

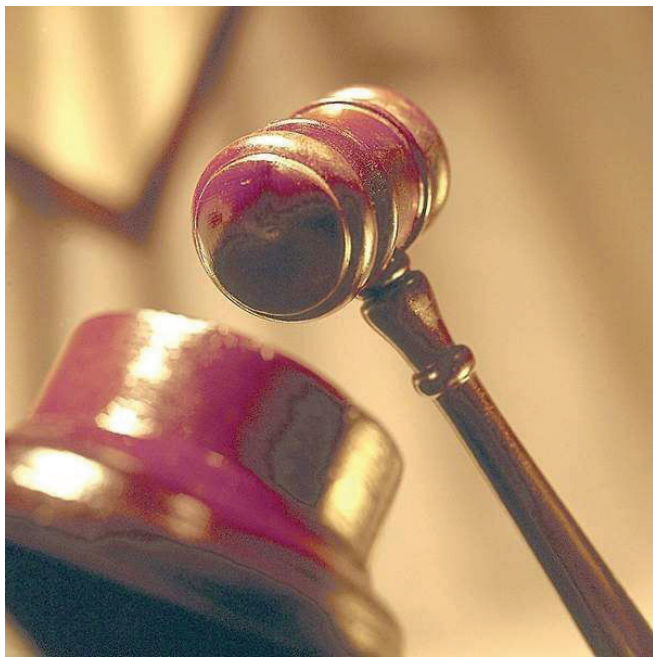
Portland hotelier Sondland sues to recover impeachment legal fees

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Portland hotelier Gordon Sondland, an ambassador who provided key and colorful testimony in then-President Donald Trump's first impeachment hearings, is suing former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to recover legal fees. Sondland owns a home in Gearhart.

The Washington Post reported last month that Sondland filed a \$1.8 million federal lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Sondland's attorneys say the Trump administration paid only a small part of the hotel owner's legal bills related to the impeachment inquiry.

Sondland is founder and chairman of the Providence hotel group, which operates 13 hotels across the country, including Port-



land's Heathman, Hotel Delux, the Sentinel, Hotel Lucia and the Woodlark. He was a major contributor to Trump's inauguration fund, and was named ambassador to the Euro-

pean Union.

Sondland's November 2019 testimony to the U.S. House Intelligence impeachment inquiry outlined a link between presidential attorney Rudy

Giuliani in Ukraine and the White House in an attempt to get information on Hunter Biden's activities as a member of the Burisma energy company board.

"I know that members of this committee frequently frame these complicated issues in the form of a simple question: Was there a quid pro quo?" Sondland told the committee in his testimony. "As I testified previously, with regard to the requested White House call and the White House meeting, the answer is yes. Mr. Giuliani conveyed to Secretary (Rick) Perry, Ambassador (Kurt) Volker and others that President Trump wanted a public statement from President Zelensky committing to investigations of Burisma and the 2016 election."

Sondland was dismissed as ambassador after Trump was acquitted in the U.S. Senate.

Weber requests federal funds for local projects

By EMILY LINDBLOM
The Astorian

State Rep. Suzanne Weber has recommended several local projects, including two in Clatsop County, to be considered for funding through the American Rescue Plan.



Suzanne Weber

State lawmakers divided up \$240 million of the federal pandemic relief money among their districts. While each senator got to suggest how they would want to spend \$4 million, each representative got \$2 million.

The requests are under consideration in Salem as the Legislature moves toward the end of session. While not set in stone, they do speak to the lawmakers' priorities.

Weber requested four capital projects, meaning they had to do with building, repairing or renovating. She asked for \$360,000 for Cannon Beach to use on resiliency projects, \$420,000 for Astoria to use on the

Astoria Library renovation, \$400,000 for the Anderson Creek raw water transmission main for Nehalem and \$820,000 for well and wastewater treatment resiliency for Bay City.

Weber said the projects align with her priorities of buoying water, sewer and earthquake and tsunami resiliency.

The Tillamook Republican said \$2 million spread across House District 32 is not a lot of money, but she worked with Sen. Betsy Johnson and Rep. Brad Witt to look through all the projects submitted and to make sure most of the regions in their districts were covered.

"Some smaller areas were chosen because they don't have a lot of opportunities to be able to leverage any kind of dollars at the present time," Weber said. "I asked all the municipalities and different organizations in my area what was extremely important to them."

Astoria City Manager Brett Estes said if the federal funding comes through, he hopes it would enable the city to accomplish more of its goals for the library

remodel in the first phase of the project.

"We've been working with the project architect to look at what sort of items specifically we'd be able to do with this funding," Estes said.

At the top of the priority list is renovating the reading room to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act access guidelines. The proposed library project also includes updating the children's area, redesigning the circulation desk and putting in new windows on the north wall.

Weber said resiliency after earthquakes and tsunamis will be especially important because many North Coast communities are right by the ocean.

"Communities up and down the coast have taken the initiative to build that resiliency into their plans, but they need to have funds to finance that to make it a reality," she said.

Cannon Beach has proposed multiple small projects that fit into the earthquake and tsunami resiliency category. One is providing reliable power to survival cache sites — places to keep

emergency stockpiles of supplies.

"We have made significant upgrades to our cache sites but will require maintenance," Cannon Beach City Manager Bruce St. Dennis said. "This will be much easier to accomplish with electric power to the sites."

Other projects in Cannon Beach include replacing the main pump station generator, as the existing one is an old military surplus model that has become unreliable; replacing the Haystack pump station main line and mechanical systems to upgrade the control panel that triggers tsunami warnings; and replacing the generator at Ecola pump station.

"The money I hope is allocated to that area is going to be divided into those smaller projects so they can be accomplished," Weber said.

The allocated funds may or may not cover all the project costs.

Weber said she is still waiting to hear the federal guidelines for what can be funded through the American Rescue Plan, and she cannot guarantee that her requests will be granted by the Legislature.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



June 4
12:25 p.m., 1600 block Broadway: Individuals reported loitering say they are waiting for a friend. They're advised of the complaint.
7:59 a.m., 2600 block N. Roosevelt: Subjects loitering in a parking lot are advised to move along.
8:29 a.m., Avenue E and Lincoln: Subjects reported possibly living in their car tell police they are waiting for a part to fix their car so they can leave the area.
12:24 p.m., Convention Center parking: A case is taken for a dog left in a car.
2:56 p.m., 700 block Seventh Avenue: Police and firefighters help free a skunk from a live trap.
June 5
3:23 p.m., Avenue B and Holladay: Kids reported driving around town in a golf cart are advised of the law.
10:36 p.m., 14th Avenue and Ocean: Police assist Coast Guard with a report of a boat on fire on the water.
June 6
10:19 a.m., 600 block Broadway: A man reported sitting perched on a pile of furniture on the sidewalk is advised to move his things and get going.
4:46 p.m., Broadway Park: A wallet found in the park is turned in to police for safe-keeping.
7:00 p.m., Convention Center:

A man reports dropping an envelope containing a large amount of cash in the parking area.
June 7
8:00 a.m., Broadway and Wahanna: Subject running down the street wielding a Ninja-style sword is unable to be located by police.
4:44 p.m., Seventh and Holladay: A person is pulled over for failure to display license plates.
June 8
3:38 a.m., Seaside: A person is arrested on a warrant.
8:57 a.m., Avenue G and beach: Tents are reported on the beach.
10:23 a.m., Twenty-sixth Avenue: A missing person is reported.
3:21 p.m., Broadway restrooms: Police make contact with a person reported refusing to leave the restroom; the person was concerned about their belongings which they didn't want to move. They were advised they can't block access to the facility.
June 9
12:12 p.m., Turnaround: A man reported yelling and causing a scene is approached by officers who advise him of the complaint. The man said he was performing a magic trick. He agreed to move along.
2:46 p.m., 1500 block S. Roosevelt: Police conduct a welfare check on a report of a man holding his head. The man says he's fine.
6:15 p.m., Beach and Fourth Avenue: A missing person with dementia is reported.
6:53 p.m., 1700 block N.

Holladay: A missing person is reported.
June 10
8:25 a.m., 2400 block Pine Street: Officers diffuse a situation between family members reported as a disturbance.
9:34 a.m., 400 block S. Holladay: A man reported sleeping on a porch says he lives here and was taking a rest outdoors.
11:31 a.m., 2400 block U.S. Highway 101: Police go to a hotel at the request of management regarding guests who will not leave. The guests tell police they are in contact with their attorney and are devising a plan.
4:52 p.m., 1000 block Avenue F: A person is arrested on a warrant.
8:05 p.m., Railroad Avenue, Gearhart: Police assist Gearhart police with a reported assault.
June 11
8:12 a.m., Broadway: Caller reports a person sleeping in a car with a tarp pulled over the top of the car. Caller says he doesn't like the way it looks in front of his business.
11:56 p.m., Turnaround: A disturbance is reported.
June 4
10:26 a.m., Avenue C and Roosevelt: Emergency medical response.
June 5
8:17 a.m., 2300 block Ocean Vista: Emergency medical

response.
3:17 p.m., 300 block N. Wahanna: Emergency medical response.
5:04 p.m., 200 block Seventh Avenue: Fire alarm.
June 6
6:24 p.m., 500 block Broadway: Emergency medical response.
June 7
1:55 p.m., 2400 block U.S. Highway 101: Emergency medical response.
5:59 p.m., 33000 block Beerman Creek Road: Emergency medical response.
June 9
6:41 p.m., One Rock North of Haystack Rock, Cannon Beach: Police and fire aid at a water rescue.
June 11
Fire: 5:38 a.m., 800 block Fifteenth Avenue: Emergency medical response.
2:37 p.m., 800 block Fifteenth Avenue: Emergency medical response.
3:23 p.m., 2600 block U.S. Highway 101: Emergency medical response.
OREGON STATE POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY LOG
Assaulted
A 23-year-old woman called 911 June 10 at 8:56 p.m., to say she was physically assaulted and injured by her male partner. Troopers responded to U.S. Highway 101 at milepost 24.5 where they met the couple.

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