyers are aware they are purchasing a historic property.



Mr. Bone asked where Director Cronin was.

City Manager Estes said Director Cronin and Director Pearson were both sick.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm to convene the Astoria Development Commission meeting.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Finance Director

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City Manager