

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

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

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Pro Tem Estes, Police Chief Curzon, Parks and Recreation Director Cosby, Fire Chief Ames, Planner Johnson, Public Works Superintendent Nelson, and City Attorney Henningsgaard. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

REPORTS OF COUNCILORS:

Item 3(a): Councilor Herzig reported that at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 27, 2014 at the Judge Boynton Building, the Lower Columbia Diversity Project is hosting a community discussion and presentation on "Church and State, Examining the Role of Religion in Democracy". The event is free and open to the public.

Item 3(b): Councilor LaMear had no reports.

Item 3(c): Councilor Mellin reported that she attended the Lady Liberty Luncheon, where Michael Foster, Chris and Jennifer Holen, and June Spence were honored for their contributions to the community. This was the third year of the luncheon. On Friday, April 18th, the Library's After Hours Program hosted Oregon writer Molly Gloss. She attended the Clatsop Community College Arts and Ideas fundraiser to give scholarships to students. People donated art that was sold at the fundraiser, which rose over \$90,000 within three hours. She also attended an event hosted by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to recognize their volunteers.

Councilor LaMear explained that CASA volunteers represent neglected and abused children in court and visit with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to make sure the children are receiving all of the services they should. CASA also works with foster parents and biological parents, and speaks with doctors to make sure the children's medical needs are covered. The program is very rewarding. It is amazing how much respect the judges in Clatsop County give to CASA's recommendations. CASA volunteers only have one or two cases while caseworkers at DHS have as many as 40 cases; therefore, CASA volunteers get to know the children and their caregivers well.

Councilor Mellin added that before CASA existed, the children were not served and did not have someone to be their friend when they had to go to court. She noted that Arline and Cliff LaMear have volunteered at CASA for 15 years and have changed the lives of numerous children.

Item 3(d): Councilor Warr reported that on Friday, April 25th, the Northwest Area Commission on Transportation, of which he is a member, would host a meeting in Tillamook. The Commission will hear presentations from the 12 applicants for Connect Oregon V Funding for which the City of Astoria has applied. After hearing the presentations, the Commission will make a recommendation for funding. Total funding requests are about \$37 million, but area's portion from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is \$9 million, so this round of funding will be competitive. He understood that Astoria rated well and will hopefully have a chance to receive funds.

Item 3(e): Mayor Van Dusen turned his report over to City Manager Pro Tem Estes.

City Manager Pro Tem Estes reported that Ken Nelson, Public Works Superintendent, was filling in for Public Works Director Cook. Mr. Nelson has worked for the City for 31 years.

Mayor Van Dusen reported that the entire City Council received invitations to the ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony for the Garden of Surging Waves scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 10:30 am. The entire community is invited. He announced that a new monitor has been installed in City Council Chambers.

City Manager Pro Tem Estes explained the new monitor will enable the audience to see the displays from two different directions. iFocus and Clatsop Electric helped the City install the new monitor.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: No Changes

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Item 5(a): Public Safety Telecommunicator Week

Mayor Van Dusen read the proclamation declaring April 13-19, 2014 as Public Safety Telecommunicator Week. He gave the proclamation to Chief Curzon.

Item 5(b): CHIP-In for Astoria Week

Mayor Van Dusen read the proclamation declaring April 21-27, 2014 as CHIP-in for Astoria Week.

Item 5(c): Resolution Recognizing Captain Duffy Gaylord Duncan for Outstanding Generosity to the City of Astoria

This proposed resolution recognizes Captain Duffy Gaylord Duncan who has granted, for no compensation, a slope easement on his property to the City of Astoria, for the purpose of improving vehicular sight distance at the entrance to the new sports complex on Williamsport Road.

Mayor Van Dusen introduced Captain Duncan and read the resolution recognizing him for Outstanding Generosity to the City of Astoria.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Warr, seconded by Councilor Mellin, to adopt the resolution recognizing Captain Duffy Gaylord Duncan for Outstanding Generosity to the City of Astoria. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors LaMear, Warr, Herzig, Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen; Nays: None.

Mayor Van Dusen explained that while working on the new sports complex, sight distance issues on Williamsport Road were identified. Staff contacted Captain Duncan to ask what type of arrangements could be made. Captain Duncan indicated to staff that Astoria was his town; he appreciated traffic safety and wanted to grant the easement free of charge as a member of the community.

Captain Duffy Gaylord Duncan said he moved to Astoria 25 years ago. He recalled a project where an engineer proposed building a new street, but it would have had to cross the creek and run through Glenn Nelson's house, which was 5,000 square feet. Mayor Van Dusen overruled the proposal and vacated the street. Mr. Duncan told Mayor Van Dusen that what comes around goes around, which is why he granted the easement. Additionally, he did not want to take any funds from the football field. He owns 14 acres and is not worried about cutting off the corner of his property.

Mayor Van Dusen noted that four Council members helped vacate the street. Mr. Duncan reiterated that he remembered the decision Mayor Van Dusen made 25 years earlier. He believed Mayor Van Dusen was the best mayor; he was humble and approachable.

Mayor Van Dusen called for a round of applause for Captain Duncan and handed him a copy of the resolution.

Item 5(d): Presentation by Fire Chief Ames Regarding Fire Department Equipment

Fire Chief Ted Ames noted that the Mayor and Councilors recently took a tour of the Fire Department, where they learned about some things the Department had been working on over the last year. Photos of some

equipment were displayed while he presented information about the equipment and responded to related questions as follows:

- The City currently owns three fire engines with pumpers and one ladder truck. The oldest truck is a 1986 model, which has been permanently removed from emergency response service. Despite good maintenance, the truck has problems and is not dependable. There is water and fuel in the oil and spending money on repairs would not make good business sense.
- The ladder truck is a 1988 model that has been well maintained, but its age is making it less dependable. The truck was once used frequently, but last year, the Department decided using the truck all the time was unaffordable. The truck is now used for special occasions, like rescues, a major fire, or situations where height is needed. Many repairs have been made to the truck in the last year to keep it running.
 - He described how a remote controlled turntable at the rear of the truck enables the ladder to spin 360 degrees when raised from the front of the truck. The turntable also controls the water nozzle and direction of the water shooting from the truck. During rescues, the water nozzle retracts, allowing the ladder to extend further up to 75 feet. The Public Works Department is currently adding three new hydraulic valves to keep the turntable going.
 - He explained that the higher the building, the closer the truck must be to the building in order to keep the ladder at an angle that firemen can climb and still reach the necessary height. The 75-foot ladder is a bit of a limitation for some exposures in Astoria.
 - With adequate water supply from a hydrant, the truck can currently pump 1,500 gallons per minute 75 feet high. To accommodate the exposures in town, the Department needs an extra 25 feet of ladder and a bigger pump to push the water. If cost were no issue, the Fire Department could pump up to 2000 gallons per minute with the City's current water supply. The Department's current pumping capacity is average and manageable.
- The primary fire engine, which is used daily for most situations, is a lighter 1999 model. Traveling up and down the hills and turning sharp corners have put a lot of wear and tear on this truck. Regardless of the time spent trying to keep the truck maintained, it is getting tired. The Department will do everything it can to keep the truck going because it is their primary truck.
- The 2009 truck was purchased from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with grant funds. The water tank is a bit bigger and the pump is smaller. This truck is unique and has limitations as a city fire truck. However, if the primary fire truck is in the shop or out working, this truck takes over as the primary response vehicle. There is only room for four people to ride safely, which is inadequate. The truck is a four-wheel drive, but snow chains are still used.
- The equipment has been well maintained by the Public Works Department and outside vendors because lives depend on them.

Councilor Warr confirmed that the primary response truck was built by attaching a truck chassis to a motor home frame. He understood the body is falling off because the frame is not strong enough to hold the body together. Chief Ames said that was correct and explained how the trucks are constructed. He learned last summer that the outer compartments were falling away from the body of the truck because of the lighter duty chassis. He received two quotes to repair this issue, one for about \$37,000 and one for about \$16,000. The Department chose the \$16,000 repair, which entailed removing all of the equipment on the truck and sending it to Tacoma, WA, where brackets were installed to try to hold the body together. So far, the brackets are working.

Councilor Warr believed if the community is going to help the Department get new equipment, they needed to know the whole story. He confirmed the Fire Department was the first responder to certain medical emergencies, noting it would make sense to have a vehicle tailored for medical emergencies. Sending a fire engine to a medical emergency seemed more expensive. He asked Chief Ames to explain why this was not practical. Chief Ames stated the Department currently has a minimum staffing requirement of two people, but three people are usually always on duty each day. If one person is on vacation or calls in sick, the Department still meets the two person requirement. Student interns are also present each day when they are not in class. Fire departments in most communities like Astoria respond to medical calls because of limited staffing. If his crew were using a different vehicle on a medical call when a fire call came in, the crew would have to clear the medical call, go back to the station to get a fire truck, and then respond to the fire call. Common practice in most communities with limited staff is to take all fire gear when responding to a medical call.

Chris Farrar, 3023 Harrison Avenue, Astoria asked if it would be cheaper to hire more staff and buy a smaller vehicle than to use fire trucks on a medical call. He believed this would make the Department more effective, noting that people make a big difference. Astoria needs the right vehicles and the right staff but he was unsure about the right mix of vehicles and staff. Chief Ames replied that increasing volunteers works well, but most volunteers are unable to respond to daytime calls because they work or take care of a family. Volunteers are usually available at night. He would defer comments about increasing staff to City Council.

Mayor Van Dusen summarized that the firefighters were not at fault for causing the issues with the trucks. The trucks simply were not built as they should have been. The maintenance schedules were excellent and firefighters have not been abusing the equipment. The Fire Department worked hard to obtain the 2009 truck for free with grant funds. He was concerned about the perception that the Department was using brand new equipment and noted that the small four-wheel drive truck does not replace the big pumper truck. He did not want the community to penalize the Department for obtaining the free truck because it is not adequate or ideal.

Councilor Warr understood the 2009 truck was manufactured for flat land ridge fires. Chief Ames explained that the truck is called an urban interface engine. The four-wheel drive truck with a larger water tank and smaller pump make it ideal for Colorado, Arizona, or southern California. The truck is not a city fire truck, but it was free.

It was asked how much fire engines cost. Chief Ames said a used fire truck could be purchased for \$150,000, but would put the Department back in the same situation in a year and a half. An engine with a heavier chassis that would last almost trouble-free for 20 years would cost between \$480,000 and \$520,000. The purchase, if done right, would be a long-term investment. Trucks can be purchased once or twice every 20 years. But if done right, a truck would be purchased once in 20 years while slowly replacing the fleet over time.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

- 6(a) Boards and Commission Minutes
 - (1) Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting of 3/18/14
 - (2) Library Board Meeting of 3/25/14
 - (3) Parks Board Meeting of 2/26/14
 - (4) Planning Commission Meeting of 2/25/14
- 6(b) Public Works Department Project Status Report
- 6(c) Community Development Department Project Status Report
- 6(d) Parks and Recreation Department Project Status Report**

Councilor LaMear commended the Public Works, Community Development, and Parks Departments for preparing the reports because they are very helpful when answering questions from the community. There are so many projects going on in the city that without the information in the reports, it is difficult to recall the details. She appreciated the time put in to preparing the reports.

City Manager Pro Tem Estes added the reports are posted on the applicable department's websites for the public to view.

Councilor Warr requested Item 6(d) be removed for further discussion.

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

Item 6(d): Parks and Recreation Department Project Status Report

Councilor Warr asked for an update on the Maritime Memorial.

Director Cosby said that in preparation for the event on Memorial Day, Astoria Granite Works has installed granite paneling for this year. Damaged panels that came off in the September 2013 storm have also been reinstalled. The engraving and caulking will be completed around the first week of May, when the weather is better.

Mayor Van Dusen stated no motion was needed as Item 6(d) was for information purposes only.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- Item 7(a): Ordinances Regarding Amendment Request A14-01 on Astoria Transportation System Plan (2nd readings and adoption) (Community Development)**
- (1) Amending the Astoria Comprehensive Plan Section Pertaining to Background Reports and Transportation Policies**
 - (2) Amending the Astoria Development Code Pertaining to Background Reports and Transportation Issues**
 - (3) Amending the Astoria City Code Section 2.350 Pertaining to Local Improvements and Section 6.100 Pertaining to Vision Clearance Area**

The City of Astoria Community Development Department is initiating a legislative amendment to adopt the 2013 Transportation System Plan and amend the Development Code, Comprehensive Plan, and City Code to implement the TSP. The Astoria Transportation System Plan (TSP) has been developed to provide direction for transportation systems in the Astoria urban area over the next 20 years, as well as meet Federal, State and local transportation planning requirements. The TSP includes items such as reviewing current traffic conditions, conducting new traffic forecasting models, development of an updated project list, and integration of previously adopted neighborhood transportation plans. At its February 25, 2014 meeting, the Astoria Planning Commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed amendments. A public hearing and first reading of the three ordinances was held at the April 7, 2014 City Council meeting. It is recommended that the Council conduct the second reading and adopt the three separate Ordinances.

Mayor Van Dusen confirmed that there were no objections to conducting the second reading on all three ordinances.

Planner Johnson conducted the second reading of the ordinance amending the Astoria Comprehensive Plan Section pertaining to Background Reports and Transportation Policies.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Warr, seconded by Councilor LaMear to adopt the ordinance amending the Astoria Comprehensive Plan Section pertaining to Background Reports and Transportation Policies. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors LaMear, Warr, Herzig, Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen; Nays: None.

Planner Johnson conducted the second reading of the ordinance amending the Astoria Development Code pertaining to Background Reports and Transportation Issues.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Mellin, seconded by Councilor Warr to adopt the ordinance amending the Astoria Development Code pertaining to Background Reports and Transportation Issues. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors LaMear, Warr, Herzig, Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen; Nays: None.

Planner Johnson conducted the second reading of the ordinance amending the Astoria City Code Section 2.350, pertaining to Local Improvements, and Section 6.100, pertaining to Vision Clearance Area.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Warr, seconded by Councilor Mellin to adopt the ordinance amending the Astoria City Code Sections 2.350, pertaining to Local Improvements, and 6.100, pertaining to Vision Clearance Area. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors LaMear, Warr, Herzig, Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen; Nays: None.

Mayor Van Dusen asked how many meetings between City Council and the Planning Commission were held that lead to the approval of the three ordinances. Planner Johnson said the City worked on the TSP for three years and there were at least 20 Planning Commission and City Council meetings and work sessions.

Mayor Van Dusen read the rules of appeal into the record.

Item 7(b): Public Hearing for the Estate of Frankye Thompson Property Sales Offer – 100 Block W. Franklin (Public Works)

The City has received an offer from Lisa M. Stevenson and Greta Thompson Sangder, devisees of the estate Frankye Thompson for a City-owned lot in the 100 block of West Franklin Street. The lot is west of the house owned by the estate. The original price set by Area Properties was \$25,000. The offer that was accepted by City staff is \$15,000. The estate's attorney has stated that the purchase offer includes a condition that the property be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity as open space. Thus, no construction or building will occur on the property once it is purchased from the City. The deed would recite that the Open Space would be titled "Denny and Frankye Thompson Open Space". At their April 7, 2014 meeting the City Council acted to schedule a public hearing on the proposed sale for the next Council meeting on April 21, 2014. It is recommended that Council conduct the public hearing, after which, the City Council approve or deny the sale of said property.

City Manager Pro Tem Estes stated that while the property could potentially be developed according to Astoria's Development Code, the site's steep topography, ground water, and geotechnical issues were taken into consideration when the price reduction was approved by Staff. The public hearing and a notice for the potential sale were posted in the *Daily Astorian* and sent to adjacent property owners that live within 200 feet of the property.

Mayor Van Dusen clarified that Staff did not approve the sale price, but approved the sale to be brought before City Council.

Councilor Warr declared that he purchased his business from Dick and Denny Thompson, and may have had ex parte contact with family members of the estate. Therefore, he would refrain from participating in the discussion or vote of this item. City Attorney Henningsgaard explained that this was a legislative matter so ex parte contacts do not apply. Councilor Warr confirmed that he could vote impartially.

Mayor Van Dusen called for questions of Staff. Hearing none, he opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. and called for anyone wanting to speak on the sale of property near the 100 block of W. Franklin to come forward.

Joe Leahy, 188 W. B Street, Springfield, stated he was an attorney with Leahy, Van Vactor, Cox, and Melendy. He is the nephew of Frankye and Denny Thompson and cousin of Lisa Thompson Stevenson and Greta Thompson Sangder. He first came before the Astoria City Council about 62 years ago when he served as Fire Chief for a day. He thanked City Manager Pro Tem Estes, Staff, and City Attorney Henningsgaard for their cooperation and responsiveness to the family's inquiries and dialogue about the lot. He believed this proposal was good for the neighborhood. The Staff report indicates a history of difficulties with the lot, as it has the potential to slide. Selling the property puts it on the tax roll and the City would no longer have to maintain it. This sale also preserves the open space. The family believed this sale makes a lot of sense and understood that the neighborhood was supportive. The sale is consistent with the intent that Frankye and Denny Thompson brought to City Council in 1997. The property was not to be sold until further due diligence was completed with respect to the geotechnical aspects of the lot. He was unsure if this due diligence ever occurred, as no evidence of this was found upon searching City archives. Therefore, the family endorses this sale as a solution. He asked that City Council consider selling the property, as it would be wonderful for the neighborhood and preserve the memory of Frankye and Denny Thompson.

Councilor LaMear noted that she walks in the area often. She asked Mr. Leahy to give details about the hedge carving in front of Denny and Frankye Thompson's home. It was explained by the daughters that their dad originally carved the hedge after their mom told him to make a boat out of it. Their dad would bring his crane up from the granite works on the back of a truck and they would wheel her dad around with his saw while he shaped the hedge. Their nephew also helped with the hedge. Now, someone else is currently taking care of the yard and

has maintained the hedge. Her family would decorate the hedge with lights at Christmas. Part of the hedge sits on the property being proposed for sale.

George McCartin, 490 Franklin Avenue, Astoria, stated it was important to note that the potential buyers did what some members of the community have been repeatedly asking City Council to do on all of the city-owned properties that have been sold, which is to include provisions in the deed preventing any development. He gave Mayor Van Dusen a copy of the real property tax statement dated July 2013 to August 2014 and noted that the backup documentation included a number of photographs demonstrating the view of the river from this site. The property has problems with development, but the problems would not prohibit development. He believed the biggest problem was the low bid. As with all of the properties, the bidding price has been reduced by one-third, one-fourth, or one-half. Each time these properties have come before City Council, the Council has accepted the reduction in price. He believed City Council would accept \$15,000 on this property, but wanted Council to be aware that according to the tax assessor, land on the adjoining property owned by family members was assessed at \$123,418. He did not understand why the City would sell the lot for \$15,000. He believed many people in the community did not understand this either.

Kenneth Rislow, 339 3rd Street, Astoria, said he owns property located at 165 W. Exchange Street, which sits just east and north of the property for sale. He offered his condolences to the Thompson family. It was his pleasure to know Mr. and Mrs. Thompson for many years. He had no issues with the proposal to purchase the property and keep it as open space in perpetuity. However, he was concerned with the geotechnical issues on the property, which have been in question for more than 50 years, since the landslide in 1954. He believed there may have been a slide prior to this on the same street. The lot for sale and the lot to its immediate north is a critical drainage area and are potentially unstable. He has been before City Council at least three times to speak about this issue. Denny Thompson has spoken before City Council on this issue. He and the Hoyers own adjacent properties and are familiar with the property, but all of the people who knew the property are now deceased. The landslide issues in this area are critical. If any development were to occur, the lot to the north would be at risk. His property on Exchange Street is 20 feet above the property for sale. He spoke to City Council about this issue in 2005 and 2007. He had issues with the proposal to release the property for potential development because of its history. The houses immediately to the west and across the street were destroyed in the 1954 landslide.

Mayor Van Dusen confirmed that Mr. Rislow was not opposed to the Thompson's purchasing the property. Mr. Rislow said he was concerned with the statement officially indicating the property could potentially be developed. City Manager Pro Tem Estes clarified that the property could be developed according to the Development Code; however, the buyers' offer includes a deed restriction that prevents development.

Mr. Rislow reiterated that he was concerned with the statement that indicated the property could potentially be developed, which would place the lot immediately to the north at risk that is held in place by shrubbery. He had no problems with the sale, but did have a problem with the City questioning the geotechnical issues of the property. He has spoken to City Council a number of times about these issues.

Sue Skinner, 511 Jerome, Astoria, asked if the open space would really be in perpetuity as a condition of the sale. She asked what would happen if someone other than Ms. Stevenson and Ms. Sangder purchased the property. City Manager Pro Tem Estes stated the deed restriction would be recorded at the Clatsop County Courthouse and the deed restriction would remain on the property no matter the owner.

Chris Farrar, 3023 Harrison Avenue, Astoria, said it was interesting to listen to the other comments that had been made regarding the property. He went by the property a few days earlier and noticed the neighborhood had beautiful views of the bridge. Having faith that the family really wants to preserve the green space in perpetuity means a lot to him. He has been hoping that City Council would see this as a reasonable option when selling some of the smaller properties. Most neighborhoods benefit from the small pockets of green space. He believed all of the neighbors loved having this property kept as open space. The area is a very critical geological area. He added that he has Masters of Science from Northern Arizona University in geology and has taken courses in engineering geology. This property should be left alone. Green space is great to have and he encouraged the future property owners to refrain from cutting many trees. He recalled the landslide in Washington that occurred a few weeks ago, noting that cutting trees caused the landslide, the loss of a lot of lives, and hundreds of millions

of dollars in damage. This is a way for the City to unload some of the smaller properties to adjacent property owners, while keeping the properties stable and beautiful, enhancing the neighborhood. He encouraged City Council to support and approve this sale. He was not happy with the price, but he gave up on that issue as he was not a businessman.

Mayor Van Dusen closed the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. and called for Council deliberation.

Councilor Mellin believed this was a wonderful solution for the property. The property looks beautiful in the photographs. She added that this was a wonderful tribute to Frankye and Denny Thompson, who meant a lot to the community.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Mellin, seconded by Councilor LaMear to approve the sale of a lot in the 100 block of West Franklin to Lisa M. Stevenson and Greta Thompson Sangder for \$15,000. Motion carried 4 to 1. Ayes: Councilors LaMear, Warr, Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen; Nays: Councilor Herzig.

Item 7(c): Liquor License Application from James Defeo and Anthony Danton, dba Astoria Coffeehouse at 243 11th Street, for an Additional Privilege for an Off-Premises Sales License (Finance)

A liquor license application has been filed by James Defeo and Anthony Danton, doing business as Astoria Coffee House, located at 243 11th Street, Astoria. The application is for an Additional Privilege for an Off-Premises Sales License. The appropriate departments have reviewed the application and it is recommended that Council consider approval.

Councilor Herzig asked for the definition of off-premises.

Jim Defeo, 243 11th Street, Astoria, explained that off-premises allowed customers to purchase beer and wine to-go. Hotel customers want to order food, beer, and wine to-go.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herzig, seconded by Councilor LaMear to approve the Liquor License Application from James Defeo and Anthony Danton, dba Astoria Coffeehouse at 243 11th Street, for an Additional Privilege for an Off-Premises Sales License. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors LaMear, Warr, Herzig, Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen; Nays: None.

Item 7(d): Resolution Setting Public Hearing to Consider Vacation of a Portion of West Niagara Avenue Adjacent to United States Coast Guard Housing (Public Works)

The City has received a request from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) for the vacation of the north 30 feet of the West Niagara Avenue right-of-way adjacent to Lots 1 to 10, Block 12, West Slope and the south 30' of the West Niagara Avenue right-of-way adjacent to Lots 1 to 11, Block 13, West Slope. The USCG plans to expand their housing development with a road and new housing extending north from Klaskanine Avenue. In consideration of the exchange of land in lieu of monetary compensation for the West Niagara Avenue right-of-way vacation, the USCG has agreed to dedicate a 40' wide right-of-way north of Klaskanine Avenue through USCG property at the time of the construction proposed for 2014-2015. It is recommended that the Astoria City Council adopt the attached resolution of intent to hold a public hearing concerning the vacation of a portion of the West Niagara Avenue right-of-way.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Herzig, seconded by Councilor Mellin to adopt the resolution of intent to hold a public hearing concerning the vacation of a portion of the West Niagara Avenue right-of-way. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors LaMear, Warr, Herzig, Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen; Nays: None.

Item 7(e): Approve Contract Partnership with City of Portland for Surplus Vendor (Public Works)

In the past, the Public Works Department has used the State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to market surplus items on eBay. The City of Portland has a contract with Bar None Auctions to dispose of

their surplus vehicles and equipment and the contract allows other entities to "piggy back" on their contract with the company. Bar None Auctions has been marketing used equipment since 1993. They have auction sites in California, Arizona, and Portland, Oregon. They aggressively market surplus items to the proper clientele electronically, by radio ads, catalogs, and direct mail. The Company appears to use a more aggressive and focused method of marketing larger value surplus items than our current vendor DAS. It is recommended Council approve staff enter into an agreement with Bar None Auction to market surplus items.

Councilor Mellin believed this was a great idea, as the partnership saves money. Disposing of surplus sounds like a thriving business.

Mayor Van Dusen recalled that one of the City's goals was to work with other government agencies and municipalities, so teaming up with Portland is a good move.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Mellin, seconded by Councilor Warr to approve staff to enter into an agreement with Bar None Auction to market surplus items. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors LaMear, Warr, Herzig, Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen; Nays: None.

Item 7(f): Consideration of Draft City Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Report on 2013-2014 City Council Goals

At the April 7, 2014 City Council meeting, the draft Fiscal Year 2014-2015 City Council goals were reviewed. After discussion, Council requested that language changes be made to some of the goals as outlined in the memo pertaining to this item. The revised draft goals are presented for further consideration and adoption. In addition, Council requested a status report on the current 2013-2014 Council goals and that report is attached to this memo.

City Manager Pro Tem Estes recalled that at the last City Council meeting, Councilors LaMear and Herzig requested changes to the goals regarding emergency and warming shelters as well as maintenance plans. Additionally, as directed by Council, Councilor Mellin worked with him to prepare revised wording regarding Astoria's international relationships. These revisions as well as a new goal requested by Councilor Herzig to address diversity were included in the memo.

City Council agreed on the wording presented for the goals regarding emergency and warming shelters as well as maintenance plans as noted in the revised goal list.

Councilor Mellin explained that at one time, 30 percent of Astoria's population was Chinese. Astoria has historical relationships with China, India, and Japan, which she believed should be maintained and nurtured.

City Council agreed with the wording presented for the goal regarding Astoria's international relationships, but consented to add Germany to the list of countries as suggested by Councilor Warr.

Mayor Van Dusen understood Councilor Herzig and Councilor Mellin disagreed on the wording of the goal about diversity.

Councilor Herzig clarified that no disagreement existed, but that Councilor Mellin wanted to rewrite her goal, which eliminated mentioning diversity, which was fine. Therefore, he proposed splitting the one goal into two and he wrote a new goal supporting diversity efforts.

Councilor Mellin noted that the goal to support diversity only mentions one organization that works with diversity. She made a list of other organizations that work for diverse populations and focus on a variety of issues. She suggested that the diversity goal state, "To support and recognize the diverse contributions volunteer organizations make annually to our community." Her original intent was to acknowledge the numbers of volunteers that do a lot for the community. Volunteer hours are worth a lot of money and some of the organizations have been part of the community for more than 20 years. She listed several of the organizations on her list and explained how they supported diversity issues.

Councilor Herzig believed there was an objection to mentioning the Lower Columbia Diversity Project (LCDP) in the goals and added that including the word diverse were two different issues. He stated he was not invested in this issue anymore. If Councilor Mellin did not want the LCDP mentioned in the goals for some reason, he was fine with it.

Councilor Mellin clarified that she wanted the goals to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Including only one organization would result in excluding other organizations. She believed it would be more democratic to use a blanket statement. The LCDP does a great job, but other organizations also do a great job, so all of the organizations need to be included. She was not opposed to naming all of the organizations in the goal.

Councilor LaMear understood the LCDP was started as a response to some serious incidents that occurred in Astoria and confirmed Mayor Van Dusen was involved in the creation of the LCDP. She suggested the wording state, "...the pro-active efforts of the Lower Columbia Diversity Project *or another alternative*" and "Continue support of diversity through the many organizations that assist with this effort," seemed to be inclusive. She reiterated that the LCDP was started for a reason.

Councilor Mellin noted the Women's Crisis Center was also started for a reason. Too many women were being assaulted and had no shelter or counseling and were left on their own. Just like the LCDP, the Women's Crisis Center is a grass roots organization. In the early 1980s, an active group of women got together, one of which was Judge Brownhill, and made a big difference. She believed the LCDP was created for the same reason, but both organizations are equal, except that one organization has been around for a long time while the other is new.

Mayor Van Dusen recalled that bi-racial couples in the community were being discriminated against and harassed. These couples were members of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Two families moved away from the area as a result of this discrimination. The Department of Justice got involved. The USCG asked the County what resources they had to deal with this problem, but at that time, there was a void. The municipalities and elected officials formed the Clatsop County Diversity Committee, which has evolved and matured into the Lower Columbia Diversity Project. In an effort to make people feel comfortable, more than one diversity committee was recommended. The Job Corps has their own diversity committee to accommodate the teenagers who do not feel comfortable talking about racism and diversity with old guys like him. The USCG and the high school also have their own diversity committees. Everyone is different and everyone should all be accepting and comfortable. He was pretty ignorant when he started on the committee, but his education has led him to believe that City Council should not single out one diversity committee. He supported using the word diversity in the goal, but believed City Council should support all diversity projects, to avoid the perception that any one group is special.

Councilor Mellin read the definition of diversity, "The quality of being diverse, meaning different; a point or respect in which things differ; a variety or a multiformity versus uniformity;" So diversity is many and anything can be a diversity. Her suggested wording included the word diverse, not diversity. However, diversity could be used.

Mayor Van Dusen preferred to use the word diversity.

Councilor Mellin suggested the goal state, "Support and recognize the diversity and contributions that volunteer organizations make annually to our community."

Councilor Herzig noted that some organizations are not volunteer. He believed it would be adequate to state, "Continue support of diversity through the many organizations that assist with this effort."

Councilor LaMear suggested, "Continue support of diversity through the proactive efforts of the many organizations that contribute to diversity in our community."

City Council agreed to use Councilor LaMear's wording on the goal regarding diversity.

Councilor Mellin explained that she pictured the organizations as a spoked wheel. All of the organizations are equal in their value and at the center is the heart, which leads people to contribute to the community. The City does not know about all of the different organizations working for the community.

Councilor Herzig confirmed that the LCDP Steering Committee meets monthly, and the LCDP hosts one or two presentations each month.

Mayor Van Dusen noted the group he was part of met several times in the beginning to resolve issues, then met twice a year. The LCDP is much better now and has really matured.

Councilor Herzig added that the LCDP includes representatives from the USCG, the college, high school, Women's Resource Center, as well as the ADHDA, and Tongue Point. The group tries to include a variety of resources to ensure that as many different diversity issues are being addressed as possible.

Councilor Warr asked about the leadership and structure of the LCDP. Councilor Herzig explained that initially Scott Lee was chairman of the steering committee; however, Councilor Herzig was appointed LCDP Chair about two years ago when Mr. Lee decided to serve as a committee member. The group is loosely organized. Other committee members included Carol Newman of KMUN; Margaret Frimoth of Clatsop Community College; Nicole Bateman of The Harbor; Denise Feldbush of the United States Coast Guard; Tita Montero of Tongue Point; Scott Lee, Clatsop County Commissioner, and others.

NEW BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS, PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilor Mellin clarified that the Randal McDonald luncheon is scheduled for members on May 17th at the Bridgewater Bistro at 12:00 pm. Meal tickets are \$15 and reservations can be made by contacting Mac Burns at the Historical Society. She confirmed the event would be held after the Garden of Surging Waves Grand Opening.

Councilor Herzig invited the public to attend the budget meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall. He asked if reminders about the summer irrigation program would be sent out with the water bill. City Manager Pro Tem Estes said Staff would add the reminder to the note section of the water bill.

Councilor Herzig said he read in the newspaper that the City was offered a memorial statue for fishermen and mariners who have died at sea. The article said this would be presented to City Council, but he was unaware of this and requested an update at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Van Dusen explained the Seafarer Memorial was offered to the community of Astoria, not the City of Astoria or City Council. Stan Wanlass is a well-known sculptor with whom he has spoken with by phone and who has met with Councilor LaMear. The memorial would be located on the Port of Astoria, so this is not a City Council issue. The newspaper article had stated that the memorial was offered to the City of Astoria and that Mayor Van Dusen and Councilor LaMear had been contacted; however, this was not a City gift. He agreed the article was confusing.

Councilor LaMear explained that she received a call from Bob Ellsberg, a previous City Council member and a friend of Mr. Wanlass, who had asked for Mayor Van Dusen's cell phone number. She offered to call Mayor Van Dusen to ask him to go see the replica of the statue. The Mayor was unable to go, so she went to see the statue, which is how she became involved.

Councilor Mellin added Mr. Wanlass was an art professor at Clatsop Community College for many years. One of his statues is at the library. He also created the statue at the Seaside turnaround.

Mayor Van Dusen said that Mr. Wanlass made the sculpture *Arrival* at Fort Clatsop. The towns of Hammond and Warrenton wanted the seafarer memorial; however, the two communities were unable to raise enough money for the statue, which was about \$3 million. Mr. Wanlass found members of the community to contribute towards placing the memorial on Port property. It is a beautiful memorial to those who have lost their lives at sea.

Shel Cantor, 1189 Jerome, Astoria, recalled he had requested that the appendix for the Riverfront Vision Plan be published on the City website at the last City Council meeting. Planner Johnson and City Manager Pro Tem Estes responded positively and immediately. Sherri Williams posted the appendix on the website promptly and both Ms. Williams and Planner Johnson notified him as soon as the appendix had been posted and Planner Johnson helped him find it. He thanked Staff. This was another example of the recent trend he noted on March 4, 2014 about public information being made available to the public upon request.

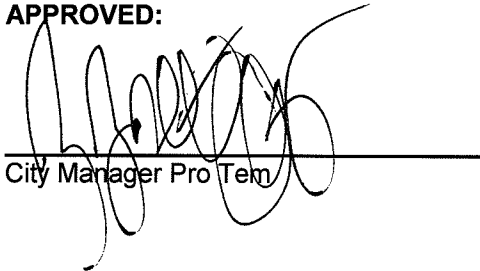
George McCartin, 490 Franklin, Astoria, said that many decades ago in Buffalo, New York, people referred to council members as ward healers. If a property owner had a problem with a tree falling down across the street or a sewer overflow, the property owner would contact the ward healer and the problem was resolved. Up until about three weeks ago, he believed Astoria had at least one ward healer on the City Council, but now it is questionable whether that exists any longer. Issues with the street sweeper occur within Councilor Herzig's ward. Twice a week, between 4:00 am and 4:30 am, near the post office and county buildings, the street sweeper is violating State noise ordinances, which prevent such noise from occurring before 7:00 am. The noise disturbs the sleep of at least 150 families. He noted that City Manager Pro Tem Estes lives in the area and is subjected to this noise. He hoped Staff could look into the issue to find out why this is occurring. It does not make any sense to be awakened at 4:00 am when many people do not have to wake up for work until 6:00 am or 7:00 am. He hoped this would be taken care of.

Councilor Herzig clarified that the area Mr. McCartin referred to was not in his ward. He was happy to assist with issues in Ward 2, but he did not have jurisdiction in other wards.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

APPROVED:



City Manager Pro Tem