

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
BOARD TIME
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

The Board convened in the Councilors' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Chair Marc Boldt, Councilor Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor Julie Olson, Councilor David Madore, and Councilor Tom Mielke present.

1:30 P.M.

Legislative Update with Mike Burgess

Mike Burgess, County Lobbyist presented. He provided a general overview / timeline. He updated the Board on bill updates on SB 6334 / HB 2468 - rail dependent uses for purposes of the growth management act and HB 2379 / SB 6585 – Elder Justice Center. He also spoke about HB 2945 – Growth Management Act (GMA) Task Force, SB 6570 – Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Funds. Further discussion ensued. Jeff Swanson, Economic Development Director joined the discussion. Burgess also spoke about HB 2576 – Public Records Relief. Further discussion ensued. Madore inquired about the local representatives positions on the issues. Burgess responded. Further discussion ensued. Burgess is going to do more research and bring it back to the Board. Madore inquired more on SB 6548 – allowing the use of gender segregated facilities. He stated he would like to support the bill at this time. Mielke agreed on supporting the bill. Boldt stated he would like to get more information about it first. Stewart inquired more about the timeline and asked for more background about bill. Burgess responded. Further discussion ensued. Swanson inquired about HB 1438 – permitting cities, towns, and counties to prohibit the production, processing, and sale of marijuana under initiative measure No.502 only by public vote. Burgess responded. Further discussion ensued.

Letter: Re: Current Tax exemption for municipal bonds 2016

Mark Gassaway, Finance Director, presented a draft letter to the Board to present to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Finance to stress the importance of maintaining the current tax exemption for municipal bonds.

C-Grid

Boldt inquired on the C-Grid. Madore responded. Further discussion ensued about the C-tran documents. Mark McCauley, County Manager joined the discussion. Swanson brought up the C-Grid on his iPad and read off the topics listed on the C-Grid. Further discussion ensued about the purpose of the C-Grid. Further discussion ensued about the C-tran lawsuit and reference documents. Further discussion ensued about using county related services to reference personal facebook material. Stewart, Boldt, and Stewart expressed their concerns with the material on the C-Grid. Further discussion ensued about the purpose of the C-Grid.

(Stewart inquired more from legal (Christine Cook, Prosecuting Attorney's office) away from the dais.

Madore spoke about the C-tran lawsuit. Further discussion ensued about the context of the C-grid. Further discussion ensued about the concern of the different amount of grids and information being shared online. It was agreed for the time being nothing would be added or deleted from the C-Grid.

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Work Session Request – Fee Waiver Program

McCauley provided some background. Mielke inquired more. McCauley responded. Further discussion ensued.

ACTION: The Board approved scheduling the work session.

Work Session Request – Policy position on Vancouver Energy Project

McCauley provided some background. Mielke stated his concerns with possible legal action and suggested an executive session. Further discussion ensued. Christine Cook, Prosecuting Attorney's office joined the discussion. Stewart stated her preference of having a brief executive session before moving forward.

Work Session Request – Cannabis in unincorporated Clark County

McCauley provided some background. Stewart spoke about WSAC. Further discussion ensued. Cook spoke about an interlocal agreement with City of Vancouver.

ACTION: The Board approved scheduling the work session.

Adjourned

The Board adjourned for Executive Session and reconvened at 3:59 PM

Adjourned

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ATTEST:

Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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