

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL TIME  
MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2018**

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

**12:30pm.**

**Old Business**

**Approval of minutes for March 28, 2018**

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Olson to **APPROVE** the minutes for March 21, 2018. Councilor Blom seconded the motion. Councilors Boldt, Olson, Stewart, Blom and Quiring voted aye. Motion carried.

**New Business**

None to report.

**Council Report**

Councilor Stewart spoke to the RTC discussion regarding tolling. The metro folks (ODOT) presented. A lot of questions were brought up, the main one being, how does RTC and RTC's authority fit into the picture of the development of all of this, does it, and how is it connected? Councilor Boldt asked if the City of Vancouver was going to write a letter – Councilor Quiring was unsure. Councilor Stewart mentioned that the mayor was not very specific as to what their approach was going to be. Councilor Blom said that without the resources or the numbers to do an economic analysis, would be interested in sending a letter stating this is not transparency in government, and suggested extending the deadline so people can weigh in on real numbers, not just ideas on tolls. Councilor Quiring mentioned they did not mention yet the mitigation, and she is assuming there will be a discussion at that point about specific numbers. Councilor Stewart will follow up with Anne [McEnery-Ogle]. In regards to economic impact, they're not talking yet about economic impact. Councilor Quiring mentioned that this side of the river seems to be getting more involved, and the more involved they get, the more that they will be able to give feedback. Councilor Blom asked if a letter could be drafted stating the concerns over the lack of details – the council seemed in favor. Councilor Stewart said there will be a need to be specific over which details are lacking. Lindsay Shafar mentioned that requesting more details could give the appearance of being in favor of a tolling program. Councilor Olson mentioned being disappointed in the lack of details; Councilor Blom continued stating that the constituents want to know what is being proposed. Councilor Quiring said they're looking at 2027 by the time improvements are made. Lindsay shared that the Value Pricing Committee is not within any jurisdiction of the tolls, and had said that the amount of tolls is not even an option at this point. This is something that the committee should not be making a decision on in the dark, as the amount of the tolls is a key component. Councilor Stewart said that the City of Vancouver and Clark County Council need to be in harmony with the pressure they apply, not in competition of who is going to write the letter first, etc. Councilor Blom said that during NACO it was said that they can toll only if they increase capacity, i.e. if they were to build a new lane, they could toll that lane. Lindsay confirmed the differences between the toll lane options. Councilor Boldt didn't think there was any tolling on I5 itself. Lindsay confirmed there is no tolling in Washington and Oregon on I5, but there is some tolling in the Puget Sound Tacoma narrows, 405 hot lanes, and the 520.

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Councilor Olson met last Friday with representatives of the [Cowlitz] tribe, the general manager [of Ilani], assistant general manager, and Bill Isle to get an update. They discussed the road widening they have done on Cowlitz Way, the soon-to-be-opening of the event center, general plan for a hotel, and ultimately wanted to ask the council if they wanted to have them come in and give an overview of their master plan and upcoming construction. Councilors Boldt and Quiring were in favor. Councilor Stewart would like to have an update done from Public Health at a Board of Health meeting regarding the injection system. Lindsay will set up a half hour work session. Councilor Stewart would also like to have an update provided by Public Works at the work session regarding roads and road traffic resolution. Councilor Olson suggested coming up with a list of general updates they would like to see, as well as specifics. Emily Sheldrick said that it is a collaborative effort between Public Works and the tribes; if they were having issues the lines of communication were open.

Councilor Blom shared that the Commission on Aging/Aging in Place Summit occurred last week. Transportation summit is coming up.

**Staff Reports**

None.

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

None.

**Lindsay Shafar Report on Policy Issues**

Working on scope for Agricultural Economic Analysis. She provided a list of possible scope, and will work with the council to pare down.

Cannabis work session still working on being scheduled.

Core of Engineers – Councilor Quiring spoke to Seattle v. Portland. There is a group that is trying to get this changed, and the council was asked to sign a letter. Lindsay created a letter based on the template they provided.

Cottage housing – the issue is the development being proposed on 25<sup>th</sup> had some issues, which have been clarified but Councilor Olson and Lindsay will be attending a meeting with the developer. The 2018 docket will also include bringing Hwy 99 to code into parody with the Title 40 code.

Corrections Facility Advisory Committee (Blue Ribbon Commission) is going to begin soon – the council would like Lindsay to attend.

**Legislative Update – none.**

*The Council adjourned Council Time at 1:20pm for two executive sessions: one on personnel matters for 30 minutes and one on potential litigation for 15 minutes.*

*The Council adjourned at 2:05pm.*

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Eileen Quiring, Councilor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Council

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