

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL TIME  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

The Board convened in Conference Room 698, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Chair Boldt, Councilor Julie Olson, Councilor John Blom, Councilor Jeanne Stewart and Councilor Eileen Quiring present.

**10:00am.**

**Old Business**

**Approval of minutes for February 5, 2018**

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Olson to **APPROVE** the amended minutes for February 5, 2018. Councilor Stewart seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

**New Business**

**WSDOT**

Carly Francis, Region Planning Director, and Judith Perez, Project Manager and Planner, presented. The presentation is to make people aware of the study and the impact it will have on the county. They are approaching the study using a tool called practical solutions, where it is looking for the right project at the right place at the right time. The goal is to reduce the silos in which they approach problems by bringing everyone to the table at the same time to explore problems and how to solve them. Recognizing that the state system fits within the local system which fits within the land system, all of those things can be relevant and the openness to address a problem. They are looking for lowest cost investment and effective way to resolve issues. They have been putting in fiber along roadways to have a data backbone. Additional operation changes, such as the restriping project at 205 and SR500 or the bus on Shoulder Pilot, are examples of how to maximize the utility of the system currently in place. There are two signals between two interchanges that serve the traffic area of the 5442<sup>nd</sup> Study, which is east-west from Hockinson. They shared slides of the congestion and the number of vehicles arriving along 500, 54<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> streets. They have seen traffic increase on the corridor by 30% since 2009. The project is ultimately a safety project. There have been over 400 accidents around that corridor – about one every four days. The purpose of the study is to identify cost effective strategies and safety solutions through practical solutions, and develop information to support funding requests. They also included their outreach goals, and what that looks like for the study. Three engagement activities, trying to identify what the problems and needs are, how well those problems are addressed, and how well do they minimize impact. They shared ideas about ways to reach the public without just using the open house module. Councilor Quiring suggested posting information at apartment complexes.

**Mental Health Sales Tax Advisory Board**

Results of the work session that was held. The advisory board will include two county councilors, one urban and one remote. Councilor Stewart volunteered to be the urban representative. Ok'd for agenda.

**Update on Circle C Landfill**

Chuck Harlan, Program Manager, and Dr. Alan Melnick, Director of Public Health, presented. They are under a post-closure permit, and they would like to be out of it. They have been looking

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at guidance that ecology has put together about protecting ground water, surface water and other parameters. They went over these in April at a board meeting. In August, they gave an update to Circle C and their representatives. They were concerned about measuring metals in water and what standards would be compared. Manganese is a concern, as it is indicative of landfill processes. Asking to test 12 metals in total. They are hoping to find some deeper wells, drinking water wells, etc. to test close to the landfill to compare impact. There is a lot of unknown with the landfill as not a lot has been done in regards to testing. Councilor Stewart asked for clarification as to where the testing is coming from – is any it excessive beyond the needs of the state? Dr. Melnick clarified they are not asking for more testing than what the state requires. The end goal is to protect the surface waters and the aquifer. They would prefer to do the majority of the testing in March, as that is when the gas levels have historically been the highest. Mr. Harlan and Dr. Melnick explained the different test methods and options for testing.

**Staff Reports**

**Work Session request: Conservation District Rate Proposal Review**

Information has been gathered, and this is scheduling the work session on April 18 or April 25, where a report would be given to the council about how technically it could be collected, what is that cost, and would there be any logic from a program standpoint. Councilor Quiring asked if that information could be presented at a hearing, because they had already held a work session on this topic. Councilor Olson suggested once they get the report back to take 10-15 minutes to talk it over during board time before going to a hearing, but not holding a secondary work session. Councilor Quiring agreed.

**Work Session request: 2018 Update of the Vacant Buildable Lands Model**

Jim Rumpeltes suggested April 11 date. Councilor Blom recommended letting the cities know so they are able to invite people and are informed on how this impacts them.

**Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards**

Councilor Blom shared that RTC had data on congestion in the county that might be interesting to Chair Boldt and Councilor Olson specifically regarding worst intersections, etc.

**Council Report**

Councilor Boldt gave a report regarding the 137<sup>th</sup> extension from 99<sup>th</sup> Street to eventually Grace. To now get tip credits, the developer would like it put back on the capital facilities district plan so it is eligible for tip credits. Councilor Blom excused himself due to a connection he has with Pahlisch Homes. Councilor Boldt continued that they would like the Council to put it on the docket to put this on capital facilities. Councilor Olson suggested a follow up conversation next week. No council time next week due to President's Day.

Discussion ensued regarding the day that works best for councilors for Council Time. They agreed to move to Wednesdays at 12:30pm on a trial basis for two weeks and assess what will be best for all parties.

Jim Rumpeltes went over the county manager interview schedule again. The council will have two executive sessions: one with feedback from outside sources, and an additional session for the council to deliberate on their own.

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**Legislative Update with Mike Burgess**

Lindsay Shafar provided an update. The last fiscal cutoff had three bills that died – study of unfunded mandate on local governments; bill that would increase state funding for indigenous defense; and bill that would increase state funding for reimbursement of election costs. The statement they made was that they were good policies, but there is not funding.

*The Council adjourned Council Time at 11:15am for two executive sessions; one potential and pending litigation for 15 minutes with action.*

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Olson to **APPROVE** the settlement in Clark County vs Thorkildson matter to execute the settlement agreement and release. Councilor Quiring seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

*Board Time adjourned at 11:30 pm.*

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