

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

Councilors Present: Nemlowill, Jones, Price, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear.

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Parks and Recreation Director Cosby, Finance Director Brooks, Fire Chief Ames, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Item 3(a): Audited Financial Statement

Tonya Moffitt of Merina & Company will present the audited financial statements to City Council for fiscal year-ending June 30, 2017 for the City of Astoria and Urban Renewal.

Director Brooks introduced Tonya Moffitt, the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and partner in charge of the City's audit with Merina & Company. Staff appreciated their working relationship with Merina because they provide a lot of insight during the audit process.

Tonya Moffitt presented the June 30, 2017 audited financial statements for the City of Astoria and the City's Urban Renewal Agency. The audit resulted in an unmodified opinion, which is the highest opinion that Merina can give on financial statements. She noted highlights of the audit as follows:

- She listed the sections of the statements not considered in the opinion, but noted that Merina does read through those sections to make sure they are appropriate. The company received the necessary information from Staff very quickly because there were no restrictions placed on the audit. The City has applied accounting standards appropriately and there were no transactions that lacked authoritative guidance.
- Merina is required by State law to look at some items that are not financially related. For example, if the City pursues any public purchasing contracts, Merina ensures the purchasing process was done in compliance with ORS 279. The audit only found two minor issues with State regulation compliance: In the General Fund, the City Manager's budget was over by a little more than \$2,000 and the Parks and Operations Fund for the aquatic facility was over by about \$4,600. That is common because bills come in after the year's end.
- Merina found a significant deficiency in the financial statements, which resulted from lack of control over some of the year-end accruals. These deficiencies required an adjustment to the year-end accrual balances. Merina recommended that Astoria develop some internal control procedures over the year-end accruals. Finance Staff recognized the continuing need for thorough review and procedural improvements over the year-end accruals. Staff also requested alternative debt service schedules from Merina because the current processes are unnecessarily complex and difficult to use.
- She explained that the audit contains three levels of findings. Non-reportable findings are so minor that they do not get reported. Significant deficiencies are reportable, but are not an indication that something is wrong. Material weaknesses are major problems that result in misstated financial statements. Unfortunately, governments have three basis of accounting. The budget uses a cash basis, the balance sheet is kept on a modified accrual, and the year-end statements are kept on a full accrual basis. Astoria's year-end accrual deficiencies were on debt service payments and it is standard accounting practice to add these accruals to the books at year-end instead of throughout the year.

Director Brooks noted that debt service was issued in a different year and the complexity of the City's template added to the confusion. The City is working with Merina to get an easier template so that Staff can cross check its numbers. The amounts in the financial statements were correct, but Merina noted the accruals were off a little bit.

REPORTS OF COUNCILORS

Item 4(a): **Councilor Jones** congratulated Chief Spalding on his new position. He thanked the Police Department for their continued investigative work on the Uppertown fires and their community outreach in the neighborhood. There is now a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of anyone involved. Anyone with information should call 1-800-452-7888. He expressed sadness over the loss of Greg Newenhof, who co-owned City Lumber with his brother. Mr. Newenhof volunteered his time, expertise, money, and products to help rebuild and reopen the Armory. This was a tiny example of the amazing work Mr. Newenhof did in the community over the years. Mr. Newenhof was a humble and modest person and a great American because he knew how to make the community work through selfless service.

Item 4(b): **Councilor Price** reported that people in the community had been talking about the ebb and flow of downtown businesses. However, she was confident that empty stores would soon be full again. She did not want the community to worry about the empty stores downtown. People had also been talking about the community outreach officer's work. She noted that the Astoria Downtown Historic District (ADHDA) and the City's Engineering Department were working together to develop a parking master plan. She believed the plan would allow the City to make better decisions about parking challenges. She encouraged everyone to respect the process. She announced that she had been appointed to the Cultural Advocacy Coalition by Senator Johnson and Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Director for the Oregon Historical Society. The coalition meets four times a year, and once with the Governor, to advocate for cultural programs. The north coast had not been represented on the coalition for a while, so she was happy to participate.

Item 4(c): **Councilor Brownson** welcomed Chief Spalding to a full-time position with the City, adding he spoke with one of the police officers who was excited to have Chief Spalding on Staff. He was surprised to hear about Mr. Newenhoff, whom he had known for about 25 years, and was saddened by the loss.

Item 4(d): **Councilor Nemlowill** had no reports.

Item 4(e): **Mayor LaMear** reported that Joan Herman had asked her on KMUN what the Mayor does other than attend two meetings a month. She had to think about it, but wrote down some of the things she had been doing recently and would be doing. The previous week, she met with the new director of the Harbor, Molly Pringle. The Harbor now has a nice office in the Snow and Snow building. The City Council goal setting session was on Friday, February 2nd from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm to set goals for the coming year. On Saturday, February 3rd, she introduced Senator Wyden at his town hall meeting. On Sunday, February 4th, she met with Miss Oregon High School, who is working on an anti-bullying campaign. She also met with Robin Cusick at the Armory to hear ideas about anti-bullying campaigns. Earlier that day, she spoke to a group from Portland State University that is working on tsunami preparedness and resilience during a four-day conference in Astoria. On Thursday, February 8th, she will meet with a delegate from China to tour the Garden of Surging Waves. On February 16th, she will meet with Women for Agriculture. She would appreciate help with this meeting and encouraged anyone with ideas to speak with her after the meeting.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

- 5(a) City Council Minutes of 9/19/16
- 5(b) Scriveners Error Correction: Aquatic Center Fee Resolution
- 5(c) Lifeguard Training Agreement with Ellis and Associates (Parks)
- 5(d) ODOT Cooperative Assistance Agreement (Public Works)
- 5(e) IGA for Field and Laboratory Services (Public Works)

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Item 6(a): Public Hearing: Ordinance Updating Section 8.045 – Transient Room Tax Distribution (1st Reading) (Finance)

At the August 7, 2017 City Council meeting, Council approved a 2 percent increase to the Transient Lodging Tax rate from 9 percent to 11 percent, beginning January, 2018. At the time Ordinance 17-11 was adopted Section 8.045.2 was amended to update the tax rate increase from 9 percent to 11 percent, but Section 8.045.18 was not updated to reflect the distribution of the additional 2 percent.

HB 2267 placed restriction on new or increased local lodging taxes so that 70 percent of new or increased taxes must be used for tourism promotion or tourism related facilities and 30 percent is unrestricted in use. The earlier approved local lodging taxes must maintain the percentage of existing lodging tax used for tourism promotion and tourism facilities.

In order to distribute and manage the Transient Lodging Tax receipts Section 8.045.18 requires adjustment to account 70 percent portion of the increased tax (2 percent) to the Promote Astoria Fund and 30 percent portion of the increased tax to the General Fund. The attached ordinance segregates the original distribution of existing 9 percent tax and adds distribution for the increased 2 percent tax according to State Statutes. It is recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing and if in agreement hold a first reading of the ordinance.

Mayor LaMear opened the public hearing at 7:21 pm. She confirmed there were no comments from Councilors or the public and closed the public hearing at 7:21 pm.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Nemlowill, seconded by Councilor Jones, to hold the first reading of the ordinance updating Section 8.045 – Transient Room Tax Distribution. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

Director Brooks conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

Item 6(b): Public Hearing: Ordinance Updating Section 7.100 – Criminal History Record Check (1st Reading) (Police)

The City of Astoria currently conducts Background Checks on certain license holders, applicants and volunteers. This is done in accordance with City of Astoria City Code Section 7.100. Staff would like to modify the existing ordinance to include Astoria 9-1-1 Rural Fire Department Subscribers. These agencies are required by Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR 259-009-0015) to conduct an employment and criminal history check prior to employment or utilization as a fire service professional. Fire service professionals include paid (career) or volunteer fire fighters, officers or members of a public or private fire protection agency engaged primarily in fire investigation, fire prevention, fire safety, fire control or fire suppression or providing emergency medical services, light and heavy rescue services, search and rescue services or hazardous materials incident response.

To satisfy these requirements Astoria 9-1-1 would hold a letter requesting this service from each subscribing Fire Chief, and modify the annual Subscriber Agreement to include performing record checks for the Agency. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the ordinance as to form. It is recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing and if in agreement hold a first reading of the ordinance.

Mayor LaMear opened the public hearing at 7:23 pm and confirmed there were no comments from Councilors or the public. She closed the public hearing at 7:23 pm.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Brownson, seconded by Councilor Nemlowill, to hold a first reading of the ordinance updating Section 7.100 – Criminal History Record Check. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

Director Pearson conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

Item 6(c): Friends of the Column Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Frite and Scoop to Sell Ice Cream at the Astoria Column (Parks)

To enhance both locals and visitors experience while visiting Astor Park, the Friends of the Astoria Column would like to partner with a local vendor to provide onsite ice cream and snack concessions and per the Management Agreement between the City of Astoria and the Friends of the Astoria Column, the Friends of the Astoria Column are required to have City Council authorization to provide such amenities. After discussing their vision with the City Attorney, City Manager, and Parks and Recreation Director, the Friends of the Astoria Column completed an informal solicitation for proposals. Six different local ice cream and/or concession vendors were contracted and encouraged to submit a proposal. From the six local ice cream and/or concessions vendors contracted, Frite and Scoop submitted a proposal, while all other business were appreciative for the opportunity to participate but elected not to submit a proposal. The Friends of the Astoria Column were satisfied with the attached proposal provided by Frite and Scoop and have negotiated the attached Concession Agreement. It is recommended that City Council consider entering into an agreement with the Friends of the Astoria Column and Frite and Scoop to provide concessions at the Astoria Column.

City Manager Estes said the Parks Advisory Board supported the proposal and provided notes, which were included in the memorandum.

Councilor Nemlowill stated she supported the request and was pleased that a unique local business submitted a proposal. Frite and Scoop uses raw materials to make great products and they have a great reputation.

City Council Action: Motion made by Councilor Price, seconded by Councilor Nemlowill to approve the agreement with the Friends of the Astoria Column and Frite and Scoop to provide concessions at the Astoria Column. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Councilors Price, Jones, Nemlowill, Brownson, and Mayor LaMear; Nays: None.

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

Debbie Schmidt, 89919 Ocean Drive, Warrenton, stated she and her husband owned Phog Bounders Antique Mall. She was in favor of employee parking outside of the downtown business area. However, her employees must park on Astor Street where a large amount of transients hang out. She did not feel it was safe for her employees to walk to their cars after 5:00 pm. Her store closes at 5:30 pm. She had gotten nowhere with the parking people on how to solve this problem. She suggested the downtown businesses be allowed to have one parking spot close the front of the business after 3:00 pm. Her store is not in the downtown core and there is a lot of parking in the area. Parking is always available on 9th Street between Commercial and Marine. She was concerned about the safety of her employees, and noted the park is always full of transients.

Councilor Price asked how Council could address Ms. Schmidt's recommendation.

Ms. Schmidt said the ADHDA denied her request for a parking spot close to her business after 3:00 pm.

City Manager Estes noted there were no ADHDA members present to respond. If City Council was interested in adjusting the parking control ordinance for individuals, he recommended the ADHDA be allowed to provide input.

Ms. Schmidt stated the ADHDA had recommended that employees call the Police Department to ask if an officer could escort them to their cars. She did not believe the Police Department had the time to provide this service, nor was it their job.

City Manager Estes explained that the parking ordinance was intended to facilitate parking turnover for merchants and businesses. If changes are made for one area, the Council might start to receive requests from other areas as well.

Councilor Price asked if employees of other businesses were also required to park on Astor. Phog Bounders was not in the downtown core, so Ms. Schmidt could park on Exchange.

Ms. Schmidt noted that parking on Exchange would require her employees to walk six to eight block in the dark and rain.

City Manager Estes added the ordinance does not specify where employees of downtown businesses must park, but provides areas for long-term parking.

Councilor Price was concerned about the City providing safety for residents and employees. She believed it might be worth addressing the problem of providing safety in a particular area separately from the parking master plan.

Councilor Nemlowill asked for more details about the specific behaviors that Phog Bounders employees experienced. She also wanted to know if any illegal behaviors led to the police being called.

Ms. Schmidt stated her employees are harassed and intimidated. Customers have told her that they choose not to shop at her store when there are too many transients on the sidewalk. She sees the same group of people is at the park from noon to 5:30 pm. The police have been called many times by Cindy Merriman of Interior Designs, who said she got tired of calling because the transients kept coming back. She knew someone who wanted to make the park nice for the public, but none of the businesses in that area want to get involved with his project as long as the transients are there.

Councilor Nemlowill thanked Ms. Schmidt for speaking up. Many small business owners and others were feeling the effects of bad behavior right now. During the goal setting session, City Council talked about how this was the public's main concern and how the City could respond by taking a more aggressive approach to policing if funding could be found to hire additional officers. She understood this would not solve the problems immediately.

Ms. Schmidt stated her other concern was that parking enforcement was inconsistent. Someone will patrol parking for a couple of years and then there is no enforcement for a couple of years. And this process repeats. The parking patrol position should be permanent. She questioned how long it would be before the ADHDA got tired of doing parking enforcement.

Councilor Price said the Engineering Department and the ADHDA were working on this issue diligently because the City has heard this concern a lot. This was not an issue the City could solve tonight. She asked City Manager Estes to help Ms. Schmidt get together with the ADHDA.

City Manager Estes said it was ultimately up to City Council to decide whether the parking district should be modified. He recommended that Council discuss this with the ADHDA at a future Council meeting.

Ms. Schmidt said the issue would not exist if the transients were kept away from the area.

Councilor Brownson noted that Ms. Schmidt had previously expressed her concerns to him. This issue was so serious that Councilors were aware of the community's concerns all the time. The homelessness task force existed because it was such a challenge to find a solution. Enforcement was one piece of the solution, but there are legal limits to what the City could do to create situations where behaviors do not create problems. He agreed that Ms. Schmidt should continue to work with the ADHDA. There was a lot of serious and diligent work being done to address the issues with homelessness and bad behavior. Having a long term parking enforcement officer and trying to find a model that would work for Astoria were important parts of the situation.

City Manager Estes stated he would speak to Ms. Schmidt about scheduling a meeting with the ADHDA.

Councilor Jones believed the longer hours of daylight would be a benefit to employees who were currently walking to their cars in the dark.

Ms. Schmidt disagreed, saying that more transients come to the area as the weather gets nicer.

Councilor Jones said he hoped the City would have made some progress with the task force by next winter.

Mayor LaMear stated she had heard the same concerns from other businesses in other areas. The City may need to consider a more comprehensive plan for allowing parking near businesses. Making an allowance for one business likely would lead to other businesses making the same request because those other businesses are having the same problems. She hoped the City could have a robust discussion with the ADHDA.

Councilor Price said no one wanted to make policy based on one business, but she had heard an increasing number of reports on this issue. Previous parking concerns were about the lack of parking downtown. Now, the concerns are that it is not safe to park in the areas where employees have to park. Public safety should be the number one goal. When the City's parking restrictions create a personal danger to people, the City should rethink what it is doing. She recommended the City stop enforcing the parking restrictions so that people could park in safe places. The Public Works Director, Chief of Police, and ADHDA might have better ideas.

Councilor Nemlowill stated as a small business owner, a lack of parking enforcement had been hurting the businesses in Astoria. The real problem is the transients. People breaking laws are making citizens feel unsafe, jeopardizing the quality of life, and the City is letting them do it. The Chief of Police says he would like direction from Council about how to deal with this situation and whether the Police Department should take a more aggressive approach to the bad behavior. Homelessness and bad behaviors are two separate issues. The bad behaviors should not be allowed regardless of whether a person has a house. She encouraged Councilors to provide policy direction to the Police Department, which would require more resources.

Councilor Brownson noted that two new officers would begin working over the summer. Currently, the City is budgeted to have three officers. He believed the Council strongly supported finding the resources to add even more officers. However, that takes time. He supported allowing the Police Department to be more aggressive. However, people get cycled through the legal system very quickly and are then back out. There are no strong penalties that can be imposed. The task force is made up of people who deal with homeless issues and they are working to figure out this problem, which is statewide. He believed the community would find solutions, but would love to find a way to have an immediate impact on bad behavior.

Councilor Jones said that last Wednesday, Chief Spalding had asked Council for direction on more aggressive policing. He had responded that he was in favor of allowing the Police Department to do what it could with existing resources and enforcing laws more aggressively. He would continue to support the Police Department even when members of the community expressed opposition to being more aggressive.

Councilor Nemlowill asked how Council should go about providing direction to Chief Spalding. City Manager Estes explained that the Mayor could call for a motion to determine a consensus among the City Council and provide direction to Staff.

Mayor LaMear called for a motion.

Councilor Nemlowill asked for clarification about providing direction to department heads. City Manager Estes explained that the Council is able to provide policy direction about how the City wants Staff to address this issue. The Police Chief wants assurance that he and his officers would be supported by City Council if the issue becomes enhanced by the way they address it.

Councilor Nemlowill asked if there was any specific language that would help the Police Department. Chief Spalding said he would prefer a resolution or a declaration of support for the Police Department's enforcement dealing with the behavior of homeless individuals that also recognizes homelessness is not a crime. He understood City Council was looking for answers while the task force worked towards long-term solutions. It would be helpful for the Police Department to know they were supported by the Council as they enforced the existing laws. He anticipated some push back by some members of the community.

City Council Action: Motion by Councilor Nemlowill that the Astoria City Council declare support for the Astoria Police Department in dealing with the bad behavior of certain individuals on the street, recognizing that homelessness is not a crime. [No second]

Councilor Jones offered the following friendly amendment to the motion: that Astoria City Council resolve that in as much as the City is actively engaged in a homelessness solutions task force with community partners to arrive at a holistic solution to the problems with homelessness and transients in Astoria, and in as much as this

effort is a long-term effort which would not reap recommendations for some time, and that in the interim City Council has been approached by numerous citizens with concerns about public safety, that therefore the City Council urge the Police Department to actively and continuously enforce all existing laws within the resources available to him.

Councilor Price believed making policy for the Police Department to change its direction of enforcement was a big consideration. She was not sure the Council should be making that policy at the last minute. She expected that the Police Department was already enforcing the City's laws all the time anyway, so, to go further was unnerving to her. She was not sure it was proper to identify certain populations. She could support a motion to support enforcement of laws against bad behavior. Much of the behavior people are concerned about is not illegal. It is legal to stand on the street and be a bad person to people, yell, smoke, be mean, make cat calls, be verbally abusive, or panhandle. The Council is not willing to change one parking space but wants to change the way the Police Department operates. She urged the Council to proceed with caution and to consider this at the next meeting.

Mayor LaMear reminded that the Police Chief had requested a statement indicating whether City Council would like the Police Department to be more assertive. City Manager Estes confirmed the Police Chief had not requested that City Council take action tonight.

Mayor LaMear said she was worried about the people who are dealing with the bad behaviors now.

Chief Spalding believed the conversation began as a request for philosophical support of the laws that are already on the books. In 2015, the State Legislature added homelessness as a criterion for racial profiling. The Police Department already enforces the laws, so they did not plan to do anything new or different. However, he did want an indication as to the level of enforcement that the Council supported, noting that there was only so much the Department could do with the limited resources available. For some of the crimes that affect quality of life, the Police Departments has options to give a warning or a citation.

Mayor LaMear said she wanted the ADHDA to meet with Ms. Schmidt.

Councilor Brownson suggested Council formally recognize that there are well-voiced concerns in the community about bad behavior by transient individuals and that they support law enforcement.

Chief Spalding clarified that the Police Department would enforce laws upon all individuals without calling out any particular group of individuals.

Councilor Price asked if Council should direct Staff to bring back a resolution in support of law enforcement.

Councilor Nemlowill reminded that her motion was a declaration of support for the Police Department to take a more assertive approach dealing with bad behavior of people on the streets, recognizing that homelessness was not a crime. She believed there was support among the Council, but sensed hesitation due to fears of a backlash.

Councilor Brownson disagreed.

Councilor Nemlowill said she wanted to get something done now. She did not want to wait a year for the task force to meet.

City Council Action: Motion by Councilor Nemlowill, seconded by Councilor Jones, that the Astoria City Council make a declaration of support for the Astoria Police Department to take a more assertive approach in dealing with bad behavior of individuals on the streets, recognizing that homelessness was not a crime.

Councilor Price asked if anyone else was interested in hearing from Chief Spalding. She supported the Police Department and their enforcement against bad behavior. She was willing to recognize that bad behavior was increasing and needed more attention. Astoria's resources are limited and a lot of other bad behavior is going on besides just what goes on in the streets. City Council does not need to wait a year, but they could wait a couple of weeks so that everyone has a chance to think this through and understand the implications.

Motion passed 3 to 2 Ayes: Mayor LaMear, Councilors Nemlowill and Jones. Nays: Councilors Price and Brownson.

Councilor Brownson explained he voted in opposition because he supported waiting two weeks and wording the motion in a way that avoided negative consequences.

David Oser, 254 Irving, Astoria, applauded City Council, particularly Councilor Nemlowill who represented the ward he lived in, for taking a strong stance on this issue. There are many criminal problems in Astoria that are worse than this, like domestic violence and drug abuse. However, no problem is more visible and is more on the minds of the public than this public sentiment turning strongly against individuals who are transients and make people feel threatened, especially women who are alone. There is a huge difference between people who are homeless due to bad circumstances and people who are homeless by choice and do not want a permanent residence. Astoria has been invaded by those who want a transient lifestyle. Taking a hard line is a very important stance to take because the citizens feel frightened, intimidated, and are very unhappy about what has happened over the last couple of years.

John Longquist, 567 Commercial, Astoria, said the previous Police Chief had mentioned he wanted malt liquor eliminated, which seems to be a favorite of the homeless. He believed this would be a great idea, but he understood there was trouble with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) rules about cities being able to govern their own alcohol laws. He asked if the City could simply ask nicely to refrain from selling malt liquor. He understood profits were as high as \$1.00 per can. Maybe there was a way to make selling alcohol less lucrative. He believed the bad behavior was due to alcohol because he was not finding the large numbers of methamphetamine needles that used to be in the parks. He believed there was a small heroine problem, but the largest issue was alcohol. He asked if water fluoridation would be brought up again.

Councilor Nemlowill stated City Council did not support referring the matter to voters. In order to put water fluoridation on the ballot, there would need to be support from City Council or a citizen referendum. A referendum would not take much work and she was surprised no one had done it considering the number of people who have indicated an opposition to drinking fluoride.

Mr. Longquist said maybe he would work on a referendum.

Tom Schmidt, 89919 Ocean Drive, Warrenton, said the community was not a group of people without compassion, but the people behaving badly do not care about Astoria. He invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in the Phog Bounders building and business. The business has been in that building for almost 12 years. At least once a week, his local customers say they would have come to the store, but there were too many drunken people on the side of the building. His customers are scared to get out of their cars. The people who are violating the law are criminals. He confirmed with Chief Spalding that it was legal to be drunk on the streets in Astoria and suggested the City make it illegal, adding alcohol is the root of the problem.


City Manager Estes reviewed the draft goals set by City Council for 2018. The draft will be published on the City's website for about a month while Council continues to discuss the goals. The draft goals are:

- Support the work and recommendations of the Homelessness Task Force.
- Implement the provisions contained in the City of Astoria Affordable Housing Study to increase the number of housing units within the city for permanent residents. Special attention should be given to vacant and/or derelict properties.
- Explore a variety of options to enhance long-term financial stability of the Parks Department including but not limited to a cemetery facilities master plan and feasibility of a joint aquatic and recreation center.
- Pursue a public/private partnership for the redevelopment of Heritage Square to include the possibility of housing.
- Increase disaster resilience among the community, City Staff, and facilities.
- Complete Comprehensive Plan and Development Code amendments for the Urban Core of the Riverfront Vision Plan.
- Support the Library Foundation's work to fund raise for the library remodeling project.
- Work with community partners to implement the five-year Economic Development Strategy.
- He noted he would be working with the Library Foundation on the wording of the goal to support fundraising efforts for the library renovation.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED:



City Manager