

A regular meeting of the Astoria Development Commission was held at the above place at the hour of 8:38 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Herzig, Warr, Mellin, LaMear, and Mayor Van Dusen

Staff Present: City Manager Benoit, Parks and Recreation Director Cosby, City Attorney Henningsgaard, Public Works Director Cook, and Engineer Crater. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

**REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:** No reports.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** No changes.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The following items were presented on the Consent Calendar:

5(a): ADC Minutes of 12/2/13

**Commission Action:** Motion made by Commissioner LaMear, seconded by Commissioner Mellin, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Commissioners LaMear, Warr, Herzig, Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen; Nays: None.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Item 6(a): Authorization to Award Construction Contract for Portway Street Railroad Crossing Improvement Project (Public Works)**

At its June 17, 2013 meeting, the ADC authorized Staff to move forward with design of the Portway Railroad Crossing Improvement Project. The new crossing will improve this critical gateway to the Port of Astoria, make Trolley operation safe and reliable along this segment of track, enhance/reestablish vehicular mobility along Portway Street, eliminate ponding water and increase vehicular and pedestrian safety during inclement weather, make future utility and track maintenance more efficient, and upgrade the intersection of the River Trail and Port Trail system to be ADA compliant. Staff solicited bids for the work and is recommending that the ADC authorize award of a construction contract to TFT Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$190,647.25 for the Portway Rail Crossing Improvement Project and approve the associated budget for the contingency and construction support services. Funds for this project are available in the Astor-West Urban Renewal District.

City Manager Benoit noted that City Engineer Staff worked with the rail design engineer and TFT Construction, Inc. to modify the design to achieve additional savings, reducing the negotiated price from \$241,689.

Commissioner Herzig noted the work must be done. TFT Construction, Inc. went through the trouble to lower their original bid by about \$50,000 while maintaining the original intent, which is good.

Mayor Van Dusen believed this project is a prime example of how urban renewal funds should be used. The money comes from within the area and is to be spent on economic improvements.

**Commission Action:** Motion by Commissioner Herzig, seconded by Commissioner LaMear that the Astoria Development Commission authorize award of a construction contract to TFT Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$190,647.25 for the Portway Rail Crossing Improvement Project and approve the associated budget for the contingency and construction support services. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Commissioners Warr, LaMear, Herzig and Mellin, and Mayor Van Dusen. Nays: None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Secretary

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City Manager

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