

A special meeting of the Astoria Common Council was held at the above place at the hour of 1:00 pm.

Councilors Present: Brownson, Rocka, Herman, West, and Mayor Jones.

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, City Assistant Engineer Moore, Community Development Director Leatherman, Finance Director Brooks, Public Works Director Harrington, and City Attorney Henningsgaard. The meeting was live streamed and recorded, and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

Mayor Jones reported that at 6:00 pm on November 18th, the County updated the election results. The official results would be certified next week, but currently there is a tie for City Councilor in Ward 4. The City's charter does not address ties, so State rules will apply if there is still a tie after the results have been certified. The City elections officer, Director Brooks, will call a public meeting with the tied candidates and they would decide by lot how to determine the winner.

Councilor Brownson reported that he attended a presentation by the Maritime Museum which was very informative.

Councilor West reported that the Emergency Assistance for Small Business grants were available.

Councilor Brownson reported that he met with Director Dart-McLean at the new Lil Sprouts area of the Recreation Center. The facility works well for Staff and the kids.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

No changes.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Item 4(a): Authorize Industrial Discharge Permit for Fort George Brewery 70 W. Marine Drive and an updated Resolution for Sewer Service

The influent loads to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) increased dramatically over the past 6-8 years. This increase in influent organic loading measured as biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5) has been due to increases in wastewater concentration associated with industrial discharges. City staff has identified that industrial influent loads are now greater than 5 percent of the WWTP influent loads, which is a criteria that triggers the need for an Industrial Pretreatment Program. The basic purpose of a pretreatment program is to prevent interference to the wastewater treatment process and to prevent pass through of contaminants into the treated effluent. Ultimately, the City must comply with the discharge requirements of our National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that is administered by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Since the new Fort George Brewery location at 70 W. Marine Drive has strict deadlines for beginning operation, their Industrial Discharge Permit is the first to be considered for approval. Due to the nature of their industrial discharge and their expansion plans, Council supported Staff's recommendation to develop individual Industrial Discharge Permits for this business ahead of full development of the Industrial Pretreatment Program.

It is recommended that Council authorize Public Works Director Jeff Harrington to execute the Industrial Pretreatment Permit No. 001-2020 for the Fort George Brewery facility located at 70 W. Marine Drive. It is also recommended that Council authorize the new Resolution Establishing Rules, Regulations, Rate Charges and Conditions for Sewer Service.

Engineer Moore said this was the first action associated with the industrial pretreatment program, which was previously discussed at a work session. She thanked everyone who had helped with the program. The permit includes "to be determined" for discharge limitations and financial implications, which will be incorporated when those aspects of the program have been determined. This permit will replace the existing conditional use permit on the property.

Mayor Jones said he had no issues with the proposal.

Councilor Herman believed the permit was a good resolution to the problem.

Councilor Rocka stated this topic was covered well in the work session and he was in favor of the permit.

Councilor West agreed.

Councilor Brownson asked if there was timeline to fill in the "to be determined" sections. Engineer Moore explained that Staff was aiming for those aspects of the permit to be finalized by June 2021.

Mayor Jones called for public comments. There were none.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Rocka, seconded by Councilor West, to authorize Public Works Director Jeff Harrington to execute the Industrial Pretreatment Permit No. 001-2020 for the Fort George Brewery facility located at 70 W. Marine Drive. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, West, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Rocka, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to authorize the new Resolution Establishing Rules, Regulations, Rate Charges and Conditions for Sewer Service. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, West, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

Item 4(b): Liquor License Application from Cervesia Gratis, Inc. doing business as Fort George Brewery & Public House, located at 70 W. Marine Dr, Astoria for a Brewery 1st Location sales license

A liquor license application has been filed by Cervesia Gratis, Inc. doing business as Fort George Brewery & Public House. This application is for a Brewery 1st Location sales license. A copy of the application is provided. The appropriate departments have reviewed the application and the Astoria Police Department has prepared a memorandum for Council's review. No objections to the approval were noted. It is recommended that City Council consider the liquor license application from Cervesia Gratis, Inc. doing business as Fort George Brewery & Public House, located at 70 W. Marine Drive for a Brewery 1st Location sales license.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Rocka, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to the liquor license application from Cervesia Gratis, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, West, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

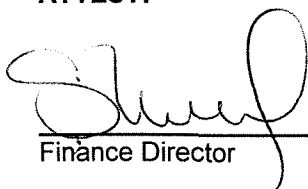
NEW BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS, PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.

ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED:



City Manager