

A regular meeting of the Astoria Development Commission was held at the above place at the hour of 8:04 pm.

Commissioners Present: Brownson, Herman, Rocka, Hilton, Mayor Jones

Commissioners Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Parks and Recreation Director Dart-McLean, Finance Director Brooks, Library Director Pearson, Fire Chief Crutchfield, Police Chief Spalding, Public Works Director Harrington, and City Attorney Henningsgaard. The meeting was live streamed and recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, LLC.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

No changes.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar.

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Commission Action: Motion by Commissioner Rocka, seconded by Commissioner Brownson, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Commissioners Brownson, Herman, Rocka, Hilton, and Mayor Jones. Nays: None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Item 5(a): Request for Sale of 1,200 sq ft of Astor-East Urban Renewal District Property at 225 23rd Street by Geoff and Diane Spalding

The City has received a request from Geoff and Diane Spalding for the purchase of property in the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD) owned by the Astoria Development Commission (ADC). It is adjacent to their residence at 225 23rd Street. The Spaldings would like to build an addition onto the garage and home, which would require additional property. Currently the garage is not large enough to store a standard vehicle. It is recommended that the Astoria Development Commission consider the possible private sale of AEURD-owned property adjacent to 225 23rd Street to Geoff and Diane Spalding. If the Commission is willing to consider the sale of this property, an appraisal will be ordered, and public hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

Commissioner Rocka said the applicant was a City Staff member, so the Council needed to make sure no favoritism was being shown. He did not see any downside to selling the property. The property is zoned for park use, but it is unlikely that use would ever happen at that location.

Mayor Jones stated even if the City were to develop a park on that property, it would not be developed right up to the wall of a home. A buffer would be provided and that buffer would be similar to what is proposed to be purchased. He did not believe the sale would infringe on any reasonable use of the property by the City.

Commissioner Brownson commented he did not have any problem with selling the property. The Parks Department is at capacity and he did not believe the property would ever be developed into a park. Even when there is funding to create a park, the City must continue to maintain them.

Commissioner Herman said the Council generally considers offers to buy tiny pieces of land like this one.

Mayor Jones called for public comments. There were none.

Commission Action: Motion by Commissioner Hilton, seconded by Commissioner Brownson, to consider the sale of 1,200 sq ft of Astor-East Urban Renewal District property at 225 23rd Street by Geoff and Diane Spalding.

Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Commissioners Brownson, Herman, Rocka, Hilton, and Mayor Jones. Nays: None.

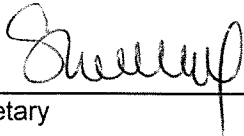
NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS, AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

ATTEST:



Secretary

APPROVED:



City Manager