### CITY OF ASTORIA City Council Chambers August 5, 2019

## CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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, West, and Mayor Jones.

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Parks and Recreation Director Williams, Finance Director Brooks, Fire Chief Crutchfield, Police Chief Spalding, Public Works Director Harrington, Library Director Pearson, and City Attorney Henningsgaard. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

### REPORTS OF COUNCILORS

Item 3(a): Councilor Rocka reported that he participated in a teleconference on Pacific Northwest coastal landscape conservation design, which focused on industry, recreation, and open spaces. He talked to people about housing and attended a stakeholder and technical advisory meeting regarding the Uniontown Reborn project. He also attended a presentation on tiny house villages. He joined a meeting with the two candidates for Astoria Community Development Director and heard concerns at his Meet the Councilor event about traffic and construction around Mill Pond. The contractor building the Astoria Co-op has been very considerate about noise. He also heard that creating communities of small cottages could increase workforce housing and that there were issues with the old drug treatment center building. Staff has already followed up on the vacant building issues. He also discussed concerns about insufficient parking where single family homes have become rentals.

Item 3(b): Councilor West reported that she also attended the Community Development Director meet and greet. It was fantastic to speak with the two finalists. She also attended the work session, the HOST taskforce meeting, and the presentation from Square One Villages. She volunteered at the KMUN farm-to-table dinner to raise money for Coast Community Radio. She was excited about the trolley extending to 39½ Street. She congratulated the library on the \$50,000 grant they received for archiving. She attended the Open Studio Tour and bartended at the Fairy Street Friday.

Item 3(c): Councilor Brownson reported he worked a 3:30 am shift at Peer Pressure Productions 24-hour fundraiser. He and City Manager Estes met with some City department directors to learn about what was going on in the departments. He also spent time with Senior Officer Hanson as he reached out to homeless individuals and responded to a driving under the influence (DUI) incident. He learned that the managers at the Astoria Safeway consider the store to be very challenging because they have so much theft. This has resulted in a lot of turnover in management and difficulties recruiting employees. He enjoyed meeting the two Community Development Director candidates. He, Representative Mitchell, Public Works Director Harrington, and City Forester Ben Hayes toured the Bear Creek Watershed. The City is fortunate to have Mr. Hayes as a forester because he is very knowledgeable, and his family has been in the business a long time.

Item 3(d): Councilor Herman reported that she participated in the first Astoria Constitutional, which was a walkabout along the Riverwalk and downtown. The purpose was to meet people and demonstrate that the community is safe. Astoria Constitutional has a Facebook page. The group does not have a set time to go out, but she hoped the walks would be done regularly. She attended the Homelessness Solutions Taskforce presentation by Pastor Dan Bryant from Eugene on the transitional housing his church has provided to homeless people by raising money through fundraising, grants, and individual donations. She also attended the meet and greet for the Community Development Director finalists and was impressed with both candidates. She wanted the hiring process to be over.

Item 3(e): Mayor Jones reported he accepted an invitation to meet with the residents of Clatsop Retirement Village during cookie time. The residents asked tough questions. Astoria hosted the Oregon Historical Society Board of Trustees and the Oregon Community Foundation Board of Trustees meetings. Local

nonprofits took the opportunity to network. He announced he would not be attending the Regatta this year because he would be in Texas at his son's Air Force Basic Training Graduation.

#### **CHANGES TO AGENDA**

No changes.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

- 5(a) City Council Work Session Minutes of June 13, 2019
- 5(b) City Council Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2019
- 5(c) City Council Work Session Minutes of July 11, 2019
- 5(d) Promote Astoria Funds Agreement for Professional Services with Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce
- 5(e) Promote Astoria Funds Agreement for Professional Services with Astoria Downtown Historic District Association (ADHDA)
- 5(f) Downtown Parking and Visitor Information Agreement with Astoria Downtown Historic District Association (ADHDA)
- 5(g) Agreement for Professional Services with Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR)

Mayor Jones noted that a Councilor had requested Items 5(d), (e), (f), and (g) be removed for further discussion.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Herman, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to approve Items 5 (a), (b), and (c) of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, West, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

- Item 5(d): <u>Promote Astoria Funds Agreement for Professional Services with Astoria-Warrenton</u>
  Chamber of Commerce
- Item 5(e): <u>Promote Astoria Funds Agreement for Professional Services with Astoria Downtown</u>
  <u>Historic District Association (ADHDA)</u>
- Item 5(f): <u>Downtown Parking and Visitor Information Agreement with Astoria Downtown Historic</u> <u>District Association (ADHDA)</u>
- Item 5(g): Agreement for Professional Services with Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR)

Councilor Herman explained that she requested Items 5(d) through (g) be removed because she had some questions after reading the agenda packet over the weekend. She would have asked her questions during the budget meetings in March, but it was her first time going through the process. During the budget process, she did not notice the disparity between the amounts the Chamber and ADHDA receives. She had no complaints about what the Chamber does. They do a great job promoting the area and she appreciated the Chamber's leadership and staff. She noted that Sarah Lu Heath, ADHDA Executive Director, did not approach her and did not know until last night that she planned on saying anything. No ADHDA board members approached her either. She did not believe the disparity should be so great. She had been attending the ADHDA meetings for the last 14 months and has seen how much they do for downtown and for the entire community. Ms. Lu Heath is single handedly responsible for getting \$100,000 in grants for the Merwyn project. The building has been derelict for over 30 years and this fall it would be renovated into workforce housing. Transforming the building will be huge for the community. Ms. Lu Heath is now working on a grant for a reproduction of the historic glass awning that used to hang over the Merwyn. Councilor Herman listed other grants that Ms. Lu Heath received for renovation and restoration projects on other buildings in Astoria. On the surface, it may appear that the ADHDA only serves a small geographic area, but that area is a draw. She realized the ADHDA was much smaller than the Chamber, but she did not believe a modest increase to their budget would be unreasonable. She understood her timing was poor, but she wanted the Mayor and Councilors to respond to her comments.

Mayor Jones agreed that the ADHDA does great work. If the Council proposes to increase funding to the ADHDA, that should be done as part of the budgeting process. The Council should consider all sources of revenue and refrain from tying the ADHDA to the Chamber or the Lower Columbia Tourism Committee (LCTC). There may be other funding that would be a better source of revenue if the Council chose to prioritize increasing funding to the ADHDA. The money spent by the Chamber and LCTC to attract tourism to the region also directly benefits the downtown merchants. If the marketing draws people to Astoria, more than likely visitors will go downtown. He was opposed to making budget amendments to reduce funding to the Chamber or LCTC and increase funding to the ADHDA.

Councilor West said this year was her first budget process and it went by really fast. However, she was confident about approving the budget and moving forward with it as it was adopted. She has seen all the work that Ms. Lu Heath does for Astoria and for downtown. She believed Ms. Lu Heath was doing a lot of the work that people look to the City to do, like improving sidewalks and the look of the historic buildings. She would like to consider more support for the ADHDA in next year's budget.

Councilor Rocka added that during the next budget meetings, the three new Councilors would be better prepared and experienced. If the ADHDA is requesting an increase in funds, he would like to see how the money would be used.

Councilor Brownson explained that the organizations are different with different histories. They have been put together in different ways and their memberships are different with different intentions. If the ADHDA wanted more money from the City, they would request it. He did not see any reason to make changes now.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Rocka, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to approve Items 5 (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, West, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

# Item 6(a): Public Hearing and First Reading – Ordinance Modifying City Code 5.931 Relating to Parks Rules and Regulations

In reviewing current standards of possession and use of legal impairing substances in the City of Astoria, alcohol is illegal to possess/use in a city park without a specific exception. Smoking and tobacco are also prohibited in a city park by ordinance. It would therefore seem logical to also make possessing marijuana illegal in a city park. The current city ordinance only restricts the use of marijuana in the park, not possession. State law already prohibits marijuana use in public as well.

It is recommended that Council hold a public hearing and consider holding a first reading of the ordinance amending City Code 5.931.

Councilor Rocka asked how the ordinance would be enforced. Chief Spalding explained that officers would not typically seek out possession of marijuana and a person could not be searched simply based on suspicion. Enforcement would be done upon coming in contact with someone who has marijuana out in the open or as a result of a legal search based on another action the officer is taking.

Councilor Herman said she believed the amended ordinance contained a typographical error, as it stated possession of marijuana would be outlawed. State law allows the possession of marijuana. Chief Spalding noted that while possession of tobacco and alcohol is also legal, it is illegal to possess or use tobacco and alcohol products in City parks. Smoking marijuana in public is already prohibited, and this amendment would also prohibit possession of marijuana in City parks, just like tobacco and alcohol.

Councilor Herman asked why Chief Spalding felt the need to make it a violation to possess marijuana. She also wanted to know what the benefit of passing the ordinance would be. Chief Spalding explained that the ordinance gives officers another tool. It is already illegal to smoke marijuana in public and he wanted to make marijuana regulations analogous to the alcohol regulations.

Mayor Jones added that officers must deal with the behaviors of people under the influence of intoxicants. Officers do not typically see these people consuming the intoxicants, so by prohibiting possession of these items, the officers can take action to stop negative activity. Therefore, he supported the amendment.

Councilor West asked if a fine would be imposed. Chief Spalding said that would be up to a judge. The judge could impose up to a maximum amount for a fine, but no jail time.

Councilor West said her constituents expressed concerns that this amendment was directed at the homeless population who do not have other locations to engage in these behaviors. She supported providing the Police Department with the tools they need. Chief Spalding stated the ordinances apply to everyone in the community. Officers will generally issue warnings to curb the behavior in parks. Parks are held to a higher standard due to a lot of family activity.

Councilor West noted that no citations had been given for panhandling violations. She liked that such ordinances served as tools for officers to address issues. The Police Department has done a good job working with individuals before a citation is issued.

Councilor Brownson said he struggled with this amendment because possession of marijuana is legal. He asked if the Police Department had been experiencing something that led to this. Chief Spalding explained that officers have reported an increase in the use of marijuana since it became legal, so the logical step is to prohibit possession in parks.

Councilor Brownson believed the current prohibition of using marijuana in public was adequate. He asked if seeing someone put a joint in their pocket would give officers cause to investigate. He had not heard of any behavioral issues with marijuana. He wanted to discuss how the Police Department has perceived the impact of legal marijuana. He saw no harm in the amendment, but did not see any benefit either.

Councilor Rocka stated he was struggling with understanding what problem this attempted to solve.

Chief Spalding said officers were seeing increased use of marijuana in parks. The amendment helps officers discourage the use of marijuana in parks.

Councilor Brownson asked how officers would respond to someone eating a cookie that could contain marijuana. Chief Spalding explained that use of marijuana in parks was not a wide-spread problem.

Councilor West understood that the amendment was more parallel to the open container law also on the agenda. This provides consistency for the regulation of two controlled substances.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 7:44 pm and called for public testimony.

Rick Bowers 357 Commercial Street, Astoria, said police enforcement of panhandling has not been a major problem. However, he was concerned about the homeless because they carry their possessions with them and it is legal to be in a park. He had an issue with prohibiting the possession of a legal substance. If the City wants to do some notifications, put up signs in the parks. He asked the Council to postpone this item and have the proposed amendment reviewed by HOST, and allow HOST to make a recommendation to City Council.

Tom Mollodock 793 Erie Avenue, Astoria, said at first he was opposed to the amendment, but after listening to the Council's discussion he believed it was a good idea. Police need tools to do their job. He hoped the police would not use this as a way to harass homeless people and he did not believe Astoria's officers would do that. He wanted parks to be safe for mothers and their children.

Mel Moffit 357 Commercial Street, Astoria, stated homeless people carry their possessions on their backs and the amendment will have disparate impacts towards them because they are unable to leave their marijuana at home.

Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 7:48 pm and called for Council discussion and deliberation.

Mayor Jones stated he did not see anything in the ordinance that targeted homeless people nor did he see any disparate impacts on homeless people. The ordinance does not allow an officer to conduct an illegal search of a homeless person with marijuana in their pocket. The marijuana would only be discovered if the person had the marijuana out in plain view. Parks are public places where people should feel safe.

Councilor Brownson said he did not see the problem. If someone is acting out because they are intoxicated, the police can act on that by asking them to move on. A person would only have marijuana out in the open because they were using it, which is already illegal. He did not believe this amendment would be useful.

Councilor Herman stated she was ambivalent about this issue. She supported giving the police constructive tools to keep the community safe. However, she had an issue with the request because State law allows possession of marijuana. If someone is obviously using marijuana, officers can cite them. She did not support the amendment.

Councilor Rocka added there were no examples of something happening that led to the need for this amendment. He did not understand what the motivator was or what would make this a good idea. He had a hard time adding one more thing to the books without a reason.

Councilor West said she was torn. She wanted to support the Police Department by giving them tools to effectively deal with issues, but she also wanted to see better examples of where this amendment came from. She did a lot of research on the current laws to understand how this would help and maybe the Council could consider this again in the future after being presented with some examples of why this was added to the agenda.

Mayor Jones reminded this was prompted by concerns expressed by Police officers who believed it would serve as a useful tool. He directed Staff to provide Council with some specific example so that the issue could be reconsidered.

Councilor Brownson also wanted to know if other communities had prohibited possession of marijuana in parks and what their rationale was.

Mayor Jones stated City Council would table the discussion of the ordinance modifying City Code 5.931 relating to Parks rules and regulations to give Staff time to provide the Council with the requested information.

# Item 6(b): Public Hearing and First Reading – Ordinance Modifying City Code 5.370 Relating to Consumption of Alcohol in Public

The City of Astoria has experienced an increase in public intoxication and alcohol being consumed in public areas. This results in an ongoing and pervasive draw on resources. This includes responses by police, fire, and Medix. This also causes issues with public transportation at the transit center. There are also repeated and ongoing issues in public parks, especially in the downtown areas and on the Riverwalk.

The proposed modifications to this ordinance specifically outline the exceptions to the issue. It also describes the entities required to be contacted in order to get authorization to legally possess open containers of alcohol and legal consumption.

It is recommended that Council hold a public hearing and consider holding a first reading of the ordinance amending City Code 5.370.

Chief Spalding said many communities have an open container ordinance. Astoria's ordinance only prohibits the consumption of alcohol in public and it applies to the entire city, not just parks. Exceptions would be granted for Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) approved tastings at the famer's market and other such events.

City Manager Estes added that Astoria's Code allows for alcohol consumption in parks with approval from the Parks Director.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 8:00 pm and called for public testimony.

Rick Bowers, 357 Commercial, Astoria, said he had a friend who thought the open container law still applied. He believed some of the homeless would be in favor of this amendment. Homeless people do not have homes, so consuming alcohol is an issue for them.

Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 8:01 pm and called for Council discussion and deliberation.

Councilor Brownson asked how this ordinance would be applied to growlers. Chief Spalding said growlers were sealed. Additionally, officers understand the spirit of the law and would exercise discretion.

Councilor Herman understood open containers were not allowed in public. Chief Spalding clarified that open containers were allowed in Astoria. However, most cities prohibit them.

Councilor West said growlers could be put in a bag to carry home. Chief Spalding added that buying a growler was analogous to buying beer at Safeway. City Manager Estes added that growlers are sealed with tape or a paper seal over the cap.

Councilor West supported the amendment because there was evidence to support the prevention of disruptive behavior around alcohol consumption in public parks.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Brownson, seconded by Councilor West, to conduct the first reading of the ordinance modifying City Code 5.370 relating to consumption of alcohol in public. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, West, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

Director Brooks conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

# Item 6(c): Public Hearing and First Reading - Ordinance Modifying City Code 7.200 Relating to Burglary and Robbery Alarm Regulation

Included is an ordinance which has proposed changes to the City Code on alarm regulations. The Astoria Police Department is committed to providing a high level of service and apprehending criminals. It is felt these changes would be beneficial in managing this program.

It is recommended that Council hold a public hearing and consider holding a first reading of the ordinance amending City Code 7.200.

Chief Spalding explained this ordinance came to his attention in part because of the proliferation of portable home alarm systems. The Police Department has seen an increase in permits for alarm systems. Newer technology is sometimes confusing, and it is not unusual for alarms to accidentally alarm. The Police Department would respond either way and he did not believe it was appropriate to charge \$50 for a false alarm. The financial impact to the City would be minimal and would eliminate the need for Staff to spend time sending out bills. Additionally, the good will is more valuable than the income that would be lost. The Code language also indicated that after three or four false alarms, the Police Department might stop responding, which is not the case. That language and some other minor cleanup changes were also part of the proposed Ordinance to make the Code more contemporary.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 8:09 pm and called for public testimony. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 8:09 pm and called for Council discussion and deliberation.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Brownson, seconded by Councilor Rocka to conduct the first reading of the ordinance modifying City Code 7.200 relating to burglary and robbery alarm regulations. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, West, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

Director Brooks conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

Item 6(d): <u>Authorize Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Local Agency Agreement for</u>
Oregon Route 202 Sidewalk Project

In January 2016, City Council authorized a Local Agency Agreement with ODOT for Phase One of a sidewalk project along the north side of the OR202 highway. Phase One of this project includes design and construction of a new sidewalk, bike lane, retaining walls and drainage improvements from the Astoria High School east to Hanover Street. In 2018, Phase Two of the sidewalk project also received funding, which includes the same type of improvements along the north side of the OR202 highway from Dresden to the Department of Motor Vehicles driveway and Hanover St to 4th St. Completion of these two phases of sidewalk project will complete sidewalk continuity from 7th St around the peninsula to 45th St. There is now the opportunity to combine the two phases of the project into a single project to reduce cost and disruption to the public.

Funding for the pedestrian improvements are being provided by the ODOT Transportation Enhance Program. The new Local Agency Agreement is for the combined Phase One and Two project. The total estimated project cost is \$4,172,000. ODOT will be providing \$3,743,450 in funding and the City will be responsible for a 10.27% match of \$428,550. Preliminary engineering design for the project is anticipated to start this summer with construction estimated to begin in summer 2021.

It is recommended that Council approve the Local Agency Agreement with ODOT for the Oregon Route 202: Dresden Street to 4th Street Project.

Director Harrington provided an overview of the Highway 202 Sidewalk Project, which would add a sidewalk between the neighborhood and the high school, as well as fill in sidewalk gaps near the Department of Motor Vehicles office (DMV). He displayed a map of the project area on the screen and indicated the locations of Phase 1 and Phase 2, noting Phases 1 and 2 were now being combined. The project would begin with a geologic investigation because the location is a historic slide area. City Council would be notified of any findings immediately. The City's share of funding would come from the Trails Reserve Fund and Surface Transportation Project (STP) funds. Staff would provide City Council with more details about costs when it is time to appropriate the funds. Other funding would come from the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIP).

Councilor Herman asked if some of the project had already been completed. Director Harrington stated no construction work had been done, but the City had given the State \$25,675 to begin preliminary designs. Office work and some survey work in the field have been completed by ODOT. He confirmed construction would begin in the summer of 2021.

Councilor Brownson said the project would impact residents in the area. Crews would have to cut into the slope and build a retaining wall underneath homes. He asked how long the residents would have to deal with construction. Director Harrington said that would depend on how the wall is constructed, but the wall would have minimal impact on the residents above. Staff is concerned about how the smaller wall below the parking would be managed. Residents might be provided alternative parking or compensated for loss of parking.

Councilor Brownson understood he could forward any concerns to ODOT. He said he is happy his Ward is getting some improvements.

City Manager Estes noted that many of the STIP projects and other projects that deal with ODOT funding do not include completed designs. Concepts are submitted with the application and decisions about how the work would be done are decided upon at a later time. Before construction begins, the design team will coordinate with contractors, Staff and residents. All stakeholders would be kept up to date during construction.

Councilor West asked if a retaining wall would make the properties above more stable. Director Harrington explained that a retaining wall could result in a more stable situation, but removing material during construction in order to build the wall could put homes at risk. Geotechnical engineers will recommend techniques to minimize impacts. This slide has not been active recently, but the State has identified the area as a prehistoric geologic area. Maybe the potential risks are the reason no sidewalk has been built in that area.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Brownson, seconded by Councilor West to approve the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Local Agency Agreement for the Oregon Route 202 Sidewalk Project. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, West, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

# Item 6(e): <u>Authorization to Award Construction Contract – Bridgeview Court Utility Repair</u> Project

As a result of a landslide near Bridgeview Court in 2005, multiple City utilities were displaced and damaged. The utilities were temporarily repaired immediately after the slide. They have been maintained in a temporary state since 2005, while the City looked for an opportunity to complete a permanent repair. In 2016, the property owner located at 985 Bridgeview Court (one of two properties primarily impacted by the slide) completed a project to repair slide damage associated with his property. The City used this opportunity to permanently replace a portion of the temporary storm drain pipe aligned through their yard.

The intent of the Bridgeview Court Utility Repair Project is to replace the remaining sections of jointed pipe with welded HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) solid wall pipe and to construct drainage improvements in an attempt to remove surface and groundwater from the slope. The project will include construction of storm drainage improvements, replacement of utilities, restoration of existing concrete walks, and restoration of existing landscaping.

Two bids were received for the project. The lowest responsible bid was received from Big River Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$63,885.00. The Engineer's estimate for this project is \$70,000, including contingency.

It is recommended that City Council authorize award of a construction contract to Big River Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$63,885.00 for the Bridgeview Court Utility Repair Project.

Councilor Herman asked why this equipment had not already been repaired. City Manager Estes explained that lawsuits were involved and several issues had to be resolved incrementally over the years. Director Harrington added that this construction would be for clean up work. This project has been in the budget for about a year or two, but Staff has not had time to design it and get it out to bid. Staff has been in contact with the resident through the entire process; however; the work would not affect him or his property.

Councilor Herman asked for the current status of the slide. Director Harrington said he did not believe the land had moved much. The high school had issues with a floor cracking, so they looked at slide indicators and found it had not moved much.

**City Council Action:** Motion made by Councilor Brownson, seconded by Councilor West to authorize award of a construction contract to Big River Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$63,885.00 for the Bridgeview Court Utility Repair Project. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Herman, Rocka, West, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

The City Council proceeded to Item 8: New Business, Miscellaneous, and Public Comments at this time.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:40 pm immediately following Item 8: New Business, Miscellaneous, and Public Comments.

### Item 7(a): ORS192.660(2)(e) - Real Property Transactions

The City Council will meet in executive session to discuss real property transactions.

The regular session reconvened at 9:36 pm.

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

This item was addressed immediately following Regular Agenda Item 6 (e).

Mark Wheeler 1715 East Wind Terrace, Hammond, said he worked at the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center. He was happy to announce the trolley was running all the way along the Riverwalk from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Visitor's Center receives a couple dozen calls about the trolley every day. As County

Commissioner for District 1, he announced the new County Administrator, Don Boone from Washington County, would begin on September 16th. The interim County Administrator, Monica Steel did a great job holding three positions, Finance Director, Assistant County Manager, and Interim County Manager. He invited anyone with something of interest to County government to reach out to him. He appreciated the opportunity to get to know Astoria better.

David Reed 4924 Cedar Street, Astoria, Executive Director, Astoria Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, said the ADHDA and the Chamber of Commerce work together on many things. The two organizations are very different and he wanted to make the case for the money that goes to the LCTC and the Chamber of Commerce to run the visitor's center, adding the money is well-spent.

The City Council recessed at 8:31 pm. The meeting reconvened in Executive Session at 8:40 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

ATTEST:

Finance Director

APPROVED:

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