

A regular meeting of the Astoria City Council was held at the above place at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: LaMear, Herzig, Warr, Mellin, Mayor Van Dusen

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Benoit, Police Chief Curzon, Parks and Recreation Director Cosby, City Attorney Henningsgaard, Deputy Fire Chief Gascoigne, Fire Chief Ames, Community Development Director Estes, Library Director Tucker, and Public Works Director Cook. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

Mayor Van Dusen announced that the chair in the front row, covered with black cloth, is in memory of Don Webb who was a true Astorian and cared about many aspects of the community. Fondly known as the Watch Dog, he attended many City Council and Budget Committee meetings and was very interested in municipal spending. Mr. Webb volunteered at the Astoria Riverfront Trolley, a daycare business, Loaves and Fishes and many other things. Mr. Webb compelled the Councilors to do their homework so they could explain to the community what was being done and why. Mr. Webb always took City business seriously. Mayor Van Dusen called for a moment of silence in honor of Don Webb.

Mr. Webb's daughter said she appreciated the respect shown by City Council. Mr. Webb cared about the City of Astoria.

City Council proceeded to Item 5(a): Swearing In of Deputy Chief Gascoigne.

REPORTS OF COUNCILORS:

This agenda item was conducted when the Council meeting was reopened at 8:07 p.m. following the Astoria Budget Committee meeting.

Item 3(a): Councilor Warr No reports

Item 3(b): Councilor Mellin No reports

Item 3(c): Councilor Herzig reported that the Lower Columbia Diversity Project would host an event on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian will be participating on a panel to discuss wage and equality. Women make \$0.77 to a man's \$1.00 on a national average. This will be a free public discussion and flyers are available. He noted that the U.S. Supreme Court recently struck down a section of the Defense of Marriage Act, meaning his marriage can now be federally recognized, but it is not recognized by the State of Oregon. He commented that this is the road to equality and progress is being made.

Item 3(d): Councilor LaMear reported that City Council attended many events over the last several weeks, including a ribbon cutting at the 17th Street Dock and the Astoria Trolley 100th Birthday.

Item 3(e): Mayor Van Dusen recalled that Mr. Schanze had been prosecuted for parasailing off the Astoria Column. He reported that Mr. Schanze was instructing Henry Ho, a 48-year old man in San Diego, on how to complete a daredevil stunt and Mr. Ho fell 125 feet to his death. This was an unfortunate but newsworthy event. It shows that the City did the right thing when prosecuting Mr. Schanze and getting the word out that this was a dangerous stunt and that Astoria has a monument.

Mayor Van Dusen proceeded to Item 5(b): Presentation by Department of Geology & Mineral Industries regarding New Tsunami Maps.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: No changes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Item 5(a): Swearing In of Deputy Chief Gascoigne

The swearing in of Deputy Chief Gascoigne was conducted following memorial comments about the late Don Webb.

Mayor Van Dusen stated that Paul Gascoigne has grown up in Astoria and has been a volunteer in the community. Deputy Chief Gascoigne is a very professional fire fighter and the City of Astoria is privileged to have him as part of the fire department. April 1, 2013 was Deputy Chief Gascoigne's 25th anniversary as a firefighter for the City. Mayor Van Dusen presented Deputy Chief Gascoigne with a 25-year pin commemorating his 25 years of service as a firefighter for the City of Astoria.

Mayor Van Dusen conducted the swearing in of Deputy Chief Gascoigne.

Mayor Van Dusen called for a recess at 7:13 p.m. to convene the Astoria Budget Committee meeting. The City Council meeting was reopened at 8:07p.m. and the Council proceeded to Item 3: Reports of Councilors.

Item 5(b): Department of Geology & Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) regarding New Tsunami Maps

This presentation was given immediately following Item 3: Reports of Councilors.

Rachel Smith, 1534 SE Clayborne, Portland, noted that DOGAMI has given this presentation to every city council in Clatsop County, as well as the County, although a few slides have been added that specifically target Astoria. She presented information about Tsunami Outreach Oregon, earthquake and tsunami science, the new tsunami maps and the public outreach being conducted for tsunami preparedness. She noted Tsunami Outreach Oregon is funded by a four-year grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which ends in July 2013. DOGAMI and Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) work together to administer the grant. She also reviewed the materials being provided at the fire department.

- All of the maps for Clatsop County were released on June 18, 2013 and are available for free at the Oregon Tsunami Clearinghouse, www.oregontsunaim.org. Evacuation brochures specific to certain areas are available at local fire departments and city halls.
- She recommended that Astoria continue with the readiness presentations. Door to door outreach was not conducted due to the lack of timing with the grant. Materials were purchased and have been given to the communities. Most communities plan to conduct the door to door outreach in the fall. She recommended that Astoria consider the door to door outreach.

Chief Ames stated that he and Chief Curzon have developed a plan to distribute the maps and other materials to the community in the fall of 2013. The CERT team, Boy Scouts, and other community groups will assist the police and fire departments distribute the materials.

Lori Durham, 398 Atlantic Avenue, Astoria, received several maps at the presentation given at the college and has been distributing them. She keeps a variety of the maps in her car since she might be in another location when an earthquake occurs. Chief Ames told her that in the case of a large earthquake, the bridges will be out, so those who travel outside of Astoria for work or shopping should keep maps of the areas they frequently visit. She expressed concern about the tourists and suggested the maps be distributed in places that visitors frequent.

Mayor Van Dusen said this was a great idea and noted that the work force travels to many different areas.

Peter Roscoe, 857 Florence, Astoria, noted one of the slides showed the pressure points along the subduction zone and asked how large the pressure point areas were. Ms. Smith replied that the model shows a full rupture of the entire Cascadia Subduction Zone, which extends from British Columbia to Northern California. The earthquake occurs along the entire fault zone. Studies show evidence that partial ruptures occur more frequently along the Southern Oregon Coast, where the Cascadia Subduction Zone meets the coastline. However, this involves a completely separate study. Astoria would feel the effects of a partial rupture as it would create a small tsunami wave.

Mr. Roscoe asked how much area subducted during the earthquake in Japan. He also wanted to know if it was possible to analyze the stress level of the subduction zones. Ms. Smith said the entire fault zone subducted during the earthquake in Japan. The fault zone right off the coast of Japan is a bit shorter and wider than the Cascadia Subduction Zone. The water is deeper off the coast of Japan, so waves up to 140 feet high were created. None of the Cascadia Subduction Zone models show wave heights up to 140 feet. A 70-foot wave is still a large wave. A 30-foot wave in Astoria will cause a lot of damage along the shoreline. She added it is not possible to analyze the stress level of a subduction zone, nor is there any way to relieve the stress.

Kathleen Sullivan, 5161 Birch Street, Astoria, noted the Alaskan earthquake in the 1960s occurred on the location where the Pebble Mine was going to be built and one of the last sustainable salmon runs on the planet. She noted one third of the Clatsop County fisherman fish out of Bristol Bay River each year.

Theodore Thomas, 398 Atlantic, Astoria, noticed the tsunami wave animation in the presentation was different from another he had seen. He understood that the turbidite graph charted the thickness of turbidite deposits off the coast. Looking for correlations between off-shore soil samples and samples taken from lakes that parallel the sand dunes may provide better information about on-shore tsunami action from a near shore event. Fuji, Japan, located in the tsunami inundation zone, avoided damage after the mayor worked for 40 years to build a 56-foot breakwater. A 66-foot wave crashed against this breakwater. There were no casualties. One of the slides showed a town just to the south of Fuji that had a 33-foot breakwater seawall. Hundreds of people died in this town. The mayor of Fuji chose the height of the wall based on scientific information, not on what a budget committee said they could afford.

Ms. Smith responded that Special Paper 41 and Special Paper 43 document the detailed science that supports the information presented. Freshwater soil sample cores were taken from Bradley Lake. Sediments were used to find out what size of a tsunami would travel over the dunes and coastline to deposit sediments in the lake.

Councilor Herzig was concerned about the large senior population in Astoria who may have mobility problems. He would like to get involved crafting a program for the evacuation of seniors, which may be a real issue in any emergency situation. Seniors may not be able to get to assembly areas in any emergency.

Councilor Warr said he has seen several of these presentations and this was the best one. Councilor Mellin thanked Ms. Smith for the scientific information and diagrams.

Mayor Van Dusen asked about the location of the fault line in Alaska. Ms. Smith explained that DOGAMI use the Alaska Aleutian Island Chain as its source.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

- 6(a) City Council Minutes 6/17/13
- 6(b) Boards and Commission Minutes
 - (1) Budget Committee Meeting of 4/24/13**
 - (2) Budget Committee Meeting of 4/25/13**
 - (3) Library Board Meeting of 5/28/13
- 6(c) Contract for Professional Human Resources Services with Xenium (Finance)
- 6(d) Lease Agreement with Astoria Regatta Association for Use of East Portion of Heritage Square and Closure of 12th Street between Duane and Exchange Streets (City Manager)
- 6(e) Authorization to Purchase One Mower for Ocean View Cemetery (Parks)**
- 6(f) LUBA Appeal from Sandra Savage regarding Property at 4050 Abbey Lane (City Manager)

Councilor Herzig requested that Items 6(b)(1) and 6(b)(2) be removed. Councilor Warr requested Item 6(e) be removed for further discussion.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Warr, seconded by Councilor Mellin, to approve Items 6(a), 6(b)(3), 6(c), 6(d) and 6(f) of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Herzig, Mellin, LaMear, and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

Mayor Van Dusen asked Director Tucker if the Library has received any grants recently. Director Tucker replied that for the fourth year, the Library received a \$95,040 grant from Libraries Rural Outreach in Clatsop County (ROCC) program.

Item 6(b)(1) Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of 4/24/13

Councilor Herzig requested that these minutes be revised.

Item 6(b)(2) Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of 4/25/13

Councilor Herzig stated that these meeting minutes need to be revised.

Item 6(e): Item Authorization to Purchase One Mower for Ocean View Cemetery (Parks)

Councilor Warr believed purchasing a new mower for Ocean View Cemetery is necessary as the other mowers are about 20 years old. The Parks Department plans to purchase a mower with a 72-inch wide deck, which will work great for mowing down the rows; however, many of the monuments were spaced less than 72-inches apart. He asked how the mowing will be done between those monuments. Director Cosby explained that state juvenile assistance is currently being utilized at the cemetery and weed whackers and smaller mowers are used to get in between the monuments. The Parks Department plans to continue with that plan for those smaller areas. The larger mowers will continue to stay away from the more tightly spaces monuments.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Warr, seconded by Councilor Herzig, to approve Item 6(e) of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Herzig, Mellin, LaMear and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Item 7(a): Tourism Promotion Program (Finance)

This item was discussed during the Astoria Budget Committee meeting under Item 4(a). Based on the recommendation of the Budget Committee, it is recommended that the City Council either adopt the Tourism Promotion Program as presented, or provide direction to staff to modify the draft program.

City Manager Benoit stated this item would be postponed until August 2013.

Item 7(b): CSO Program Hydraulic/Hydrologic Modeling Support – Contract for Professional Services (Public Works)

In April 2012, Council authorized a contract for CSO Modeling Support Services to HDR with the option of annual renewal of this contract. During the past year, HDR has updated and refined the CSO collection system model, identified additional monitoring needs to further characterize flows for future projects, completed necessary documentation to submit to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to verify implementation of projects in Phases 1, 2 and 3, and developed a preliminary scope for the first project in Phase 4. HDR has provided a scope of work and estimated budget of \$105,077 for June 2013 through June 2014. Staff has reviewed the scope and fee and has found the proposal to be appropriate and reasonable. It is recommended that City Council renew the contract for CSO Modeling Support Services with HDR for a total not to exceed amount of \$105,077. Funds are available through the CSO Fund.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor LaMear, seconded by Councilor Warr, to renew the contract for CSO Modeling Support Services with HDR for a total not to exceed amount of \$105,077. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Herzig, Mellin, LaMear and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

Item 7(c): Authorization to Award Contract for Pipeline Road Water Line Project (Public Works)

On April 1, 2013, City Council authorized bid advertisement for this project. The project will reroute a section of existing 21" diameter water transmission main around a geologically sensitive area. The project is currently being advertised and bids will be received on July 11, 2013. Due to scheduling challenges in July with the

cancellation of the Council meeting on July 15th, and a funding deadline of September 30, 2013, Staff is requesting pre-authorization to execute a construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder upon receipt of bids if the low bid is within the project budget.

On April 18, 2011, City Council approved an Infrastructure Contract with Oregon Emergency Management (OEM). It will provide up to \$247,046 for construction with a City match of 25%. A summary of the anticipated construction budget is shown below.

Item	Budget Estimate
Project Cost Estimate	\$195,000.00
Project Contingency (10%)	\$ 19,500.00
Construction Staking Services	\$ 3,750.00
Total=	\$218,250.00

Staff recommends that the maximum bid acceptable should not exceed \$215,000. If the lowest bid exceeds this amount, staff will review funding options and recommend course of action to the Council.

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the Pipeline Road Water Main Project if the bid is within the available project funding.

City Manager Benoit stated that in his absence, the Acting City Manager would be Community Development Director Estes.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Mellin, seconded by Councilor Warr, to authorize the City Manager to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the Pipeline Road Water Main Project if the bid is within the available project funding. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Herzig, Mellin, LaMear and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

Item 7(d): Astoria Senior Center – Contract for Architectural Services (Community Development)

In March 2013, the City of Astoria received a Community Development Block Grant for renovation of the Astoria Senior Center. As a part of the grant, a total of \$115,000 was included for architectural services. At the May 6, 2013 City Council meeting, the Council authorized staff to issue a Statement of Qualifications for architectural services. Ten firms responded. On June 6th a committee consisting of Senior Center staff, Senior Center representatives, and City staff evaluated proposals from the architectural firms. It was unanimously agreed that the best qualified firm was Scott Edwards Architecture LLP, (SEA), a firm from Portland. It is recommended that the Council approve the proposed contract with Scott Edwards Architecture LLP in the amount of \$115,000 for architectural services for the Senior Center renovation.

Mayor Van Dusen believed it was important to have a project manager on this project. City Manager Benoit responded that Al Jakes has been asked to serve as project manager. Approval of that contract will be presented to City Council in August 2013.

Councilor Herzig noted members of the Senior Center were in the audience and asked if the public would like to comment on this issue. There were no comments.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herzig, seconded by Councilor LaMear, to approve the proposed contract with Scott Edwards Architecture, LLP in the amount of \$115,000 for architectural services for the Senior Center renovation. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Herzig, Mellin, LaMear and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

Item 7(e): Pay Adjustment #3 – Completion of Garden of Surging Waves (Community Development)

On June 4, 2013, an extremely successful Garden of Surging Waves fundraiser, co-sponsored by Mayor Van Dusen and Jordan Schnitzer, was held at Mr. Schnitzer's residence in Portland. A number of individuals attended

and a total of \$437,000 was raised. Following the fundraiser, City staff and the Garden of Surging Waves contractor Robinson Construction began negotiating a contract amendment to complete the project.

On February 19, 2013, City Council authorized the award of a construction contract to Robinson Construction Company in the amount of \$798,498 for the first sequence of the Garden of Surging Waves. Two pay adjustments have been processed to date totaling \$16,202.83 bringing the current contract amount to \$814,700.83. This last pay adjustment, totaling \$571,539.03, will allow for all remaining sequences to be implemented, bringing the full project scope to completion.

It should be noted that this pay adjustment also includes engraving for the pavers, plaques and donor screen. As additional donors continue to make contributions and the specific wording on the donor panel is refined, the allocation for engraving may be further refined (up or down). Randy Robinson, owner of Robinson Construction, in addition to making a donation to the project, has graciously offered to cover any unexpected contract amendments associated with construction of the remaining sequences (excluding engraving). It is recommended that the City Council authorize Pay Adjustment #3 in the amount of \$571,539.03 with Robinson Construction for completion of the Garden of Surging Waves.

City Manager Benoit noted that if this pay adjustment is approved, the project should be complete by November 2013.

Mayor Van Dusen called for questions or comments from the audience.

Councilor Warr suggested that Mayor Van Dusen to make the motion to approve the pay adjustment since he was so instrumental in the fundraising.

There were no further comments.

City Council Action: Motion made by Mayor Van Dusen, seconded by Councilor Mellin, to authorize Pay Adjustment #3 in the amount of \$571,539.03 with Robinson Construction for completion of the Garden of Surging Waves. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Herzig, Mellin, LaMear and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

Mayor Van Dusen explained that Mrs. Harold Schnitzer, whose first name is Arlene, donated \$250,000. There was some confusion in the community as Councilor Arlene LaMear was thought to be the donor. He clarified that while Councilor LaMear did donate funds and was a huge supporter of the project, Arlene Schnitzer donated the \$250,000.

Item 7(f): Pedestrian Crosswalk Flag Pilot Program (Public Works)

City staff has received and analyzed approximately 23 hours of video footage of the pedestrian crosswalks at 10th and Commercial and 10th and Marine Drive where pedestrian flag stations had been established for a pilot project. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) provided the video equipment and processed the data for the City. It should be noted that the video was taken during a period when a cruise ship was in town. This was advantageous to the study since the cruise ship provided a larger number of pedestrian visitors. Based on results from the video, staff has calculated an average flag use rate of around 6%. We would hope for a much higher use rate in the 40-50% range. Based on recent conversations with ODOT, they are not seeing any benefit to the use of pedestrian flags on a statewide basis. There are even opinions that the use of flags may create a false sense of security for pedestrians. The results of the video research was presented to the Traffic Safety Committee on June 25, 2013, and after discussion, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that City Council discontinue the pedestrian flag program. It is recommended that Council accept the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee and direct staff to discontinue the crosswalk flag pilot program.

Councilor Herzig stated he has been attending the Traffic Safety Committee meetings. Engineer Harrington and City Staff have assisted the Traffic Safety Committee with their research. The flags are not being used, but are being stolen and vandalized. It seems pointless to continue a program that is obviously not working. He concurs with the recommendation.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herzig, seconded by Councilor Mellin, to accept the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee and direct staff to discontinue the crosswalk flag pilot program. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Herzig, Mellin, LaMear and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

The following item was added to the agenda.

Item 7(g): Four-party Agreement Regarding the Development of the Sports Complex on Williamsport Road

City Manager Benoit stated the four-party agreement was emailed to City Council under separate cover. This legal agreement was developed by City Attorney Henningsgaard and attorneys representing Columbia Memorial Hospital, the Astoria School District and Western Oregon Waste. The agreement identifies the responsibilities of all four parties, primarily relating to issues between the school district and the hospital. City Attorney Henningsgaard is available for any questions.

Mayor Van Dusen noted one minor change is needed to the agreement. The hospital, school district and Recology considered the City Council and Astoria Development Commission as one entity, but legally, they are two separate entities. If City Council approves the agreement, the agreement would be signed both as the City Council and again as the Astoria Development Commission. There are no other changes.

Councilor Herzig noted this is a large project. He would like to see this discussion postponed until August 2013 and conduct a public hearing on the matter. The public is concerned about the sports complex. The community needs to be involved in this discussion before any formal agreement is signed.

Mayor Van Dusen replied he would do his best to persuade Councilor Herzig from postponing the agreement to next month. A lot of work has been completed and the project has a time limit. The agreement does not have to be approved at this meeting. A special meeting can be held prior to going to the Waldorf, but he opposed postponing this agreement until August 2013.

Councilor Herzig believed it is a shame that the public cannot be involved. This is a big project and there will be community response to City Council's decision. He asked if it were possible to approve an informal agreement at this meeting and postpone the formal agreement until August 2013.

Mayor Van Dusen replied that an informal agreement will not do any good. He understood the community is very interested in the sports complex. He was not sure the community was interested in the City's responsibility, which is to close the landfill. The sports complex will be operated and owned by the school district. The school district will have a public hearing and make a presentation to the community. City Council is only responsible for deciding how to close the landfill. The City of Astoria could have been omitted from the project. The City could have fenced off the landfill and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would have considered the City's requirements fulfilled. City Council would not be good stewards to approve a fenced off contaminated landfill in the heart of the city. City Council asked the school district to reconsider the location of the sports complex, which was originally planned to be located next to the bus barn near Miles Crossing. The school district agreed to reconsider the location as long as the City closed the landfill. The City Council's public hearing would only be to discuss the closing of the landfill. He encouraged Councilor Herzig to vote for this agreement at this meeting, which will allow the school district to host their series of public hearings about the sports complex.

Councilor Herzig appreciated the clarification. He understood the City would be required to sign off on the transfer of John Warren Field from the school district to Columbia Memorial Hospital. The transfer, worth about \$5,000,000, is included in this agreement.

Mayor Van Dusen understood the City has the option of transferring John Warren Field if the school district decides not to use the property and does not have to be included in this project.

City Attorney Henningsgaard explained that once the field stops being used for school purposes; it automatically reverts to the City.

Councilor Herzig stated he would vote against the agreement tonight.

Councilor Warr stated that all the taxpayers in Astoria pay taxes to the school district and the City. Most residents become customers of the hospital at some point. He believed this project is strengthening the community. While he dislikes some minor aspects of the four-party agreement, it is still important to vote in favor of the agreement.

Councilor LaMear said her questions had been addressed earlier by the City Manager. She was happy with the agreement adding it is an exciting proposal for the community.

Councilor Mellin said this was a beautiful compact between all of the organizations. Each group will be benefiting from this project. At one time, Astoria did not have many health services, but these services are growing, which is wonderful.

Councilor Herzig noted the agreement states the hospital will dedicate \$5,000,000 to the construction of the sports center. Upon completion and delivery to the school district, the City will give the John Warren Field area, worth about \$5,000,000, to Columbia Memorial Hospital. The agreement does not mention the cost of the sports center. If the sports center costs more or less than \$5,000,000, there is no provision for the difference in costs between the sports center and John Warren Field. He is concerned the details are not fully considered and the City may lose a considerable amount of money.

Mayor Van Dusen added that the Columbia Memorial Hospital campus has announced that they will build a radiation center, which the City needs. The hospital has partnered with Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). OHSU would not partner with the hospital if the hospital did not have the space to build the radiation center. Therefore, it is crucial that the football field be transferred to the hospital so they can expand their medical facilities in Astoria. This is a perfect fit.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor LaMear, seconded by Councilor Mellin, to approve the Four-party agreement to be signed by City Council and the Astoria Development Commission. Motion carried 4 - 1. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Mellin, LaMear and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: Councilor Herzig.

NEW BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS, PUBLIC COMMENTS

Item 8(a): Change First Meeting Date in September 2013

Astoria City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2013, due to the Labor Day holiday; therefore, the first Council meeting in September will need to be changed. Past practice has been to hold the Council meeting on the following day, which in this case will be Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor LaMear, seconded by Councilor Mellin, to change the first Council meeting in September to Tuesday, September 3, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Warr, Herzig, Mellin, LaMear and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

Mayor Van Dusen called for public comments.

George (Mick) Haag, 1 3rd Street, Astoria, noted a recent article showing a trail that many people, including him, use on a regular basis. Community promotion funds have been discussed; however, other things must be done to promote the community. He showed a picture of a walkway just east of Holiday Express and noted that the railing and all along the walkway has been tagged. The tagging is increasing because it is not being removed, yet the City is trying to promote the community. If the graffiti is not removed, the tagging will continually increase. It seems like the City's policy is to notify the entity responsible for the area that has been tagged and hope the graffiti is removed. Other cities along the coast have ordinances that allow the City to spend money to remove graffiti and this would be very worthwhile as part of a community promotion effort. Creating an ordinance or some way to make sure the businesses and other entities buy into removing the graffiti would make Astoria a city that cruise ship tourists like to talk about.

- He has mentioned at a prior hearing that there are no street signs along the trail. Maps from the cruise company instruct people to go up 3rd Street or 9th Street, etc., but no signs on the trail identify the streets. Tourists cannot use the map to determine which direction to go to reach any street. Special signs should be installed to indicate the streets. The signs could also instruct tourists on where to go during a tsunami. He talks with tourists all the time and they have no clue which direction to go.

- Mutt mitts are available just west of the Holiday Express at the trolley stop for disposing dog waste, but they should be made available at every trolley stop. Tourists have stepped into waste along the walkway. This is not adding to the city. Placing the mutt mitts at trolley stops would make tourist aware they exist. Other mutt mitts are available, but people do not know where they are. Astoria needs more mutt mitts.
- Given Council's meeting schedule, he would return in two months to discuss the 9th Street Park, which really is a City park. Ten years ago, City Council was making motions to collect \$100,000 to build up the 9th Street Park. City Council also signed documents stating the City would maintain the park, which has not been done for several years. Council also signed documents stating the City would invest an amount of money equal to the cost of destroying the cement slabs, which has never been done. Hopefully, the City's Parks Director will be able to say a few things in two months about efforts to recreate a better 9th Street Park. He hoped the City Councilors would become more familiar with the area and work towards a solution.
- He noted there are no curb cuts at the 9th Street Park or along the walkway. Astoria should have curb cuts in all areas of the city. He has noticed other areas in the city that do not have curb cuts. The City has attempted to put something in at some locations but they do not work. People with mobility issues will have difficulties in locations without curb cuts.
- Unsignalized crosswalks should have flashing lights in the lines that cross the street.

Mayor Van Dusen confirmed the City Council will not hold its regularly scheduled, second meeting in July, but would be back on its normal meeting schedule in August, meeting on the first and third Monday. Mr. Haag said he would still give the Parks Director two months to do address 9th Street Park.

Sean Fitzpatrick, 1044 Grand Avenue, Astoria, thanked City Council, City Manager Benoit, Director Estes and Chief Curzon for their responsiveness to a discussion in June 2013 about tagging in the parking lot on Exchange Street between 12th and 13th Streets.

Terry Wilson, 135 Skyline, Astoria, gave an update on the Astoria Music Festival, noting that the 21-day festival was a success. The opera at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) had a full house for two nights. Radio station KCPB broadcast 16 concerts worldwide in 21 days. Data collected from the internet revealed that the largest number of foreign listeners was in Finland. Other listeners were in Iran, Ireland, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, Mexico, and Germany. The festival has been held since 2006. Mr. Wilson believed the Astoria Music Festival would become as big as the Ashland Shakespeare Festival.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21p.m. to convene the Astoria Development Commission meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

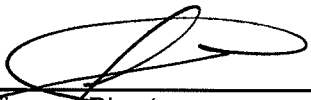
The City Council Executive Session was convened at 9:24 p.m. immediately following the Astoria Development Commission meeting.

Item 8(a): ORS 192.660(2)(h) – Labor Negotiation Consultations


The City Council Executive Session was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



 Finance Director



 City Manager