## CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

# CITY OF ASTORIA

City Council Chambers April 4, 2022

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

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

#### Councilors Excused: None

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

## PROCLAMATIONS

## Item 3(a): Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Jones read the proclamation declaring April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Astoria.

Unidentified Speaker [3:35] said the Sexual Assault Advocacy Center was thankful for the proclamation. She shared information about the center's programs and provided statistics about the people who use and need their services. She announced the first teal human ribbon would be formed at The Harbor on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Participation in the event is open to the public.

## Item 3(b): Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Jones read the proclamation declaring April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Astoria. He then read a statement written by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) describing how abuse and neglect damage the brain development of children and the resulting impacts. The statement also listed the local organizations working to prevent abuse and encouraged individuals to volunteer for one of those organizations.

#### **REPORTS OF COUNCILORS**

**Item 4(a): Councilor Brownson** said there were not enough social service agencies because sexual assault and abuse was so pervasive. Victims deal with the abuse for their entire lives, and he was thankful for the work the organizations do. He reported that there had been a lot of discussion about Heritage Square. He listened to the recording of the forum to discuss transients and homelessness, and he believed the panel and moderator did a great job. He also participated in two League of Oregon City committee meetings. One meeting focused on water and wastewater, and the other focused on telecom policies. He is the only city councilor on the Water and Wastewater committee. There is one mayor and all of the other members are staff. He appreciated how Zoom had become an accepted means of participation in meetings. He was out of town for two weeks and could still take part in a lot of meetings. Additionally, meeting attendance has increased. He planned to attend the next Port Commission meeting, where action will be taken on the Waterfront Master Plan for the West Mooring Basin. The master plan would impact many people in a positive way. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, he would be presenting a plaque from the City to the cruise ship Viking Orion. The Orion would be the first cruise ship with passengers to stop in Astoria since the pandemic began. The cruise ships are good for business and good for the city.

**Item 4(b):** Councilor Hilton reported that he attended the community livability forum at the Liberty Theatre and the Heritage Square Open House. He also attended a couple of City Council work sessions and an executive session to talk about the future of the community and development of the Heritage Square block. He met with neighbors and constituents to hear comments about the neighborhood. He thanked Public Works for their response to the water main break. **Item 4(c): Councilor Herman** reported that the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park was on schedule to be complete in May. The concreted plaza was being built and the gateway arch and midsummer pole were being fabricated in Seattle. The park would be dedicated on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am to kick off the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

**Item 4(d):** Councilor Rocka reported that he attended the livability forum, the open houses on Heritage Square and Council work sessions. He and several Staff members also attended a Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) workshop on hazard preparedness. He met with Theresa Barnes of the Astoria Warming Center to hear her opinions about homelessness issues. He also attended the Homelessness Solutions Taskforce (HOST) meeting.

**Item 4(e): Mayor Jones** reported that the next work session was scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to discuss affordable housing, homelessness, and childcare. Li'l Sprouts would be discontinued after June 30<sup>th</sup>. Bumble Preschool and Art Studio had submitted a proposal to partner with the City to continue childcare in the future. County Commissioner Wev and Assistant County Manager Steele would make a presentation on April 15<sup>th</sup> to share information about the County's housing and homeless initiatives. Northwest Oregon Housing Authority would also be presenting on April 15<sup>th</sup> on their proposal to add senior affordable housing units in Astoria. He attended the cruise host luncheon and training with David Reid. It was great to see so many community members volunteer to welcome cruise ship passengers and help them get around town.

## CHANGES TO AGENDA

No changes.

# CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

- 6(a) City Council Minutes of March 7, 2022
- 6(b) Parks Advisory Board Minutes of February 23, 2022
- 6(c) Consideration of Liquor License Application from Riviera Building LLC, Doing Business as Columbian Theatre / Voodoo Room, Located at 1102 Marine Drive, Astoria, for a Full On-Premises Commercial Sales License
- 6(d) Consideration of Liquor License Application from Twistappel Ciderworks LLC, doing business as Reveille Ciderworks, located at 1450 Exchange St, Astoria, for a Winery 1st Location License
- 6(e) 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Marine Drive Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon ODOT IGA Amendment

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

# **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

#### Item 7(a): <u>Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Adding City Code 5.640 Declaring that</u> <u>Abandoned Shopping Carts are a Public Nuisance in the City of Astoria and Providing</u> <u>Rules to Deal with Abandoned Shopping Carts</u>

The City Council held a public hearing of the proposed ordinance at the March 7, 2022 meeting and continued the public hearing to the March 21, 2022 meeting where the first reading was held. The City of Astoria has experienced an increasing number of shopping carts that are taken from businesses located in Astoria and then abandoned at random locations. These abandoned shopping carts can accumulate trash, block sidewalks, are sometimes thrown into the river, abandoned on private property, can roll into a roadway, and create other hazards and be an unattractive nuisance for the City. Currently there is no city ordinance that addresses this issue with enough specificity to address this problem.

Oregon laws, ORS 98.515 Unauthorized Appropriation of Shopping Carts and ORS 98.520 Notice of Crime of Unauthorized Appropriation of Shopping Carts, provide a foundation for a city ordinance related to shopping carts. These laws provide the authority for cities to enact ordinances to prohibit the unauthorized appropriation of a shopping cart and to provide for the salvage or reclamation of an abandoned shopping cart. Additionally,

the law provides for the requirement of the business owners to post signs to give notice to members of the public entering onto or leaving the business premises that unauthorized appropriation of a shopping cart is a crime and provide a local telephone number that members of the public may use to report an abandoned shopping cart to the business that is the owner of an abandoned shopping cart. This ordinance would also allow jurisdictions to impose a \$50 fee for non-compliance.

Police staff met with the management of the Astoria Co-Op and Safeway in an effort to craft an ordinance that will assist with the goal of reducing the number of abandoned shopping carts in the City and prevent businesses that use shopping carts from having their carts stolen.

Those who are found to have committed theft of shopping carts are subject to being charged with theft in the 2nd degree. Often, however, shopping carts are found unattended and it is difficult to determine who stole the cart. In the case of an attended cart, it can prove difficult to establish whether the person in attendance stole the cart.

The new city ordinance would declare the presence of abandoned shopping carts within the City of Astoria a public nuisance and will address the retrieval of shopping carts, require business owners that use shopping carts to post signs reminding the public that taking shopping carts from a business is considered theft and to have their shopping carts identified with their business name.

Business owners would have 72 hours to retrieve any reported abandoned carts and if the business owner doesn't retrieve the shopping cart in the allotted timeframe, they may be subject to a \$50 assessment after the first courtesy notification. It is understood that it is not the intent to punish the store owners of theft crimes. The draft ordinance has been reviewed as to form by City Attorney Henningsgaard.

It is recommended that Council hold a second reading and consider adoption of the new ordinance of City Code 5.640.

Director Brooks conducted the second reading of the ordinance.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Brownson, seconded by Councilor Herman, to adopt Ordinance 5.640 declaring that abandoned shopping carts are a public nuisance and providing rules to deal with abandoned shopping carts. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, Hilton, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

#### Item 7(b): Public Hearing and Council Discussion on Ordinance Amendments to City Codes 6.010, 6.065, and 6.400 to Provide Additional Provisions to Existing Abandoned Vehicle Ordinances

On March 16, 2022, Staff presented at the Council Work Session on the proposal to address the increasing number of abandoned, stored and derelict vehicles on public rights-of-way. Staff have reviewed ordinance modifications adopted in other jurisdictions that have experienced similar challenges addressing these vehicles. Staff is proposing to amend the definition of "abandoned vehicles" to include vehicles left on the right-of-way that are expired/unregistered, without license plates, inoperative vehicles, dismantled and partially dismantled vehicles. Additionally, vehicles that are stored on the street pose an immediate danger to the public such as leaking fluids, etc. can be immediately removed. The ordinance also allows for the removal of a vehicle that simply moves a short distance to avoid towing if it meets one of the required violations.

Staff is requesting that Council conduct a public hearing to obtain feedback through Council and public discussion as a means to fine tune the proposal. Staff have included the first draft of the proposed Astoria Code ordinance modifications. This draft is also in the second review by legal counsel. Staff is asking Council to continue the hearing to the next City Council meeting for consideration of the proposed changes and perhaps a first reading.

Chief Spalding said since the work session, Staff had updated the ordinances to close loopholes that people have used consistently to exploit the ordinances. The amendment updates the definitions of abandoned vehicles and stored vehicles. Police and Public Works have had to respond to calls reporting human waste leaking from recreational vehicle (RV) tanks, accumulating garbage in public rights-of-way, and hazardous waste leaking from Page 3 of 8 City Council Journal of Proceedings April 4, 2022 vehicles. Many of the vehicles are poorly maintained or inoperable. Recently, a camper fell off the back of a pickup truck and landed in a parking lot, causing the property owner to get a couple forklifts to load the camper back on to the truck. An RV ran out of propane and was using candles for heating, which created a significant safety hazard. Another RV had inoperable brakes and ran into a light at the Aquatic Center. In addition to the safety hazards, there were legal issues with many vehicles, including no registration, expired registration, no license plates, altered license plates, altered or removed vehicle identification numbers (VINs), no insurance, and titles not transferred into the current owner's name. Many of the vehicles are wrecked or partially dismantled. This ordinance amendment would include a 72-hour exemption for vehicles parked at the same address it is registered to, vehicles that get tagged by the Police Department would only be towed after the third warning, and a 90-day grace period for expired vehicle registrations. Social service agencies would be notified of people living in vehicles. The Police would not be actively looking to tow vehicles and enforcement would be complaint driven. Towing would be a last resort.

Mayor Jones understood that impound lots did not want to take vehicles there were in very bad shape or full of stuff because the environmental and disposal costs were high. He asked if the City had any arrangements with tow companies or impound lots.

Chief Spalding responded that the City had a contract with Classic Tow. The current arrangement was that they would tow vehicles to the City's Public Works lot. The lien sale process is started, but the owner could collect their vehicle at any time before the sale. The City does not charge any storage fees. If an RV is sold, the City is responsible for emptying the waste tanks. Most of the vehicles are sold for scrap and the money made on the scrap offsets the cost of the tow.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 7:36 pm and called for public comments.

Walt Postlewait, 36468 River Point Dr., Astoria, thanked Staff for working on the amendments to the ordinance. He had a project that was having issues with motorhomes. He asked if there was any way to determine which RVs were being use for housing and which RVs for being used for drug trade. Some of the motorhomes have cardboard and wood over the windows. He suggested the ordinance require RVs parked in rights-of-way to maintain visibility of the interior from two hours after sunrise to sunset.

Chief Spalding said his department had received quite a few calls reporting suspected drug or other activities. Keeping the windows uncovered would not prevent anyone from such activities. The County does not have a drug enforcement team and drug penalties have been reduced. These activities had been a significant challenge for the Police Department.

Councilor Brownson understood the ordinance amendments would help improve the situation by removing the vehicles. Police Chief Spalding said this ordinance along with other City ordinances and partnerships with social service agencies would address issues comprehensively.

Councilor Hilton asked if this ordinance would alleviate the issues cause by the vehicles parked at the foot of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. City Manager Estes noted that Staff had received complaints about cars parked on private property and in public rights-of-way at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Chief Spalding explained that the City has a process for property owners to use when vehicles are abandoned on private property. A form is posted on the Police Department's website. The City's options for dealing with vehicles abandoned on public property are limited by the existing ordinance. The amendments to the ordinance would give the City additional tools to address the vehicles.

Councilor Herman asked what percentage of vehicles the Police Department gets call about would be affected by the amendments. Chief Spalding said most of the vehicles they get calls about are expired or do not have insurance.

Councilor Herman understood that once a vehicle was subject to this ordinance, the owner would need to move it out of the city limits to avoid having the vehicle towed. Chief Spalding clarified that the vehicle could also be towed to private property with permission of the property owner.

Nate Pinkstaff, 1594 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Astoria, said when the camper fell off the truck, he noticed the truck had a Washington plate that expired in 2000. The camper was loaded back on to the truck and wobbles as the owner drives around. He asked when the City was going to do something about that.

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Chief Spalding explained that because the camper landed on private property, it was not a City issue. The vehicle is definitely unsafe, and he had seen it in several locations around the city. If it is parked on a city street with expired tags, the new ordinance would allow it to be towed.

Mr. Pinkstaff asked if anything could be done now.

Chief Spalding said the vehicle could be stopped by a Police Officer if it is driving on a city street. If the officer deems it an unsafe vehicle, it could be towed.

Mr. Pinkstaff asked if the City does anything with garbage left behind when a vehicle is moved.

Chief Spalding confirmed the City was responsible for cleaning up the mess and the taxpayers pay for that cleanup. If no one sees an individual disposing of the trash, enforcement of offensive littering is very difficult.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Herman, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to continue the hearing on ordinance amendments to City Codes 6.010, 6.065, and 6.400 to April 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, Hilton, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

# Item 7(c): Discussion of Possible Camping Ordinance Language

On March 16, 2022, Staff presented at the Council Work Session on the proposal to address the requirements of recent legislation and recent state and federal court decisions related to unlawful camping in public places. One of the requirements of House Bill 3115 is that cities adopt or modify their ordinances to address such requirements as addressing the "Time, Place & Manner" where houseless individuals can sleep. Staff has reviewed ordinance modifications adopted in other jurisdictions that have experienced similar challenges and that have adopted ordinances to address the legal requirement and to permit officers to enforce camping in areas that are not approved by the city. Staff will be proposing to amend the current City of Astoria Code on Overnight Camping at a future meeting and would like to present options for Council discussion at this meeting. While some possible locations for camping were discussed at an earlier work session, that will not be the focus of this meeting. The primary focus will be the structure of ordinance language that could be used. Chief Spalding will be making a presentation on this matter. It is recommended that Council provide comment and feedback on possible language which Chief Spalding will discuss at Monday's meeting.

Chief Spalding said he did not believe the city had enough space to accommodate all of the homeless individuals who reside in the community. Therefore, the best option was to amend the City's ordinance to comply with H.B. 3115. Staff would present a draft ordinance in the near future to address time, place, and manner where the homeless could sleep. The ordinance would address time and place and reference a separate document listing approved sites. Approved sites could be added and removed from the list without having to update the ordinance each time.

Mayor Jones agreed with the phased approach because identifying sites would be the most challenging for the community.

Councilor Brownson asked how the City would determine how many people needed to be accommodated. Chief Spalding said the Point in Time Count was done by zip code. The 2020 count identified 700 people as being homeless in the Astoria zip code. However, some of those individuals had a place to stay. Therefore, it would be difficult to determine the number for the City of Astoria. An attorney advised Staff that as long as the City did not run out of space, it would be in good condition.

Councilor Brownson said a shelter for 25 people might take care of the people looking for shelter while the rest camped. He believed it might take some trial and error to come up with a formula. He asked if Staff had spoken to other cities about what they had done. Chief Spalding stated he had spoken to other cities. If the City does not take any enforcement action, the provisions of the house bill and recent Oregon court decision would not apply.

Councilor Rocka said he wanted Staff to get input from the service providers that deal with the homeless about what they believed would be reasonable in terms of manner. Limitations on what people could bring would be reasonable if the City had a place for people to store their belongings.

Councilor Herman asked if this ordinance would allow the City to prohibit camping in unapproved areas. Chief Spalding said yes, the Police would tell an individual where they could camp and all other locations would be prohibited. This would free up the sidewalks and other public spaces.

Councilor Herman asked if campgrounds had to be in the city limits. Chief Spalding said yes but noted it was not clear whether the City could direct people to places outside of town.

Councilor Herman stated any problems or crimes would require Police response. Chief Spalding confirmed that the Police respond anywhere in the city. He added that the City would be required to provide restroom facilities. There were concerns that the City would also be required to provide showers and security. Attorneys and law enforcement had been discussing the challenges with providing these camps.

Councilor Herman said she was concerned that the City would need to have a campground manager. She could see this getting very expensive very quickly. The City at least needed to provide restrooms, showers, garbage service, and a manager. Chief Spalding noted that another challenge was that camping would only be allowed at certain times. When camping was not allowed, individuals would have to go to another location with all of their property. The Police already had limited resources, so enforcement of the allowed camping hours would be a challenge.

Councilor Hilton said finding a location and setting up governing rules was most important. Following up with services, policing and management should come down the road. He was not in favor of providing services that the community could not afford. He did not know what the citizens wanted. People in the community might believe this would provide more opportunities for more homeless people to come to Astoria and the situation could grow beyond the City's control. He wanted to protect the citizens, protect the city, and provide opportunities for the unsheltered. Chief Spalding stated he believed the ambiguity of the house bill meant that communities with limited resources, like Astoria, should not bear the burden of providing certain things.

Councilor Rocka said it would be to the community's advantage to provide restrooms and garbage service. Councilor Herman agreed.

Mayor Jones agreed that at a minimum, portable restrooms and a trash can should be provided. Without restrooms, the site would become an open sewer. He called for public comments. There were none.

#### Item 7(d): Resolution Supporting Assisted Housing Programs

In the Summer of 2020 summer, City Council authorized the submittal of a Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for County-wide COVID-19 assistance. In late August 2020, The City of Astoria was awarded the grant for \$50,000 from the Oregon Community Development Block Grant program.

This program, which will conclude this month, is administered by Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority, provides grant funds to cities and counties to upgrade public infrastructure, develop community facilities and provide essential services to the workforce and citizens. This was a joint project seeking a Public Services Grant for Clatsop County, for COVID-19 Community Response. The CDBG funds were used for county- wide purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) to support emergency responders and also public health workers as well as costs associated with community testing. The City of Astoria was the grant applicant because it was the only public entity in the County current with CDBG applicant requirements.

A requirement of the conclusion of the Block Grant is that the City adopt an additional Fair Housing Resolution in both English and Spanish. The resolution states that " the City of Astoria has certified in its grant contract with the state that it will comply with the requirements of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, popularly known as the Fair Housing Act, and will take action to affirmatively further fair housing," The resolutions are attached.

It is the policy of the City to encourage government assisted housing as a source of affordable, safe and sanitary housing opportunities for persons of lower, middle and fixed incomes.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the two Fair Housing Resolutions, in both English and Spanish.

Mayor Jones explained this was an administrative requirement to complete the grant process. He called for public comments. There were none.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Rocka, seconded by Councilor Brownson to adopt both Resolutions Supporting Assisted Housing Programs in English and Spanish. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, Hilton, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

## Item 7(e): Resolution to Transfer Funds in Capital Improvement Fund #102 to Support Need for **Evergreen Field Storm Drain Repair Project**

Oregon Revised Statute 294.463(2) provides guidance for the transfer of contingency to an appropriation category which is less than 15 percent in aggregate of the adopted budget's total fund appropriations. An emergent situation has arisen with the failure of a storm drain in Evergreen Field adjacent to Astoria Middle School. Due to the emergency nature of the work and access constraints associated with the Astoria Middle School track reconstruction, the project needs to be completed as soon as possible. Once the Astoria Middle School track improvements are completed, the primary access to the project site will be unavailable and an alternate haul road will need to be constructed potentially adding to the total cost of repairs. A transfer in the amount of \$30,000 from to Materials & Professional Services is required to provide sufficient appropriations for the balance of the necessary repairs. This transfer represents 1.4 percent in aggregate of the adopted budget's appropriations. It is recommended that City Council approve transfer of \$30,000 from Contingency to Materials & Professional Services within the Capital Improvement Fund # 102.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Brownson, seconded by Councilor Hilton, to adopt the Resolution to transfer \$30,000 from Contingency to Materials & Professional Services within the Capital Improvement Fund # 102. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, Hilton, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

# Item 7(f): Consider Authorization to Purchase Polycorp Flangeway Fillers

The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded \$ 428,404 in 2021 from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to carry out enhancements on the Astoria Riverwalk that include the installation of Flangeway Fillers along the western trestle sections of the trail. The grant application anticipated a total cost of this item to be \$81,966 and that was the amount included in the final grant agreement. Vendors who provide railroad-construction items were contacted for guotes for this item after Parks staff coordinated with the Astoria Trolley Association to ensure that any product installed would comply with their requirements for operation and Polycorp was the only manufacturer who was able to provide a product that would be suitable. It is recommended that the City Council approve the purchase of the flangeway fillers from Polycorp for a total cost of \$56,644.33.

Councilor Brownson asked if the fillers would be continuous. Director Dart-McLean explained that the fillers were extruded rubber sections that would be individually installed in eight-foot lengths on the trestles just the east of the Holiday Inn, the next trestle to the east from Fort George to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and the intermediate smaller trestles between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Mayor Jones called for public comments. There were none.

Councilor Herman thanked Parks Staff for their attention to detail. As a wheelchair user, she was pretty cautious when she was on the Riverwalk by the tracks. Bikes, canes, and wheelchairs could easily get caught in between the wood planks.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herman, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to approve the purchase of the flangeway fillers from Polycorp for a total cost of \$56,644.33. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, Hilton, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None. City Council Journal of Proceedings Page 7 of 8

#### Item 7(g): Evergreen Field Storm Drain Repair Project – Authorization to Award Emergency Construction Contract

City staff is requesting approval of an emergency contract with Big River Construction in the amount of \$162,650 for the Evergreen Field Storm Drain Repair Project in accordance with City Code Section 1.967(D). On January 10, 2022, Public Works crews found a plugged storm drainage outlet due to the failure of a steep embankment at Evergreen Field adjacent to the Astoria Middle School. The 21 -inch corrugated metal pipe had failed beneath the field, causing the storm water to back up and the embankment to fail. Temporary repairs were made to restore partial drainage to the system. Approximately 200 feet of the pipe needs to be replaced immediately. Due to the emergency nature of the work and access constraints associated with the Astoria Middle School track reconstruction, the project needs to be completed as soon as possible. It is recommended that City Council approve an emergency contract with Big River Construction in the amount of \$162,650 for the Evergreen Field Storm Drain Repair Project.

Mayor Jones called for public comments. There were none.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Rocka, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to approve an emergency contract with Big River Construction in the amount of \$162,650 for the Evergreen Field Storm Drain Repair Project. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, Hilton, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

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

Nate Pinkstaff 1594 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Astoria, stated he helped clean up four parks over the weekend to help alleviate the stress that the Parks Department is under. He displayed a photograph on the screen and explained that while driving on the road behind the Armory, next to the Bowpicker, he noticed that the garbage can next to the bus stop had been vandalized. He spoke with someone at the Bowpicker who said the garbage can had been that way for a few weeks. People were having to climb over the garbage and the sides of the can are peeled off. The garbage is blowing all over the parking area. There is also graffiti all over the garbage can and the bus stop. He wanted to see if the situation could get addressed. There is no can inside the main housing, so the garbage falls out. There was a van in front, and he did not know if the van had been there a while and had restricted access.

City Manager Estes explained that the ADHDA had received a grant for new garbage cans and Public Works had been replacing the garbage cans. Staff would consider that location.

Mayor Jones added that the City would get the garbage picked up.

Jessamyn West, 3409 Irving Ave., Astoria, said the ADHDA received a grant from Travel Oregon for new garbage cans. They are salmon cans, which are made by a family and are indestructible. A few are unspoken for so the ADHDA would consider prioritizing that location.

Mayor Jones believed that a fast-food food cart that does a high volume of disposable trash would be required to have their own garbage can.

Mr. Pinkstaff stated the garbage can was full of pizza boxes and trash that looked like it did not originate from the Bowpicker. The Bowpicker had three garbage cans.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

ATTEST:

Finance Director

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