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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, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Dart-McLean, Finance Director Brooks, Interim Fire Chief Curtis, 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.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mayor Jones asked Former Mayor Arline LaMear to swear in the new Councilors.

Item 3(a): Mayor Bruce Jones

Former Mayor LaMear administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Bruce Jones who was elected to a four-year term.

Item 3(b): Councilor Roger Rocka, Ward 1

Former Mayor LaMear administered the Oath of Office to Councilor Roger Rocka who was elected to a four-year term for Ward 1.

Item 3(c): Councilor Joan Herman, Ward 3

Former Mayor LaMear administered the Oath of Office to Councilor Joan Herman who was elected to a four-year term for Ward 3.

Mayor Jones presented Former Mayor LaMear and former Councilors Cindy Price and Zetty Nemlowill with bronze paperweights and thanked them for their leadership and service to the City.

REPORTS OF COUNCILORS

Item 4(a): Councilor Herman reported it was an honor to serve as City Councilor in the best place in the world. She thanked Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor Jonah Dart-McLean for serving as Interim Parks Director. She also thanked him for giving her and Councilor Rocka a tour of the Parks facilities. She visited several properties she had not previously considered Park properties. Astoria has some of the most beautiful parks in the world.

Item 4(b): Councilor Brownson welcomed Councilors Herman and Rocka, and Mayor Jones. He is looking forward to working with the new Council.

Item 4(c): Councilor Rocka reported he also attended the Parks tour. He and his dogs are heavy parks users, but he had not known where Post Office Park was or that Youngs River Falls was a City park. He also learned that the Parks Department has services for people from six weeks old to their death. He was amazed at the number of properties the Parks Department has to maintain.

Item 4(d): Mayor Jones reported that the new City Council met three times before Councilors Herman and Rocka were sworn in, which is allowed under Oregon State Law. They met in December to get to know each other and discuss some of the issues they would likely deal with during the year. He was happy to be working with intelligent Councilors who were passionate about the city. Given the national political climate, he felt

strongly that it was important for local jurisdictions to set an example for how political discourse should take place. He believed this Council would be civil and respectful during disagreements. He wanted the City of Astoria to become an example of how to do local government right. On Saturday, he greeted Senator Ron Wyden at a town hall meeting for Clatsop County held at the Maritime Museum. On Thursday, he and Pat Corcoran from the Oregon State University Extension Office spoke about disaster preparedness. He was surprised by the number of applicants to the various City committees and boards. It was a wonderful statement about how many people in the community want to be involved and serve. After receiving input from the other three Councilors and with great difficulty, he made the following appointments and reappointments:

- Maritime Memorial Committee Jaime McDermott and Keegan Rascoe
- Hospital Authority Board Shannon Kilfoil
- Parks Advisory Board Carla Oja, Natalie Osburn, Josh Saranpaa, Eric Halverson, Howard Rub, and Andrew Fick
- Budget Committee Richard Hurley
- Historic Landmarks Commission Victoria Sage and Ian Sisson
- Design Review Committee Jared Rickenbach, Ian Sisson, Hilaire Phelps, and Robert Levine
- Planning Commission Daryl Moore, Cindy Price, Pat Corcoran and Chris Womack

CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

- 6(a) City Council Minutes of 12/3/18
- 6(b) Boards and Commission Minutes
 - (1) Parks Board Meeting of 12/5/18
 - (2) Library Board Meeting of 11/27/18
 - (3) Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting of 11/20/18
 - (4) Planning Commission Meeting of 11/27/18
- 6(c) Change Monday Meeting Dates in 2019 that Fall on Holidays
- 6(d) Authorization for Lease Agreement with the Astoria School District for Use of Gray School Facilities
- 6(e) Amendment to Emergency Services Consulting International Agreement

City Manager Estes noted the following for clarification:

- Item 6(c) The January meeting that would fall on Martin Luther King Jr. Day would be rescheduled to Tuesday, January 22, 2019. The February meeting that would fall on President's Day would be rescheduled to Tuesday, February 19, 2019.
- Item 6(e) Emergency Services Consulting International employs Interim Fire Chief Curtis. The increase is for an additional \$40,000 above the base to provide for a \$90,000 contract.

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Item 7(a): Consideration of Appointment of New Ward 4 Councilor

The Astoria City Council has received four applications to fill the remaining two-year term in Ward 4. Mayor-Elect Bruce Jones will vacate his seat upon selection of a new Councilor.

The following applicants are required to be residents of Ward 4 and registered voters. They have filled out an online application highlighting their work, education, and relevant experience as well as their reason for running for the seat.

Clifford F Hunter-Gammon – Software Support Manager

Pamela Mattson Mc Donald - Writer and Researcher

Kevin Leahy – Executive Director, CEDR and Clatsop Community College Small Business Development Center

Jessamyn Grace West - Executive Director, AAMC and Equine Naturopath

Applicants will be introduced at the City Council meeting. Each applicant will speak about their platform, their Council goals, and the reason they have chosen to run to represent Ward 4. The Mayor will open the meeting to public comment, followed by Council discussion.

Mayor Jones explained that Astoria's Charter provided two options for filling the vacant seat. The Council could leave the seat vacant until the next election in May or appoint someone to serve the rest of the term. He discussed the options with the other Councilors and Staff, and Council decided to take applications for the position. If the Council decides to fill the seat via election, the four candidates will campaign during the spring and will have another opportunity to campaign again when the term expires. If the seat remains empty until the election, all of the other Councilors would effectively be representing Ward 4. Therefore, he proposed that after hearing from the four applicants and the public, the Council deliberate in an attempt to reach a majority decision. If the Council cannot reach a majority decision, they will have the option to allow the Ward 4 voters elect a Councilor in the May election or use a coin toss to break a tie. He asked Councilors to comment on the options presented.

Councilor Brownson stated a decision could be made at the next meeting so that the Councilors and the public would have time to consider the information presented tonight. In the event of a tie, he suggested the seat be filled via election.

Councilor Herman said she wanted to hear from the applicants and the public. She wanted to know if they would have applied if it meant running for office. If the Council comes to a tie, she would want the decision to go to the voters.

Councilor Rocka stated he favored an election over a coin toss. However, if there is a tie, that must mean there are two great candidates, so the community would win either way. He believed everyone present wanted closure on this instead of dragging it out and making the process more painful and time consuming. He preferred a coin toss but would never object to an election.

Mayor Jones said he would prefer an election if there was a tie among the Council.

Councilor Brownson noted that Mayor Jones represented Ward 4 as a Councilor and still does as Mayor, so he would not be concerned about leaving the seat vacant until the election.

Mayor Jones invited each of the applicants to make a presentation.

Clifford Hunter-Gammon, 4491 Commercial St. Astoria, said he moved to Astoria a number of years ago to realize a number of dreams. He and his husband purchased their first home together and joined a wonderful community of people who have become good friends and neighbors. He is the son of a multi-generational Oregon family dating back to pioneer days. His mother lived in Astoria in a Ward 4 neighborhood as a young adult. He was born in Alabama and lived in the mid-Atlantic in his early adult years. He moved to Portland about 12 years ago. He chose to apply for the Ward 4 Council position because he wanted to give back to the community and make a difference. As he speaks to residents all over the city, he hears many concerns about the future and the preservation of the city's beauty and way of life. He would like to ensure the Council does that well. He has had two careers with a strong desire to help others. As a banker, he was awarded for making loans to woman-owned businesses. As a software engineer, he ensured mission critical systems were working for the military, space program, and financial sector. He was also active volunteering by leading a major fundraiser for the Epilepsy Foundation, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, various food banks and elder day care. As a resident of Takoma Park, Maryland, in the 1990s, he served on a local committee and wrote legislation that helped families with daycare, schooling and other day-to-day activities. As Councilor, he believed it was important to focus on two main qualities, listening and balance. Listening is extremely important because one cannot find solutions if the problem is not known. He finds solutions every day and he would like to do the same Page 3 of 14 City Council Journal of Proceedings

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for Astoria. He has heard many topics of concern, including homelessness, housing, increased cost of living, preservation, traffic and safety, and emergency preparedness. For every solution, balance is needed because change affects residents, the community's natural beauty and life in the city of Astoria. Growth and development needs strong guidance from the City to ensure history is preserved and quality of life is maintained. Affordable housing is needed, but the community also needs to preserve the waterfront and architecture. Funding is needed for various projects, which needs to be balanced with the most vulnerable citizens who live on fixed incomes or cannot afford new large tax bills. He believed ride sharing was one example of how changes could positively affect the community. Ride sharing has not expanded to Clatsop County. The City could encourage that expansion and provide benefits to residents, including job opportunities, reduced downtown parking, increased business for bars and restaurants, reduced drinking and driving, options for residents to get to appointments, options for people who want to work and have no other option to get to work except public transit. He has heard concerns for the three cab companies and he believed the economic impact of this change could be mitigated with a modest ride sharing tax that would provide loans and grants to the cab companies to upgrade their vehicles and increase their capacity for traditional taxi service and ride sharing. He thanked the Council for their time and consideration.

Pamela Mattson McDonald, 22 Nimitz Dr. #2, Astoria, said she lived in Emerald Heights, which was an unknown berg with 500 domiciles. She was very concerned about her neighborhood. She had lived in Astoria since 2001. She used to live in Pacific County and before that in many different cities around the United States. She has practiced a number of different professions, which has given her a broad perspective that is relevant to Astoria today, from the arts to the Merchant Marines. She started her career running a successful architectural ceramics manufacturing facility selling a line of sinks, tile, lighting fixtures, and fire places. She educated herself on building and plumbing specifications in seven states where she sold her wares. Working as a Merchant Marine she traveled the Pacific Ocean, visiting many domestic and foreign ports, which gave her insight and ideas as to successfully working maritime facilities. She was knowledgeable about the growing economics and technology of sustainable energy, electric vehicles, and their infrastructures. As a journalist, she reported on the innovations and spread of this important option for the future of the planet in magazines and trade publications. The local community college is extremely important, a needed step up and training institution leading to many types of living wage jobs. With the help of this facility, she was able to be successful in her ceramic manufacturing facility and gain her license as a Merchant Marine at MERTS. She currently does not own property in the city and rents her residence, so she will contribute a unique perspective. Affordable housing is of great concern to her, especially for those employed by the hospitality industry which rarely pays a living wage and for which this City Council just added more non-living wage jobs with the hotel they approved. She knew how difficult it was to afford housing. She was kicked out of her former residence last year when her landlords upgraded the property to attract more affluent renters. She had been a member of the Washington State Growth Management Committee, the Pacific County Planning Commission, KMUNs Tillicum Foundation Board, and the American Association of University Women. She volunteered for the Warrenton Astoria Chamber of Commerce and has participated in Planning Commission, Port Commission, and Astoria City Council meetings. Her diverse experience throughout her life gives her perspective and understanding of issues the city needs to address now. She is a self-starter and likes to try new ideas. She is also a creative problem solver. She loves to thoroughly research topics or issues that interest her. She has been engaged in the community and kept informed of key issues this Council must address through her participation in public meetings and attendance at forums and events. She is well qualified and highly motivated to work with the rest of the Council to move Astoria forward to a bright and prosperous future for everyone in the town.

Kevin Leahy, 3560 Irving Ave. Astoria, said his platform was affordable housing. The average home price in Astoria has gone from \$176,000 in 2011 to \$266,000 in 2018, almost a 50 percent increase. Astoria has lost population. The population is currently 9,695, down from 10,000 in 1990. The City needs to take action on the Comprehensive Housing Study recommendations. He noted that he was part of the Advance Astoria Five-Year Plan, which was number one on City Council's goals adopted in 2017. His platform also included a balanced workforce. Better trained and paid workforce in Astoria and the surrounding communities will assist in homeownership and keep youth here after high school or after attending Clatsop Community College. He sits on the cabinet at the college and spearheaded the Clatsop Job and Career Fair with a lot of partners. The Clatsop Works paid internship program allows him to be the voice of students, educators, and regional business partners. The third aspect of his platform is listening to and taking action on behalf of Ward 4 constituents in Uppertown, Alderbrook, and Emerald Heights. If he is appointed, he would hold meetings with the citizens within 30 days. He wanted a thriving downtown, which is Astoria's core. He would work proactively with City Council and Staff to offer recruitment and retention incentives. He wanted Astoria to be competitive with other cities and

supportive of existing businesses. He has been a member of the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association (ADHDA) Business Development Committee for seven years. He is also the director for Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), as well as economic development direction for Clatsop County. He can bring a unique voice as he volunteers for Astoria City Council to help focus what he has learned from other meetings and involvement. All of the City Council goals are important, but he believed he could contribute to the goals to support the work and recommendations of the Homelessness Taskforce, implement the provisions contained in the City of Astoria Affordable Housing Study, increase disaster resilience amongst the community, and work with community partners to implement the Five-Year Economic Development Strategy. He applied because his family has been in Clatsop County since 1879 and in Astoria since 1900, so he wanted to honor the past of this beautiful river city and the individuals and families who settled here while welcoming new residents who would be instrumental at building the future and working together to make Astoria the best it can be. He was a consensus builder with no agenda other than looking at things through the eyes of economic development and business. Without a thriving business community, citizens during their earning years will not stay in Astoria. He understands the importance of the beautiful riverfront and working within the guidelines of what has already been established. He moved away after high school and came back in 2011 to take his current job. He is working his dream job in his home town. He is all about volunteerism. He is past president of the Astoria Regatta Festival and currently serves on the board. This will be the 125th year of the Regatta. He was also a member of Seaside Rotary, Saint Mary's Star of the Sea, and the ADHDA. He was here to serve the citizens of Astoria. He asked City Council to consider his experience and background related to a balanced City Council.

Jessamyn Grace West, 3409 Irving Ave. Astoria, said she has volunteered at Coast Community Radio for almost nine years. She works with horses and serves as executive director for the Astoria Arts and Movement Center, which she founded in 2011. When she first moved to Astoria 14 years ago, she had a rough start. She had a lot of really strong ideas and good intentions for Astoria, none of which came to fruition because she was not yet connected to anyone or anything. It took a few years for her to learn that it was less about what she believed was good for Astoria and more about listening to the community that was already here and created this amazing place. Her perspectives came from a range of people, bartenders, business owners, lawyers, people who work with children, domestic violence abuse survivors, law enforcement, doctors, homeowners, people who do not have anywhere to live, artists, and contractors. All of these people have educated her over the years about what it means to live in a small community and what is important to people and their families. Conversations she has had with people in her ward are what prompted her to get more involved at the decision making level. She did not have an agenda, but if she did it would be put community first. She is a strong advocate for supporting infrastructure in order to grow responsibly and sustainably. She would look forward to working on issues related to homelessness, affordable housing, living wages, facilities, Parks and Recreation, the library, the natural resources, the river, and integrating the Hispanic voice into discussions. Her ideas have evolved around different perspectives over time as she gets to know people here. There is a range of perspectives and if she were appointed, she would do her best to advocate on behalf of her ward. On March 28, 2018, she and two other women closed the sale on the Oddfellows building. If anyone had told her she would be an owner of a downtown behemoth two years ago, she would not have believed it since her biggest possession at the time was her 1999 Honda Civic. Her love for community, the downtown, the historic building, and all of the people it mattered to told her to be brave and stand up to fight for what she believed in. If she was appointed. she would listen to the community and get to work.

Mayor Jones said he was impressed with all four candidates. Originally, the City had six candidates, but two withdrew shortly before the press announcement was published. He thanked all of the candidates for coming forward. He called for public comments.

Graham Nystrom, 3409 Irving Ave. Astoria, Ward 4, said he preferred Ms. West. She is an amazing person and he is incredibly lucky to be her partner. The City of Astoria would be incredibly lucky to have her as a Councilor. He is new to the area, but believed that Astoria and many places in the country need protection and someone who is willing to fight. Ms. West is capable of doing both. What happened with the Oddfellows building was a manifestation of her ability to see what needed to be done and to take the necessary actions. She does the right things for the right reasons because of what she has learned. The Oddfellows building was protected from irresponsible development almost single handedly. The community that uses that space was protected. She will continue to do that for every aspect of Astoria. If you want something done, give it to a busy person. That makes her an excellent candidate. He invited people to ask him personally why Ms. West would be a good Councilor

and he would provide a lot more information. Ms. West is the ideal candidate and she would campaign if necessary. Her love for Astoria is real and powerful.

Raven Russell, 931 Avenue H, Seaside, said she works for a non-profit that serves the community as is invested in the well-being of Astoria. Over the last seven years, she has been privileged to actively volunteer with Kevin Leahy. She succeeded him as club president and worked very closely with him during the transition of officers. She observed him as a leader, a board member, and as someone who gets work done. A lot of people have great ideas for what could happen in the community and they need to be part of the conversations. The community also needs people who can enact ideas. She has seen Mr. Leahy take really complex ideas and figure out action steps to make them achievable. She has seen him impact lives, rally leaders around him, and agree to disagree in a respectful way. Mr. Leahy would be a phenomenal candidate and she hoped Council would seriously consider his nomination. She would love to see him bring his leadership to the City of Astoria.

David Reid, 4924 Cedar, Astoria, Ward 4, said he personally supported Kevin Leahy. He would be the ideal choice because he understands what makes a community great and he will be ready to go on day one. With just two years left on the term, getting someone up to speed quickly is extremely important. Mr. Leahy knows budgets, strategic planning, public meetings protocol, ethics, and much of what makes public service different from running a private business. He volunteered alongside Mr. Leahy for many years and worked with him for two years. He is the first to work, the last to leave, and he is always doing something to make this a great place to live through his job and many volunteer efforts. Mr. Leahy's work with the City of Astoria's Advance Astoria project is a great example of his knowledge of economic development. Mr. Leahy is a leader and leadership is a quality the community can always use a lot more of in government, business, and the community. Among the sharpest of Mr. Leahy's leadership skills is his ability and willingness to listen. Despite his extensive experience, he seeks and encourages input before making important decisions. That results in better decisions, more buy-in from stakeholders, and better follow-through. Having grown up here, Mr. Leahy's roots in Astoria run deep. He knows how the city got to where it is today. He has the ear and respect of business, political, and community leaders throughout Oregon. A person with the knowledge and influence that Mr. Leahy has, wielded in the most collaborative and responsible way possible is exactly the type of person he wanted representing his ward on City Council.

Chris Farrar, 3023 Harrison Ave. Astoria, Ward 4, said he felt very strongly about who represented his ward. He believed the city needed new ideas and that Council should not take someone who had been involved in so many things for so long. The Council needed a fresh face, a younger person, or a woman. There is only one woman on the Council, but the audience was about half women. Therefore, he believed the Council needed another woman for balance. Even City Staff only has one woman as a department head. The city needs the perspective of more women. He looked through the City's records back to 1988 and found that every Councilor from Ward 4 had been a man. He preferred that Council consider one of the two women who applied.

Daryl Moore, 3377 Grand Ave. Astoria, said the clear winner is Ward 4 and the City of Astoria. The applicants are great and he was excited to see where Council goes with their decision. He encouraged Council to come to a decision tonight because leaving a seat vacant for five months will expose the Council to decisions being unmakeable without a clear majority. Things will fail that might otherwise go through. It is already tough to make controversial decisions, so adding the inability to come to a majority will just make it more difficult to make decisions. Ward 4 elected Bruce Jones a couple of years ago, so he was confident that Mayor Jones would continue that representation and speak on behalf of Ward 4 residents who are not present. Additionally, running an election costs money. It would probably cost the City \$10,000 or \$15,000 to participate in the election and he did not believe that was necessary for a short term.

Prudence Dean, Cathlamet, said she was speaking on behalf of Ms. West. She is gracious and has a wide social circle. She comes prepared and the community can count on her. She has a different work style and is very collaborative. She is all about working together to make things happen. She is a listener and welcomes input. Every year, Ms. West puts on a huge dance show. She had told Ms. West that she wanted to learn some choreography but did not want to perform and Ms. West said that was fine. Instead of asking her to fill for two girls who could not dance, Ms. West told her about the situation, so she volunteered. Ms. West has transformed a group of dancers. At the end of class, the lights are low and people are sitting. Ms. West has an off the cuff talk so that the participants leave with intention. If Ms. West was a football coach, the team would never lose. Ms. West is also an amazing writer. She wrote a grant and received everything she asked for on the first try. Ms. West inspires people to be better. She most appreciates Ms. West's integrity. Ms. West will do the right thing.

Bob Goldberg, 3741 Harrison, Astoria, Ward 4, said he knows the election process. He ran previously and lost by three votes. He supported Mr. Farrar's comments and agreed that both women were qualified. However, he would vote for Ms. West. The Council told him it would be really great if a young woman applied for this position. They got one so they should go for it.

Dwight Caswell, 1470 Alameda, Astoria, Ward 1, said about ten years ago he was at photography exhibit at a gallery. During the reception, he could hardly fail to notice a gorgeous red head standing in front of one of his prints weeping. They were introduced and Ms. West became one of his great friends. He helped her start the AAMC and he has known her in a lot of different ways over the years. He is impressed with her intelligence, creativity, her belief in community, and the courage of her convictions. People in town know her as a performing artist, a business woman, a radio programmer, and a lot more. She is capable of handling anything that is thrown her way. He would like Council to give her a chance as a Councilor. He could not think of anyone who could do a better job.

Jim Stoffer, 51st and Cedar, Astoria, Ward 4, said in 1992, Sue Schroder was elected represent Ward 4 on City Council and she did a great job. He was impressed with Ms. West's grass roots initiative and her ability on the Oddfellows project. He wanted Ms. West to represent Ward 4.

Jeffrey Oia, 1134 Grand Ave. Astoria, Ward 3, said he supported Ms. West, He has known Ms. West for 15 vears and her Oddfellows project stands out. The project is brought up in general terms, but the reality of what happened is so important to the trend that the citizens are seeing in Astoria. Someone from out of the area was going to take a historic building and completely demolish it, meaning it would not be a historic landmark anymore. Ms. West is not the only one who stood up and said those people could not have the building. All of the girls were upset about it. The community rallied around them and made the initiative to keep the space historic. If Astoria loses its history, what more do we have other than what we are, which is a tremendous historic community. If you want a voice for the people, that is Ms. West. The only real piece Ms. West has as far as having to get entrenched in the government piece was the Oddfellows building. That lit a fire in her to run for this position. She is willing to give her time and wants to put some of that passion towards Ward 4 and the City as a whole. As a local business owner and homeowner, he always goes to Ms. West because she always knows what is going on in the community.

Cyndi Mudge 434 South Denver, Astoria, Ward 2, said she supported Kevin Leahy. He is truly a consensus builder who loves his community and understands what is required. He has been actively involved in the housing issue and he wants to see it solved. He is a solutions person, he has a lot of passion for this town, and he has always been welcoming to new commers and new ideas. She has worked with Mr. Leahy on several different projects. Volunteerism is one of the places she sees him time and time again. This town is built on volunteerism.

Jessica Newhall, no address given said she supported Kevin Leahy. She is the president of the Assistance League, which is a membership organization with 120 women. She is the first person to say that women have the right to sit at any table. She is lucky to have an employer and a boss who recognized that. She is the first female lead advisor at Clatsop Community College's Small Business Development Center. Mr. Leahy does not see gender, he looks at the merits of the individual and the challenges in front of him and addresses those and builds consensus based purely on fact and experience and what is best for all involved. It is not always based on politics. He can come across as a politician, but that is not who he is. He is for the people. While there are some incredible women who stepped forward, she believed Mr. Leahy was gender neutral in the sense that he sees that anyone with the right experience, the right credentials, and the right passion can step into a role.

Mayor Jones called for a recess at 8:15 pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:25 pm to continue public comments.

Anna Stamper, 1030 Grand Avenue, Astoria, said she supported Kevin Leahy. Ward 4 is lucky to have so many applicants and the Council's decision would be tough to make. Mr. Leahy is her boss. He has the ability to innovate and problem solve. He has inexhaustible energy and serves on so many committees in so many different places. He volunteers, represents his staff at meetings, represents Clatsop County at the regional and state level, and advocates for Astoria at many committee meetings. A lot of the challenges that Astoria is facing right now will need new ideas and open mindedness. The Clatsop Works program is a very innovative program and is one of the first in the county of its kind. It is one example of innovation and community building. The ADHDA Business Development Committee welcomes businesses by getting together and giving gifts to opening

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businesses. The amount of effort Mr. Leahy puts forth to help build businesses makes Astoria and Clatsop County a welcoming place. He is a great person to work with and work for. The Council and Astoria would gain a lot by having him on City Council.

Elizabeth Menetrey, 3849 Grand Ave. Astoria, Ward 4, said Ms. West has always astounded her with energy and heart. She completely trusts that Ms. West would represent the people first. All of the candidates are qualified, but she really trusted Ms. West to bring something new, fresh, and a new kind of energy that Astoria needs. It is time to look at things a little differently.

Andrea Mazzarella, 537 Bond Street, Astoria, Ward 1, said she supported Ms. West. All of the candidates are wonderful and she did not believe the city could lose in this situation, but she supported Ms. West because of her heart, integrity, ability to be powerful, passionate, and caring while remaining reasonable and logical and respectful in conflict. She would not have gotten through the Oddfellows purchase if it was not for Ms. West because she was the powerhouse who saw things through when the situation felt hopeless. Ms. West has been awarded many grants for the AAMC and volunteers at the Liberty Theatre, The Harbor, and KMUN. She is also an incredible listener.

Amanda Gladdox, 511 Franklin, Astoria, Ward 3, said she supported Kevin Leahy. He brings several key skill sets, experience, and an established network in the local small business community that will help make him an effective and successful City Councilor. Mr. Leahy brings together new and old Astoria. He was born and raised here and has deep roots in the community. This background provides him with a thorough understanding of the values, concerns, and wishes of long time residents. However, his life experience has also made it easy for him to relate to Astoria's newer residents. Since he spent many years away from the community, he brings a breadth of experience after seeing how other places have approached the same challenges the community faces today. He understands the perspectives of Astoria's newer residents as well as those who have lived here for generations. Mr. Leahy is focused, articulate, optimistic, and effective. He will come well prepared to City Council meetings, work collaboratively, and bring enthusiasm and a can-do attitude to finding solutions to the challenges that the City faces. Mr. Leahy is well connected within Astoria's small and large business community. He will bring a realistic grounded perspective on how Astoria can evolve with the interests of the people who live and work here always kept at the forefront.

Victoria Sage, 613 W. Marine Dr. Astoria, Ward 2, said she supported Ms. West, although it warmed her heart that there were so many passionate candidates. Ms. West represents the female demographic and the artists. It takes a brave and guileless person to put everything that she has on the line to invest in a community of artists. Her livelihood relies on rent from them, which is a brave thing to do. This is the opportunity to have the voice of a person with a fresh fire in her belly.

Cindy Price, 1219 Jerome, Astoria, Ward 3, said as a community leader, she felt that identity politics have caused a lot of problems in this country and she did not agree with them. However, when she has two candidates who are very similar, as Astoria has in Mr. Leahy and Ms. West, she looks for diversity. She looks to see who can bring in qualities that are not currently represented. Therefore, she asked City Council to seriously consider appointing Ms. West. She is a young business woman involved in the arts community, which is one of Astoria's building blocks. She brought in a cohort of people never seen at a City Council meeting. It is important to bring in the next generation and people who are not already there, but who have the abilities.

Suzie McLeary Blackmare, 5241 Ash St. Astoria, said she had lived in Astoria since 1972 and had never felt so close to the Council as she has in the last eight years because she helped raise Zetty Nemlowill. She was sure things were in good hands with Ms. Nemlowill on City Council. She was sorry that Ms. Nemlowill had to step down. Open minded youth are important and Ms. West represents the kind of promise Astoria needs. The community needs someone with the ability to listen and balance all of the views and be gracious. Ms. West has qualities she had not discovered yet. She was proud of Ward 4 for bringing the passion of the community together. Alderbrook was always considered the forgotten step-child of Astoria and that is no longer the case. She wanted Ward 4 to be represented on Council in a meaningful way.

Fred Alfonz 1232 Grand, Astoria, Ward 3, said he had lived in Astoria most of his life. He supported Mr. Leahy.

Amanda Cordero, 306 W. Exchange St. Astoria, Ward 2, said Ms. West had been her friend and neighbor for quite a while. Ms. Ward's attention to detail makes her a great candidate. She is very meticulous and committed.

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Keegan Rascoe, 686 Harrison Ave, Astoria, said Mr. Leahy gave him a summer job, which he was very grateful for. Mr. Leahy has the experience, so he supported Mr. Leahy.

Mayor Jones thanked the candidates and said the comments were impressive. He called for Council discussion and deliberation.

Councilor Brownson believed all of the candidates brought something to the table and no one stood out to him. While Mayor Jones has described a process for moving forward, there are no rules about how the Council should appoint someone. So, the Council is trying to do its job in the best possible way. He was acquainted with Ms. West as an occasional programmer at KMUN. He knew Mr. Leahy through his work with Advance Astoria. No matter what happens, Mr. Leahy would continue to contribute to the community. He thanked the people who spoke for Ms. West and Mr. Leahy. He believed Ward 4 voters should have the opportunity to make this decision. An election for one ward would probably cost the City \$2,000 to \$3,000, which would be a good investment. At this time, he supported Ms. Ward because she represents a demographic that rarely gets represented by this Council. This is an opportunity for Ms. West to represent her ward and those who will be the leadership of Astoria in the future.

Councilor Herman said she considered Mr. Leahy and Ms. West to be the top two candidates. They both bring a lot of qualities, experiences, and integrity. She believed it would be good if the Council could come to an agreement tonight. She supported Ms. West because she is a small business owner in downtown Astoria, she is a performing artist, and she is a non-profit business owner. However, the City would also be in great hand with Mr. Leahy. She appreciated everyone who engaged in the community because that is what democracy is all about.

Councilor Rocka believed the Council had four strong candidates to choose from. It is important for the Council to have representation that is varied. This is a cannot lose situation. Choosing either Mr. Leahy or Ms. West would be a win. Because of the things Ms. West can bring to the Council in terms of her youth, as a young entrepreneur, and as a volunteer in the community, it broadens the experience of the Council to select Ms. West for the position.

Mayor Jones agreed that Mr. Leahy and Ms. West would be excellent Councilors. Ninety percent of the time, his constituents in Ward 4 talked about jobs and housing. Therefore, he considered which of the Ward 4 candidates would be best positioned to most effectively help the City immediately with jobs and housing. He believed Mr. Leahy would be able to most quickly help the City with living wage jobs and affordable housing.

City Attorney Henningsgaard explained that Mayor Jones still needed to officially resign the Councilor representative for Ward 4 and City Council would have to declare the seat vacant.

Mayor Jones stated, "I, Bruce Jones, Councilor of Ward 4, City of Astoria, Oregon, resign my position effective immediately."

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Rocka, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to declare the City Council seat for Ward 4 as vacant. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Rocka, Herman, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herman, seconded by Councilor Rocka, to appoint Jessamyn Grace West to the City Council seat for Ward 4 for the remainder of the current term. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Rocka, Herman, and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

Mayor Jones administered the Oath of Office to Councilor Jessamyn Grace West, who was elected to a two-year term for Ward 4.

Item 7(b): Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance Readopting Certain State Statutes to Reflect Changes Made by the 2018 Oregon Legislature

The 2018 legislation passed by the Oregon Legislature, for the most part, became effective on January 1, 2019. Many of our City ordinances refer to or incorporate state statutes. Every year, the City routinely readopts all referenced ORS sections to pick up any changes made by the legislature. This is done by a "global re-adoption", which is the technique recommended by the League of Oregon Cities. The City is legally unable to prospectively adopt Oregon legislative changes, that is, we cannot adopt a state statute "as it now exists and is from time to time amended." The proposed ordinance has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. It is recommended that Council hold a public hearing and conduct the first reading of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 9:06 pm and called for public comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 9:06 pm.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Brownson, seconded by Councilor Rocka, to conduct the first reading of the ordinance readopting certain State Statutes to reflect changes made by the 2018 Oregon Legislature. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Rocka, Herman, West and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

Director Brooks conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

Item 7(c): Resolution Designating Authorized Signers

The persons authorized by the City Council to sign checks and other bank withdrawal instruments on behalf of the City are designated by resolution. The attached resolution removes former Mayor Arline LaMear and adds Mayor Bruce Jones as an authorized signer for bank transactions.

It is recommended that City Council consider this resolution for adoption.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herman, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to adopt the resolution removing former Mayor Arline LaMear and adding Mayor Bruce Jones as an authorized signer for bank transactions. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Rocka, Herman, West and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

Item 7(d): Consider Initiating Vacation of a Portion of the Right of Way on 26th Street Northwest of Harrison Abutting Adjacent Undeveloped Lots

The City has received a request from John Wood, on behalf of Adella Wood, to vacate 60 X 150 foot portion of the 26th Street unimproved right-of-way abutting two parcels of Ms. Woods property (Tax Lots 80909CC02301 and 80909CC04101) located on Harrison Avenue.

Upon review of the site, it was determined that there are no public utilities on or adjacent to the proposed vacation area and that the City would have no future need for this particular portion of the right-of-way.

Based on County Assessor's records, staff has calculated the real market land value of properties adjacent to the property as \$0.97 per square foot. Staff is proposing that an assessment of \$869.82 (10 percent) of the real land value (\$8,698.24) be considered for the vacation of 9000 square feet of the right-of-way.

It is recommended that the Astoria City Council consider the attached resolution of intent to hold a public hearing concerning the vacation of a portion of the 26th Street right-of-way adjacent to Tax Lots 80909CC02301 and 80909CC04101.

Note: Per the Change to Monday Meeting Dates item in the Consent agenda noted above, the hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday which falls on the Monday when City Hall will be closed.

Councilor Brownson confirmed with Staff that Harrison and 26th were not improved and there were no through streets in that location. Public Works Director Harrington added that the area was full of trees and the right-of-way to the north was previously vacated.

Councilor Rocka said the property is owned by the property owner, not the City. The City just has a right-of-way through it. If there is no need for the City to maintain the right-of-way, it can be vacated.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Brownson, seconded by Councilor Rocka, to adopt the resolution of intent to hold a public hearing concerning the vacation of a portion of the 26th Street right-of-way. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Rocka, Herman, West and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

Item 7(e): Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan - 5-Year Update

At their October 20, 2008 meeting, Astoria City Council adopted a Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJNHMP) and the City of Astoria Addendum. This Plan was developed in partnership with Clatsop County and Columbia River Estuary Studies Task Force (CREST). The purpose of the Plan was to increase the County's and City's resilience to natural hazards that could affect the region including earthquakes, floods, droughts, landslides, coastal erosion, tsunamis, windstorms, winter storms, wildfires, and volcanoes. The Plan included discussions on demographics, critical facilities and infrastructure, risk assessments, and other historic data. City adoption of the Astoria Addendum opened doors for grant funding on projects that reduce risks posed by natural hazards in advance of a disaster. Also, adoption of the Addendum provided opportunities for additional grant funding on projects following a natural disaster. Each municipality within the County developed their own MJNHMP addendums which ultimately were incorporated into the County's Plan. Prior to adoption of the Plan and Addendums there were public meetings and opportunities for community member participation and input.

FEMA requires that the Plan and Addendums be reviewed and updated every five years. On July 6, 2015, the City Council adopted a resolution updating the City Addendum as approved by FEMA. The Clatsop County MJNHMP was completed in 2015 with participation by Clatsop County and its five municipalities: Astoria, Cannon Beach, Gearhart, Seaside, and Warrenton. The next five-year review is due in 2020. As in the past, Clatsop County has taken the lead in the process to update the County-wide Plan and various jurisdictional Addendums. Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has offered a grant and staff to assist with the updates. Since natural disasters do not respect jurisdictional boundaries, the Plan covers the entire County and recognizes the need for intergovernmental cooperation.

The County-wide Steering Committee has been meeting with DLCD over the last few months to develop a process for completion of the required 2020 update. DLCD has advised the Committee that the format and process for the new update is different than was previously used and adopted. The new Plan will not have Addendums for each community but will be one County-wide document that incorporates specific information about each jurisdiction within the main County Plan. This will reduce the need to duplicate base information in each jurisdiction's Addendum.

DLCD has prepared an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for each jurisdiction to sign to accept the DLCD grant and assistance. The IGA identifies the Scope of Work and timeline for the overall project. Each jurisdiction is responsible to hold its own public meetings with the assistance of DLCD. However, many public meetings and surveys can be held jointly with other jurisdictions. The DLCD grant amount will go directly to DLCD and not through the jurisdictions. It requires a 25% cost share (matching amount) from the member jurisdictions. This cost share would be in the form of staff time for the development of the Plan. No cash match is required. The project is funded by a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) planning grant. A PDM planning grant must culminate in an NHMP that is adopted by jurisdictions and approved by FEMA. By signing the IGA, the City agrees not only to consider but also to adopt the NHMP that FEMA has agreed to approve. Failure to have an adopted NHMP would result in the City's inability to obtain FEMA assistance for pre-disaster projects and/or post-disaster aid. Therefore, it is in the City's best interest to join with the County and other jurisdictions to prepare a comprehensive County-wide Plan with the grant funded DLCD assistance. The draft Plan would go through formal review by the Council at draft and final adoption stages as well as regular updates and work sessions.

The IGA specifies the responsibilities of each party in the agreement which are noted in the staff memo. City Attorney Blair Henningsgaard has reviewed and approved the IGA as to form.

It is recommended that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Intergovernmental Agreement with DLCD for the preparation and eventual City Council adoption of a Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

City Manager Estes noted that due to the federal government shutdown, FEMA has not been able to review the document. So, Staff is requesting pre-approval of the IGA awaiting FEMA's final review. Any substantive changes would be brought back to City Council for approval before signing the final document.

Special Project Planner Johnson explained that the City needed a natural hazard mitigation plan in order to get funding for preventive measures or for help restoring infrastructure after an event. The plan must be reviewed and updated every five years. FEMA provided a grant to DLCD to help local jurisdictions with the updates. The IGA is between the County and all of the jurisdictions that will be working on their updates using this grant money. This is a big help to the City because the plan must include all of the natural disasters that can occur, reporting, analysis, risk assessment of facilities, and potential impacts of natural hazards. A steering committee has been meeting since beginning the plan and this update will add to the record what has occurred, what has changed, and will add climate change as an impact. This year, FEMA has requested the format of the document be changed. Instead of a County plan with addendums for each City, there will be one plan that identifies the impacts of each natural disaster on each City. DLCD will do the formatting changes and write the updates into the plan. Staff and consultants will review Astoria's infrastructure, meet with stakeholders, and ensure that the plan meets everyone's needs. Public meetings will also be held. If the Mayor signs the IGA, she and City Manager Estes will represent Astoria on the steering committee. The City will also be agreeing to sharing the cost of the required match for the grant by offering Staff time. Signing the IGA also indicates that the City agrees to adopt the final plan. Staff did not get the final draft of the IGA due to the government shutdown, but she did not anticipate any substantial changes, just changes to the timeline.

Councilor Brownson confirmed with Staff that school districts were considered stakeholders. Planner Johnson added that originally, cities, the County, and some water districts were the only jurisdictions included. However, the plan must include hospitals, school districts, and fire districts. Other stakeholders include the Red Cross, health departments, Sunset Empire Transportation District, and the college.

Councilor Brownson understood Astoria was responsible for a 25 percent match. Planner Johnson said the entire jurisdiction was responsible for 25 percent. All of the jurisdictions will meet the match with Staff time.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Rocka, seconded by Councilor Brownson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Intergovernmental Agreement with DLCD for the preparation and eventual City Council adoption of a Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Rocka, Herman, West and Mayor Jones; Nays: None.

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

Item 8(a): Election of City Council President

City Manager Estes gave a brief description of the duties of City Council President.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Rocka, seconded by Councilor Herman to elect Tom Brownson as City Council President for 2019. Ayes: Councilors Brownson, Rocka, Herman, and Mayor Jones. Nays: None.

Mayor Jones invited public comment on any topic of interest.

Sarah Jane Bardy, 250 11th Street, Astoria, said she was speaking as a Design Review Committee member and as an individual with a strong belief in holding public officials accountable. She recently applied to be on the Planning Commission. When she received a text from Mayor Jones asking to meet on January 2nd, she assumed it was about her application. It turns out she was called in for a closed-door reprimand. She was told that many Councilors and Commissioners have called for her termination because they believe she is not impartial. She was scolded for attending, speaking, and clapping after public testimony at the Marriott Hotel City Page 12 of 14

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Council appeal hearing, all of which she believed she had the right to do. Mayor Jones told her she could not be both an advocate and committee member and that perhaps she would be better suited standing outside with a picket sign. When she tried to respond to defend herself, he waived his finger in her face and told her he was not done talking. He explained she was not impartial because it was believed she showed up to meetings already having made a decision. She comes to every meeting having studied cover to cover the hundreds of pages of application material submitted. She merely comes to meetings prepared and did not believe she should be faulted for making a decision based on the information she was provided. She was not surprised when the conversation turned to what she believed was the main motivation for her scolding, her comment about the hotel bench. After Councilors Jones, Brownson, and former Mayor LaMear voted to overturn the Design Review Committee's denial and the unanimous denial by the Historic Landmarks Commission, she suggested that a memorial bench be erected outside of the new hotel engraved with their names as a reminder of those who voted in favor of the four-story hotel. Mayor Jones told her he found this to be disrespectful. She had finally been given the opportunity to speak and knowing she had no shot at a seat on the Planning Commission, she retorted that it was no more disrespectful than overturning the rulings of two special committees in favor of a corporate hotel developer. This was that her disrespect did not come at the cost of the community and the riverfront. It is easy to imagine that as new Mayor, he has a lot to catch up on and get to work on. Astoria has many issues that need addressing. The City needs to amend Codes, has a crumbling infrastructure and downtown, and a severe affordable housing shortage. Mayor Jones offered to meet with her at 8:30 am January 2nd. She was busy so they settled on 10:30 am. His first order of business on the first business day as Mayor was to call her into the conference room, close the door, and threaten her termination. If anyone here feels as the Mayor says they do that she should be terminated, she asks that they speak to her directly. She cares deeply about the town and values her position on the Design Review Committee. She intends to carry on without the need for a picket sign. As an individual and a committee member, she will not be silenced and will not be intimidated or bullied.

Mayor Jones explained that what Ms. Bardy did not say was that the first words out of his mouth where. "Throughout my long professional career, one of the things that bothered me most was when people at the end of a performance period receive a negative evaluation. My thought is that you wait a year and then you tell someone they did poorly. Why wouldn't you say early on in my career and give me a chance to understand the issues and correct them?" He had every right to remove Ms. Bardy from the committee after her disrespectful behavior and he was urged to do so by many people. He chose not to remove her from the committee, but instead decided to meet with her to tell her what he believed was disrespectful about her behavior and performance. He was advised by several people to remove her without meeting with her first, but if he has an issue with someone he is going to address that person personally to see if the issue can be resolved and at least give the person the opportunity to know what his dissatisfaction is. Unless the issue was a criminal act, he would not just remove someone without offering an explanation because that would be unprofessional and rude. He believed Ms. Bardy was unprofessional and rude at the December 12, 2018 City Council meeting, as did many others including members of other commissions, the Design Review Committee, and other City Councilors. However, he thought about the fact that Ms. Bardy was a young person who might not have ever been in this type of role before and maybe it was not covered in the training that there are certain expected behaviors when you represent the City on a committee, board or commission. You put all of your passion and intellect into those meetings, but once an issue has moved on to the next step in the process, your hands are washed of the issue. Ms. Bardy had asked at their meeting if it was disrespectful for City Council to overturn a decision. It is no more disrespectful than it is when the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals overturns a lower court decision or remands a case back to a lower court for further evaluation. It is just the different pieces of the chain performing their roles. The Design Review Committee, Historic Landmarks Commission, and other committees have a role in the process. They deliberate, make decisions, and vote. If the decision is appealed, it goes to City Council. When you start assuming that decisions contrary to what you believe are disrespectful, you are completely missing what your role is in the process. Ms. Bardy chose to testify at the December 12th City Council meeting and stated she was speaking as a citizen, not as a committee member. However, she is always a committee member and everyone was looking at her as a committee member. He wondered why she spoke because her testimony was already on the record. Her snide and sarcastic comments insulted the process, the role of City Council, the three Councilors who voted in a way she did not like, and insulted the Design Review Committee members. Most people agreed that Ms. Bardy's behavior on December 12th was unprofessional and that he had every right to remove her. He made the conscious choice not to, to meet with her, and share his thoughts. He had hoped that Ms. Bardy would get something out of that conversation and go on to have a great career in the city. He did not regret meeting with her even though people told him doing so would blow up in his face and be taken out of context. The Mayor appoints and unappoints without any responsibility to explain why. He chose to leave Ms. Bardy on the

committee even though he strongly disagreed with what she did. He believed her actions were unprofessional and immature.

Ms. Bardy stated she thought that meeting was unprofessional.

Bob Goldberg, 3741 Harrison Ave. Astoria, said had spoken at public meetings a fair number of times in the past and this was the first time anyone has ever responded to a public comment made to the Council. He did not believe Council was allowed to respond to public comments. However, he appreciated the response. He wanted to speak on behalf of Christopher Patton and Karen Black who live in the Lewis and Clark area. They have expressed concerns about the Pacific Power Smart Meter Update Program currently going on all across Oregon. He just received a card from Pacific Power saying a Smart Meter would be installed on his house within the next six months. He invited the Council to contact Mr. Patton and Ms. Black about their concerns with the program.

Pamela Mattson Mc Donald, 22 Nimitz, Astoria, stated that Pacific Power is investing in many solar installations and doing many grids. The analog meters cannot be integrated into the solar installations.

Unidentified Speaker thanked the Council for making an excellent decision. This is an opportunity to think outside the box. The Council has some diversity, fresh perspectives, wise perspectives, and different types of experience. There are bigger problems at stake than what a hotel will look like. Because that is outside money, Astoria's economy should be considered. The economy used to be fishing and logging, but now tourism is the economy in Astoria. It is a shame that people who work in tourism do not make living wage jobs, but he did not believe tourism was a fix for Astoria. He did not see a new hotel as a fix for the economy either. The hotels are only full for a couple of weekends each summer. He would like to see the occupancy numbers throughout the year because it is not worth building a hotel for a few weekends a year. Astoria has to figure out what the next economy will be. Tourism is not it. There are a lot of vacant commercial spaces in downtown Astoria and that should be a focus. Why are businesses not able to survive here? What will be done with the vacant spaces? Things need tending to that are not solved by outside investors or hotels.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm to convene the Astoria Development Commission meeting.

ATTEST:

Finance Director

APPROVED: