

A regular meeting of the Astoria Common Council was held at the above place at the hour of 6:03 pm.

Councilors Present: Nemlowill, Jones, Price, and Brownson

Excused: Mayor LaMear

Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Parks and Recreation Director Cosby, Fire Chief Ames, Library Director Pearson, and City Attorney Henningsgaard. The meeting is transcribed by Jennifer Benoit.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Item 3(a): Friends of the Column Annual Report

Mayor Pro Tem Price opened up the meeting and welcomed the guests at the Column. Explained Mayor LaMear was unable to attend and introduced Friends of the Column President, Jordan Schnitzer to begin the presentation.

Schnitzer, Portland, gave a presentation of the Friends of the Column Annual Report. A flyer was passed out that outlined the presentation. Schnitzer gave a Board Overview, asking members to stand. He gave a brief History of Restoration of the Column over the last 30 years, discussed the Archival Project, Financial Highlights, Capital Improvements completed for 2016 and recommended for 2017, Site Management Priorities, Outreach Activities and Visibility and closed.

Councilor Nemlowill thanked Schnitzer for the exemplary care taken of the Column. She said she uses the column to reflect on the future of the City of Astoria and believes it is a real gift.

Pro Tem Price also thanked Schnitzer. Saying, up here "you see the past, present and future."

Item 3(b): Commemorate and Honor Hal Snow

Mayor Pro Tem Price read the resolution to honor and commemorate the contributions that Hal Snow has made to Astoria. The Resolution was unanimously approved by the Council.


Schnitzer and Friends of the Column Treasurer, Wills Van Dusen, Astoria spoke about their history and relationship with Hal Snow. Van Dusen was interrupted to take a call from State Senator Betsy Johnson who was on speaker phone. She discussed her work with Hal Snow and said the "community is blessed."

The comments closed with Schnitzer presenting a picture of the column with the words "Hal Snow The Conscience of the Column Friends of the Astoria Column Board Member 1988-2016 Thank you for all you did, from all of us!" The meeting attendees were invited to the art building at Clatsop Community College for a reception.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED:



City Manager