

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

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

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Finance Director Brooks, Library Director Pearson. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, LLC.

City Manager Estes noted that Item 3(b): Certified Local Government Grant had been added to the agenda.

### REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

**Item 3(a): Library City Council Goal: Discussion of Phased Library Remodel**

City Manager Estes said this conversation had been prompted by the Council's goal to renovate the library in phases. Financing and projects for the first phase would be discussed and the Council would finalize the goal language.

David Wark, Hennebery Eddy Architects, gave Power Point presentation that included a prioritized list of potential library improvement projects, goals, and overall project costs. After the presentation, he and Staff answered clarifying questions about rearranging the library collections, replacing the windows, cleaning the concrete walls, ADA accessibility, and lighting improvements that were recently completed.

Staff explained how this first phase would set the library up for success in future phases by making future improvements less expensive and fundraising easier to obtain. This first phase would streamline the overall renovation process. Staff also provided a general overview of the first phase timeline, which would begin next fiscal year. During development of the scope of work, Staff would determine whether the library would need to be closed during construction. Additionally, Staff would work with the City Attorney to determine whether Logan Memorial funds could be used.

All of the Councilors expressed support for Staff's approach to the phased remodel, the proposed projects, and proposed financing mechanisms. The Council and briefly Staff discussed specific language to be used in the goal. Ultimately, it was decided that the goal would state, "Begin Phase 1 of the library renovation projects while continuing to pursue additional grant and other funding for the larger renovation."

Director Pearson provided the history of the Logan Memorial Fund and noted that using the fund for the renovation work would require the library to be renamed to Logan Memorial Library. He recommended using the fund for some of the renovation if the City Attorney believed it would be appropriate to do so. All of the Councilors agreed.

**Item 3(b): Certified Local Government Grant**

This item was added to the agenda after Roll Call.

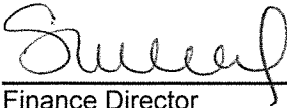
City Manager Estes provided details about the grant, which is provided by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) very two years to fund historic projects. He briefly described the three projects funded by the current grant and explained why one of the projects, a GIS mapping project, could not be completed by the end of the grant cycle. Therefore, the funds could be used on a different project that could be completed in time. Staff recommended the funds be granted to Innovative Housing for a replication of the historic canopy that was originally on the Merwyn building. The project would cost less than \$10,000. The GIS mapping project would be funded through a future grant cycle.

The Councilors briefly discussed Innovative Housing's work and all Councilors expressed support for Staff's proposal to fund the canopy.

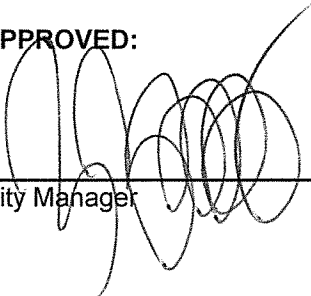
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Finance Director

**APPROVED:**

  
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City Manager