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Council rejects enterprise zone

Doubts raised about partnering with the Port

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A deadlocked Astoria City Council Monday night rejected a Clatsop Enterprise Zone to help lure business investment after two city councilors had qualms about partnering with the Port of Astoria.

Earlier this month, the City Council had appeared to tentatively move toward supporting an enterprise zone, which would offer property tax breaks for three to five years for new or expanded businesses.

The Port, Clatsop County and Warrenton have approved resolutions backing an enter-

prise zone application with the Oregon Business Development Department in April.

But the City Council split in a 2-2 vote. Mayor Arline LaMear and City Councilor Russ Warr voted in favor of the enterprise zone as a tool to attract businesses, but Councilor Drew Herzig and Councilor Cindy Price voted against the idea, citing, among other concerns, their distrust of the Port.

Councilor Zetty Nemlowill recused herself from the vote because of a conflict of interest. Her husband, Chris Nemlowill, is a co-founder of Fort George Brewery and Public House,



Drew Herzig



Cindy Price

which would have been in the enterprise zone.

While Clatsop County, Warrenton and the Port can still pursue a Clatsop Enterprise Zone, the City Council's divided vote means that the downtown corridor and Port property in Astoria will not be included, a blow to the Port. The Astoria Regional Airport, which is on Port property in Warrenton, is still in the enterprise zone.

Jim Knight, the Port's new executive director, had personally appealed to the City Council to collaborate with the Port on the enterprise zone and had promised a better, more

transparent, working relationship after acrimony in the past.

But Price and others were surprised to learn afterward that a Taiwanese-American entrepreneur had talked with the Port about fanciful plans to transform Port property at North Tongue Point, which would have been in the enterprise zone. They were also stunned by the Port's abrupt announcement that it would close its boatyard in April, and disappointed by the Port's move to restrict access to a city park near a west end pier.

"I think that Mr. Knight is a thoughtful professional. And I think that he needs some time, really, to get his feet under him," Price said after the council meeting. "But the last two weeks have been quite amazing."

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Seaside, DHS the focus of \$7.5 million lawsuit

Suit alleges negligence after reports of abuse

By KYLE SPURR
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The city of Seaside and Oregon Department of Human Services are being sued for potentially \$7.5 million by the estate of Coltin Jacob Salsbury, a 2-year-old boy who died last year after his mother's boyfriend allegedly smashed his head into a toilet in a Portland motel.

The lawsuit was filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court last week.

According to the lawsuit, DHS caseworkers and Seaside Police Officer Jason Gooding were negligent with previous reports of abuse leading to Coltin Salsbury's death March 6, 2014.

The lawsuit, filed by Portland attorney Josh Lambron, alleges:

On Dec. 21, 2013, Coltin's paternal grandfather told Seaside Police he was concerned about pictures the boy's father, Greg Johnson, posted on Facebook that showed injuries to the boy. Officer Gooding responded to the father's house and saw bruises on Coltin's face and buttocks. The father said he noticed the injuries after the boy was dropped off by his mother, Wendy Salsbury, the day before. Coltin's father expressed concerns about the boy's safety with his mother and her boyfriend, Joshua Howard.

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Principal Rod Heyen from Warrenton High School endured a barrage of whipped cream pies to help raise money for Clatsop Community College's Pi Phi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Saturday's Pi Day fundraiser.

HERE'S PI IN YOUR EYE

Annual celebration honors math, Einstein and pie

By EDWARD STRATTON
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There was pi and more pie to go around Saturday at Clatsop Community College during Pi Day, the annual celebration of the mathematical constant, physicist Albert Einstein's birthday and the tasty pastry.

The celebration of pi, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, traces its beginnings to physicist Larry Shaw at the San Francisco Exploratorium in 1988. It falls each year on March 14, starting at 1:59 p.m. and running to 6. The timing loosely translates, via date, time and a play on a preposition, to 3.1415926.

This year's event was special, as Saturday at 9:26 p.m. and 53 seconds covered the first 10 digits of Pi, 3.141592653, which only occurs once every century. That same second included the precise instant corresponding to the endless digits of pi.

From the fun and games of Pi Day comes most of the funding for the Pi Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society at

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Astoria baseball swings into new era

New and upgraded fields create two options

By GARY HENLEY
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The 2015 season will be a landmark year, of sorts, for the Astoria baseball program.

Not because of what the Fishermen will accomplish on the field (win a lot of games, contend for a league title, make the state playoffs) — but where their games will be played, with fan-friendly improvements at one field, and rain resistant turf on the other.

Astoria's main field will remain at Tapiola Park, where Ernie Aiken Field is in the final phases of some off-the-field work that will create new seating behind the backstop.

But with Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH) Stadium now open for business, the Fishermen now have a backup

field that's likely better than most of the primary fields and facilities in the state.

The new artificial turf stadium off Williamsport Road opens up a multitude of opportunities and brings an end to a lot of hassles caused by the rainy weather, which tends to show up every now and then in the spring.

While Astoria coach Dave Gasser is equally excited about the possibilities that CMH Field brings, he's also excited to see the completion of a long list of improvements to Aiken Field.

"Ten years ago was the beginning of trying to make this ballpark (Aiken Field) really work as a high school field, where we could host playoff games and really do it right," said Gasser, who took over the Fishermen baseball program in



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Ernie Aiken Field is in the final phases of some off-the-field work that will create new seating behind the backstop. Trees have been removed, and once completed, there will be a cement three-level terrace behind the backstop for more fan-friendly viewing.

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