



AGENDA

ASTORIA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, August 17, 2026
6:00 PM
2nd Floor Council Chambers
1095 Duane Street, Astoria OR

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PRESENTATION

4.a [Mayor's Awards](#)

5. PROCLAMATION

5.a [A Proclamation Supporting the Astoria School District's Campaign to Increase Student Attendance](#)

6. REPORTS OF COUNCILORS

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

[The items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion unless a member of the City Council requests to have any item considered separately. Members of the community may have an item removed if they contact the City Manager by 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.](#)

8.a [Astoria City Council Draft Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2026](#)

Draft meeting minutes for review and approval of Council.

8.b [Astoria City Council Draft Meeting Minutes - June 2, 2026](#)

Draft meeting minutes for review and approval of Council.

8.c [Authorization to approve Contract Amendment with DOWL for 2025 Trestle Repair Project](#)

The City previously approved a Professional Services Agreement with DOWL, LLC for engineering and construction administration services for the 2025 Trolley Trestle Repair Project. Due to the construction phase taking longer than anticipated and a higher-than-expected number of submittals and requests for information, additional construction administration services are needed. Staff recommends approving a \$10,000 contract amendment, increasing the total agreement amount to \$95,787.52.

8.d [Approval to Purchase a New Marked Police Vehicle](#)

The Astoria Police Department requests approval to purchase a 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicle along with associated accessories and equipment.

8.e [Approval to Purchase a New Unmarked Police Vehicle](#)

The Astoria Police Department requests approval to purchase a 2027 Dodge Durango Unmarked Vehicle, along with associated accessories and equipment.

9. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

All agenda items are open for public comment following deliberation by the City Council. Rather than asking for public comment after each agenda item, the Mayor asks that audience members raise their hands if they want to speak to the item and they will be recognized. In order to respect everyone's time, comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

9.a [Consider a Resolution to Establish an Arts & Culture Advisory Commission](#)

The Astoria City Council will review a Resolution that would establish an Arts & Culture Advisory Commission.

9.b [Consider Authorization of a Contract with FCS Group to prepare a Stormwater Utility Formation Study](#)

Staff is requesting that Council consider approval of a contract with FCS Group in the amount of \$74,025 to prepare a Stormwater Utility Formation Study. The study will evaluate options for establishing a dedicated stormwater utility and equitable rate structure to fund the operation, maintenance, and long-term management of the City's stormwater system. Completion of the study will position the City to consider implementation of a stormwater utility rate in Fiscal Year 2027-28 while taking advantage of projected reductions in Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) debt service and allowing time for public outreach and

education.

9.c [Budget Resolution Transferring Appropriations within Fund 102 for Forest Management Activities](#)

A budget resolution is proposed to transfer \$40,000 from the Fund 102 Contingency appropriation to the Forest Management Activities appropriation. The transfer provides budget authority to complete remaining Bear Creek Forest Carbon Project work and fund the FY 2026–2027 forest management contract. The transfer reallocates existing appropriations within Fund 102 and does not increase the overall budget.

9.d [Authorization to Execute Contract with Springboard Forestry for FY 2026-2027 Forestry Stewardship Consulting Services](#)

Authorization is requested to execute a personal services contract with Springboard Forestry for FY 2026–2027 forestry stewardship consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$68,560. The contract will provide professional forestry services to support ongoing stewardship of the Bear Creek Watershed, including timber sale preparation, forest management activities, completion of the forest road inventory, and the remaining work associated with the Bear Creek Forest Carbon Project.

9.e [Consideration of Resolution to Transfer \\$60,000 in Funds from Contingency to Capital Improvements in the Promote Astoria \(#410\) Budget to Purchase Solar Bollard Lights](#)

This resolution amends the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget by transferring \$60,000 from Contingency to Capital Improvements within the Promote Astoria Fund to purchase solar bollard lights for the Astoria Riverwalk.

9.f [Consideration to Authorize the Purchase of Solar Bollard Lights for the Astoria Riverwalk Between 35th St. and 39th. St.](#)

A goal of the 2026 Parks Master Plan is to continue to add lighting along the Astoria Riverwalk from their current terminus at 35th St. east to 39th St. Due to the high cost of adding conventional, wired electric lights, staff researched possible solar bollard alternatives and have determined that a viable option is available which will provide adequate illumination and avoid the added expenses of trenching and installation of new electrical infrastructure. At roughly half the cost of wired electric bollards, solar bollards can be purchased for around \$1,500 each and have limited installation costs outside of staff time and minor materials. After soliciting three quotes, staff are recommending that the Astoria City Council consider approving the purchase of 40 solar bollard lights from Crescent Electric at a total cost of \$57,078.

9.g [Consideration of Recology's Request to Increase Rates](#)

Council is asked to review and consider approving the attached Resolution with solid waste rate changes.

- 9.h [Consideration of a Council Letter of Support for the Chinook Indian Nation's Ongoing Efforts to Gain Federal Recognition.](#)

City Council to consider a letter of support for the Chinook Indian Nation's ongoing efforts to gain federal recognition.

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

THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABLED. AN INTERPRETER FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MAY BE REQUESTED UNDER THE TERMS OF ORS 192.630 BY CONTACTING THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE, 503-325-5824.